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# Engineering Building to Be Enlarged

Among construction contracts let last week by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents was a \$2,661,899 award to Pence Construction Corp of Houston for a major two-story addition to Prairie View A&M University's engineering building.

It has been reported that work on the major addition will begin soon in the new year. The long-needed addition of space

will be sufficient to house the growing enrollment and expanding services in engineering.

In addition, the Board awarded a \$95,239 contract for roof repairs for both the engineering and science buildings on campus.

A total of over \$6 million in contracts were awarded by the Board at its November meeting covering projects at all three

main campuses of the System. Major projects at other campuses include a 5000 seat baseball stadium and new tennis courts at College Station while Tarleton will get improved lighting systems and a new athletic track at its football stadium.

All contracts awards are subject to approval by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.



## The PANTHER Prairie View A&M University

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### Productive People . . . Advance Registration for 2nd Semester Underway



#### Former Panther Editor Named to Top State Job

Nolan F. Ward, 1967 Prairie View A&M University graduate, was named recently by Gov. Dolph Briscoe as chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, effective immediately.

Ward, the first black to hold the top TEC job, replaces Harold Dudley, whose term expired Sunday. Ward's term will end Nov. 21, 1981.

The 31-year-old member of Briscoe's legal staff holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Prairie View A&M and his law degree from the University of Texas, the latter attained in 1973.

He was editor of the PVAM student newspaper, The Panther, and was a classroom instructor at Waller Independent School District from 1967-1969.

Ward also served from 1969-1972 with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and had been on the staffs of State Rep. Antony Hall of Houston and Harris County Judge Bill Elliott.

A product of the old Prairie View High School and the campus community, Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ward, a former staff member, now a professor at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson. He is married to a former PV instructor, and they have one child.



#### PV Grad Elected Nat'l Secretary Omega Psi Phi

Robert H. Hester, an active member of Theta Alpha Chapter of Dallas was elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at the 57th Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia in August.

Mr. Hester is presently serving as State Representative, Texas North 9th District for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

#### Final Exams Set December 13-18

Final examinations for all schools and colleges of the University are scheduled for the week of December 13-18.

The First Semester officially ends on December 18.

Advanced registration for the second semester at Prairie View A&M University is scheduled for December 1-18, university officials announced.

The second (Winter) semester begins officially on January 2 with regular registration posted for January 7 and 8. Classes for the new semester will begin on January 10.

Listings of class offerings for

the new semester in the university's eight schools and colleges will be available at the registrar's office. The eight colleges include agriculture, arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, home economics, industrial education and technology, and nursing. Also offered are special programs in Army and Navy ROTC.

### Nominees Sought for First Harry S. Truman Scholarship

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation is accepting applications for the national scholarships for 1977. The Foundation will announce its first scholarships in memory of Mr. Truman in the Spring of 1977.

These awards will be made on the basis of merit to students who will be college juniors in September 1977 and have an outstanding potential for government service. One scholarship per state will be awarded. Each scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$5,000 annually.

Deadline for application is at hand. Interested students may pick up forms at their respective Dean's Office. A formal examination will be administered on December 10

by Mr. Raymond Carreathers, Asst. V-P for student affairs and faculty representative for the project. All materials are due at the Foundation Office in Washington D.C. by December 15.

Additional information is available at Mr. Carreathers office, Alta Vista Bldg.

### PV-ite Elected To State Board Of Education

Raymond A. Alexander, a Prairie View graduate, former Panther editor, and presently a professor of general engineering, was elected a member of the State Board of Education during the November General Election.

Mr. Alexander, who makes



LAST SHOW FOR "HEAD FOX" — Jeanette Wilson, attractive and vivacious leader of the PV Foxes for the past two years and a member of the group throughout her college career, received a special trophy from President A. I. Thomas following her final football game performance.

### Dr. A. I. Thomas on Tour Week Study in Liberia

President Alvin I. Thomas is presently in Africa where he is making a study of Technical Education in The Republic of Liberia.

Dr. Thomas served on a similar mission to Liberia in The Fifties and published a report of Prairie View's

participation in educational activities in the African country.

Accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, the two are expected to return to Prairie View on December 9. Dr. Thomas will deliver the commencement address at Texas A&M the following day.

### Alpha Phi Alpha Founders Day to Feature Atty. King

Attorney Otis King, City Attorney for the city of Houston, will give the main address in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Founders' Day Observance to be held on Sunday, December 5, 1976, at 3:00 p.m., in the Memorial Center Ballroom at Prairie View A&M University. The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

Attorney King served as the Dean of the Texas Southern University School of Law before his appointment as city Attorney in Houston. He was graduated from the Texas Southern University School of Law with the LL.B. Degree, and the Harvard University School of Law with the LL.M. Degree. Attorney King holds membership in the Houston Lawyers Association, The American Bar Association, The National Bar Association, and the Texas Bar Association.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Founders' Observance is sponsored by Eta Gamma Chapter

his home in Houston, represents the congressional district composed of the Southern half of Harris County, Ft. Bend and

and Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The Fraternity was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. An honor ceremony for the local members of Alpha who have held membership in the fraternity for 50 years will also highlight the program. The honorees are: Dr. T. P. Dooley, Mr. O. E. Jackson, Mr. H. T. Jones, and Dr. T. R. Solomon, all residents of Prairie View.



Otis King  
Houston City Attorney



FOXES IN ASTRODOME — The popular team once again wowed the PV-TSU fans in the now-familiar setting of the Astrodome on a late November evening. They got help this year in holding the PV banner high.

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**RALSTON-PURINA SCHOLARSHIP** — Senior Larry Jernigan accepts award from Company representative as an outstanding agricultural student. Joining in the ceremony is Dr. F. L. Richards, Dean of Agriculture (left) and President A. I. Thomas.

Experiment at PV —

# Super Okra

Herman Kresse would like to do for okra seed what George Washington Carver did for the peanut: convert a run-of-the-mill plant into a super-food.

"We humans are eating the wrong part of the okra plant to realize the most food potential from it," said Kresse, who hopes study of the plant will earn him University of Texas graduate degrees in community health.

"We eat the food pod when it's green and very young and the food value is very low comparatively," said Kresse, 47, a career chemist.

Kresse said study has shown mature okra pods, brittle, brown and up to a foot long, contain seeds bearing almost as much protein as soybeans, good vegetable oil, vitamins, minerals and fibers.

"We visualize that you could make margarine, mayonnaise or anything you could make out of other vegetable oils. You could grind the seeds into flour. Out of the protein, we could make meat analogs (substitutes)."

Kresse believes the plant is a potential gold mine, especially for unmechanized third world agricultures.

"You can make it grow in crumbly soil. It can grow in any soil where the temperatures reaches 65 degrees Fahrenheit and you have a two-month growing season.

"It doesn't require a lot of moisture once you get a crop up. It's quite drought resistant. The disease resistance is relatively high. This gives you a very wide potential area of the world where it can be grown."

His work in cooperation with *Prairie View A&M University* focuses on actual crop development, determining what varieties are best, what yields farmers could expect and whether a particular variety could be developed for machine farming.

One of okra's weaknesses now is that it does not lend itself to the kind of machine, seed-to-harvest agriculture that has made the United States the breadbasket of the world.

"But here is the United States, we could get by today without it," Kresse said. "There are areas of the world where it's needed and these probably would be markets before the United States.

Kresse said study remains to be done to determine the desirability of okra as a food crop.

"We don't want to encourage the public to go out and get a handful of okra seeds and start eating them," he said.

# PV-ite Elected to State Board of Education

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Brazoria Counties, and a part of Waller County.

The Dallas native returned to his alma mater to direct the Engineering Computer Center project MITE and to teach general engineering.

In addition to his BS degree in chemistry earned at Prairie View, he received the M.S. degree at the University of Southern California and has additional study at Purdue University, California State College at Los Angeles, UCLA, University of Montana and the University of Houston.

His professional experiences include teaching junior and senior high school mathematics in Compton, California, serving as chemist in Pomona, California, and mathematics for the Aero Space Industry in the Los Angeles area. He also served as a senior programmer



**Raymond A. Alexander**

analyst for a Houston Oil Company before returning to teaching.

He is married to the former Eloise Dowe of Philadelphia and they have six children.

# Over 2500 Black Americans to Attend World 1977 Black Expo in Nigeria

By: Matthew Ade Shoyebo Panther Staff

It is estimated that well over 2500 Black Americans are expected to leave the United States in January to attend the "Second World Black and African festival of arts and culture to be held in Nigeria, Africa, from January 15 to February 12 next year.

This has been disclosed to the Panther over the week-end by an official of the Nigerian Embassy in Washington D.C. The Republic of Nigeria is hosting this extra-ordinary event in Lagos, the capital city of Nigeria. All the venues of the events for the forth-coming festival have been completed. The venues include the ultra-modern Nigeria's National Theater built at a cost of over \$60 million. As regards accommodation, the official announced that the festival Village in Lagos, as well as other Hotels meant for the participants and visitors were ready. Adequate arrangements have been made to ensure that all participants and visitors are well taken care of in terms of catering, transportation and other facilities.

The principal aims of the festival, which will be the first

of its kind and attract the largest gathering of Black people in the annals of history are:

- (1) to ensure the revival, resurgence, propagation of Blacks cultural values and civilization.
- (2) to present Blacks culture in its widest and highest conception.
- (3) to bring to light the diverse contributions of blacks all over the world to science, technology, invention and civilization.
- (4) to promote better international and interracial understanding.

History is replete with Blackman's work-wide contribution to culture and knowledge. The empires of Mali, Songhay and Ghana; the kingdoms of Yoruba, Bantu, Benin and Bornu, the Sokoto Caliphate, to mention just a few, are classic examples of the rich cultural heritage as well as the organizational and administrative ingenuity of the blackman all of which will be high lighted at the festival.

The ancient Sankore University in Timbuktu in Africa stood out as a unique and unparalleled center of learning

in its days while two famous Africans, Ibum Kaldun and Ibum Bantuta distinguished themselves as great philosophers long before the advent of conventional education, not to mention other great Blacks all over the world who immortalized their names through their inventive and artistic prowess.

The festival will feature 12 major exhibitions covering not only the probable origin of man in Africa but also the subsequent solution cultural development, migration patterns, cultural exchanges and the influence of Africans and relegated groups all over the world throughout the history of man.

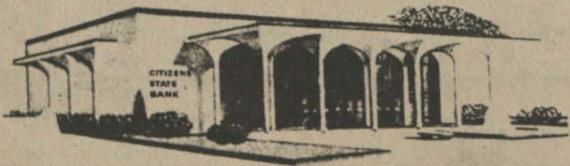
There will be also a colloquium of "BLACK CIVILIZATION AND EDUCATION" and contributions will be from a wide spectrum of men and women from participating countries and communities.

With her large population of blacks estimated at 35 million, the U.S. has the second largest Black population in the world after Nigeria. As such, she is expected to make immense contributions to the festival. The American delegation to the festival will be led by Dr. Jeff Donaldson, Chairman of the department of art of Howard University and President of the North American Zonal Committee of the festival.

### WORLD INCREASES FOOD PRODUCTION

U.S. Economic Research Service estimates the world food outlook is improved over last year, and a modest increase in world food production seems in prospect for 1976, perhaps about 3 per cent above last year.

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ARMCO FOUNDATION GIFT — Engineering Dean A. E. Greaux accepts check, a gift to the University for aid to engineering, from a representative of the Armco Foundation.

### College of Business Professor Is Appointed UWW Consultant

Mrs. Savannah M. Jones Collier, Assistant Professor Business Education, has been asked to serve as Consultant in Business Education at Houston's University Without Walls, San Jacinto at Wheeler Streets.

A very versatile personality, Mrs. Collier's tenure includes twenty years of teaching various business subjects, eleven at Carverdale Senior High School, Cy-Fair School District and nine at Prairie View, where she has also served as supervisor of student teachers throughout the state of Texas, chairperson of Boy and Girl Scout funds, Black History Week, Homecoming decoration and other activities; chairperson for the Library Committee, Business Amenities Fund, initiator and supervisor of the Business Cooperative Education program, where students worked with Esso Research Development Corporation, Shamrock Corporation and TRW in Houston and Clear Creek, as well as sponsor of Epsilon Omicron chapter of Pi Omega Pi.

Hard work is not new, since she served two years as a member of the Board of Directors of Harris County Community Action Association, one year as Community Agent with the Southwest

Education Development Laboratory, Austin, Texas; as consultant to the Savannah J. Collier Library in her community, secretary of FOY's Scholarship Board, who annually donate funds to needy students in Prairie View, Texas Southern, San Jacinto Junior College, Houston Community College Sam Houston University, Huntsville, the University of Houston and University of Texas at Arlington. Crowned "Queen of Foy" last year for having sold and collected the highest amount of money toward the scholarship fund during their presentation of the fabulous Ebony Fashion Fair, Mrs. Collier also serves their organization as Protocol Officer and Business Manager.

Additional interest include: membership in Texas Business Education Association, National Business Education Association, the American Business Communication Association, Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, University of Houston and Curriculum Committee chairperson of the Texas Business Education Teacher Council.

A graduate of Prairie View A&M University, 1946-1965, with additional study at Texas Southern and the University of Houston, she is also a member

### Grooves Stage Mock Evacuation Of Dormitories

The evacuations of Banks and Collins Halls, respectively, went rather well considering the lack of cooperation which we received from the supposedly adult ladies of the dormitories. Collins Hall is especially in need of ladies with some insight as to how important these seemingly insignificant drills are. Don't you think it is important to know how to evacuate a building in an orderly and above all, safe, manner? Is walking outside of the dorm for 5 or 10 minutes that much of a hassle?

The recent fire in Banks Hall is an excellent example why practice drills are needed. Your priorities need to be reassessed, young ladies.

The Members of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc.

### Epsilon Omicron Initiation Set

New initiates will officially be accepted Tuesday, December 7, 1976, in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Savannah J. Collier, 10114 Algiers, Houston.

Dr. Willie Minor, first president of the organization, will preside. Other local members, Mrs. Shirley Clayton Magoti, Miss Rosie Matlock, Miss Sue Sampleton and Mr. John Cunningham are expected to participate in the services.

Alumni members to be initiated are: Mrs. Lula Walker, Cy-Fair, Mrs. Frankie Hyman, Sam Houston, Miss Eric Jones, Jersey Villiage, Mrs. Artelia Williams, Tyler College, Tyler.

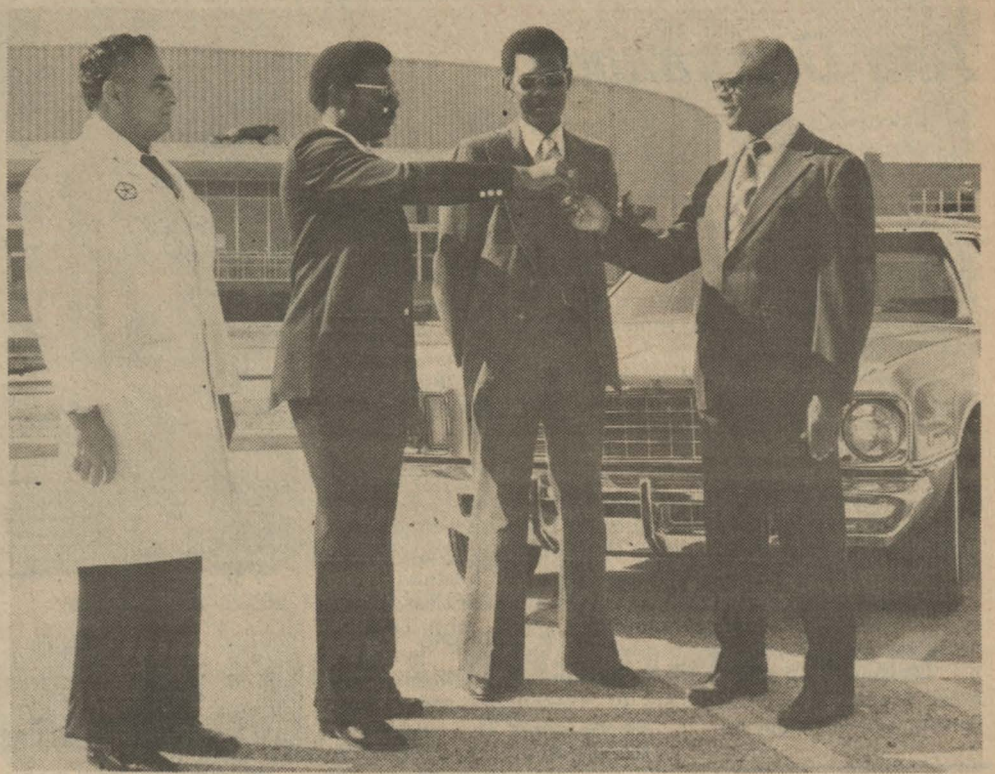
### Arts and Humanities

The Senate on Sept. 23 approved a compromise bill extending the Arts and Humanities Endowments for four more years, but with some modifications only for two years - \$250 million in Fiscal 1977 and \$300 million in Fiscal 1978. For the next two years the bill authorizes such sums if Congress finds necessary. The measure establishes a program in HEW of aid to museums. Also it authorizes both endowments to make "challenge grants" to financially pressed cultural institutions amounting to one Federal dollar for each three dollars in private funds (see Vol. XXV, No. 34.) The bill (HR 112838) now goes to the House for final approval.

### AHEAD OF TIME?

Businessmen of Lake City, Pennsylvania, recently budgeted \$6,000 to build a landing strip for flying saucers.

of Peaceful Rest Baptist Church, 908 Bailey Street, Houston.



### Chrysler Presents 2nd Auto to PV A&M

On November 2, 1976, Chrysler Corporation presented a 1976 Plymouth Grand Fury to P.V.U. Mr. F. J. Jenkins, District Parts and Service Manager for Chrysler in Lubbock, Texas made the presentation for Chrysler and Dr. S. R. Collins, Dean of the College of Industrial Education and Technology, accepted the Automobile for P.V.U.

During the summer of 1976, Chrysler presented a Dodge Colt Station Wagon to P.V.U. Mr. D. Fontenot stated that both automobiles (one foreign, one domestic) will be used in the Automotive Technology Program to train students for

positions in products engineering, parts and service manager, quality control, claim examiner and insurance adjuster, production supervision, etc., with the Big-Four Automobile Producers; Chrysler, General Motors, Ford and American Motors Corporations.

Mr. Paul R. Doss, Service Training Specialist, for Chrysler in Fullerton, California; Mr. Ed. Peters, District Manager, for Chrysler in Houston, Texas; Mr. W. R. Dawson, Zone Manager, for Chrysler in Carrollton, Texas and Mr. Vernon Monroe, Technical advisor, for Chrysler in Carrollton, Texas, were very

instrumental in obtaining the automobile.

Mr. F. J. Jenkins is a 1971 graduate of P.V.U. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree with major emphasis in Automotive Technology. The man second from right in the photo above is Mr. F. J. Jenkin's brother, Mr. E. L. Jenkins. He is an Area Service Manager for General Motors' Chevrolet Division, in Houston, Texas. Mr. E. L. Jenkins is also a P.V.U. graduate. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, with major emphasis in Automotive Technology, in 1960.

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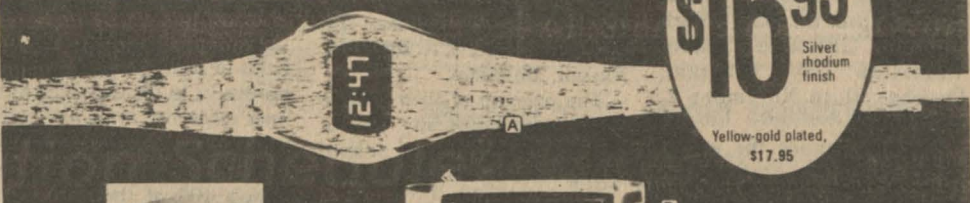
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It is in the spirit of Christmas that I encourage and endorse a program of increased personal and public beautification and decoration from December 1 through December 30. Individuals are encouraged to wear Christmas pins and adornments. Of course, that special Christmas smile and gay spirit of persons are much in vogue right now.

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms, doors, windows, halls, the lobby, the lawns, of their residence halls, bulletin boards, and departmental areas should also be a part of students' efforts.

Staff and administrators are encouraged to decorate the offices, desks, counters, lobbies, etc. Don't forget to pick out some goodies for students and visitors. We also encourage staff members to decorate their homes in the community. Let us make the City of Prairie View glow with the spirit of Christmas.

In addition to the external manifestation of Christmas, let us be sure to remember the real meaning. It is a season of joy, unselfishness and happiness.

Christmas 1976 gives each of us another opportunity to bring peace to our inner-self, the spirit of brotherhood, and to our friends, joy and happiness.

Dr. A. I. Thomas, President



REMEMBER THE PARADE . . .

## Look Out for The Fourth Estate

The students of the Mass Communication Dept. are proud to announce the establishment of their club, The Fourth Estate.

The club, organized in November, is dedicated to the highest ideals of communication professions: print and broadcast journalism, advertising and public relations. It is an academic — social — professional organization within the Dept. of Mass Communication. Through a broad range of programs, the club will seek constantly to raise the standards of competence of its members, to

recognize outstanding achievements by students, to recruit and hold able young talent for journalism, and to elevate the prestige of mass communication fields.

Club officers and members are looking forward to making this new club a success. Officers are: Roger Hunter, President; Darlene Addison, Vice-President; Rose Freeman, Secretary; George Pope, Treasurer; Tamara Wiley, Chairman of Committees.

Dept. of Mass Communications  
Ms. S. Staples — Dept. Head  
Dr. C. A. Wood — Sponsor

## Five Seniors Visit Ohio State

A group of some 270 black graduating seniors from 60 predominantly black colleges and universities, lauded as being among the "black aristocracy of scholarship" in the United States travelled to Ohio State University Campus to participate the OSU's Sixth Annual Graduate School Visitation Days Program, October 31 to November 2, 1976.

Included among the group, all of whom are academically

ranked at the top of their respective campuses, were the following students from Prairie View A&M University; Ethel M. Clack, Home Economics, San Antonio; Jessie A. Northcutt, Atlanta; Carolyn Robinson, Sociology, Houston; Stanley Bell, History, Houston and Frederick Roberts, Accounting, Nassau, Bahamas.

The purpose of their visit to Ohio State University was to inspect the graduate school course offerings in the different

## The PV Pan-Hellenic Council Welcomes You Into Greekdom

The 1976 Fall Semester Pledge Program is no doubt behind us. It was a successful one despite the few gripes we may have had at the beginning of the school year.

On behalf of the members of the Pan-Hellenic Council at Prairie View A&M University, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and the new Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity into the fold of GREEKDOM.

The initiates of the Greek Family culminated their nine week-long pledge program with participation the Pan-Hellenic Council's Annual Probate Show in the Ladies' Gymnasium on November 12, 1976.

To you, the newest addition in the family, you have just embarked upon a journey into the unknown. You have taken an oath to stand up for your organization and at the same time uphold the ideals and principles upon which your organization was founded. You have also vowed to support the universities program of operation success. If you think that it is all over, you need to re-assert yourselves because pledging has only just begun, for in greekdom, pledging is never done.

Again congratulations to you, we welcome you, we love, and we will be depending on you to continue your strive for excellence and to help us achieve our goal of UNITY AMONG GREEKS at Prairie View and in turn among all people.

Frederick V. Roberts, President

fields of study; to visit with the professors in the department of their respective areas and to be informed that next Spring Ohio State would award approximately 100 of the 270, on a rigorously competitive basis fellowships, scholarships and other financial assistance to attend the University the Fall of 1977.

The highlight of the visit was the Banquet honoring the

students. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Director of Operation PUSH was the guest speaker at the banquet. Incidentally, Stanley and Frederick had the honor of escorting Rev. Jackson from the airport.

The group was chaperoned by Miss Shirley Staples, Head of the Communications Department at Prairie View. Miss Staples is also an Alumnus of OSU.

# Kollar Korner

## The Elusive Butterfly Of Happiness

By  
Father  
Robert  
Moore,  
St. Francis  
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Church



Happiness appears at the top of almost everyone's list of things to accomplish. The attainment of happiness is stressed in so many things around us and is said to come in so many different forms that people are confused about what happiness is, or means, or feels like. They mistakenly equate happiness with lack of problems, success, a good love life, etc. We tend to forget that happiness is not something which comes to people in a neat package which we can buy, sell, or even count on. In fact one person's happiness may be another person's sorrow.

There is a verse commonly learned by children about this elusive happiness and I would give the author credit if I knew who it was. It goes like this, Happiness is like a butterfly.

The more you chase it the more it will elude you.

But if you turn your attentions to other things,

It comes and softly sits on your shoulder.

It seems that we are fascinated by the elusive butterfly of happiness and that we run after it with wild abandon, forgetting that it is a by-product and not something we can run after directly. In a sense you cannot catch happiness in a net.

On the side of Christianity there is a fairly decent concept of happiness. A concept which says at least that it is alright to be disappointed and that struggle and pain are a real part of life. We have forgotten the complexities of humans if we think that in happiness there is no pain or that in sorrow there is no happiness. We have tried to isolate pain and sorrow from happiness and joy, in such a way as to say, that pain is to be avoided at all costs and happiness and joy are godly virtues and blessings given by God to men. In a sense we have labeled pain as failure and happiness as success.

Take for example a person who says that they want to be happy in love. It is a fine thing to be happy in love, but one must want unity, oneness, and

sharing to be happy in love. It takes effort and sometimes this unity involves many things that are painful: honesty when you would rather lie a little, talking-out when you would rather pout, admitting embarrassing feelings when you would rather blame someone else, standing there when you would rather run, admitting doubt when you would rather pretend certainty, and confronting when you would rather settle for peace at any price. None of these things, which are among the just demands of love, bring immediate happiness; they bring immediate pain and struggle.

An optional passage from the baptismal services states, ". . . in the midst of suffering and death man comes to a celebration of life." This is a true and Christian statement about the elusive thing we call happiness. It is not found by avoiding pain for to avoid pain is to avoid life. Christianity is not masochistic and does not advocate seeking pain, but it does realize that pain cannot be isolated and separated out of our lives. To isolate ourselves from pain and the world around us.

Our Lord, Jesus, the Christ, identified the two greatest commandments that we should remember and follow, which are the basis of all commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The point is that to do these things, to follow these commandments, one must get involved. To have a commitment and get involved in anything can be, and often is painful, but to avoid pain is to avoid people and their plight. In the midst of pain and suffering and death we can come to a celebration of life. This is the mystery of happiness.

## College of Business Professor Receives Doctorate

Great things happen once in a lifetime . . . good things come in small packages . . .

Each is appropriate for this occasion, the petite Mr. Willie Minor, professor of Business Communications, typewriting, Secretarial Procedures and sponsor of Phi Beta Lambda, has successfully defended his dissertation . . . "A Study of the Number of Doctorate Degree Holders in Business Education," at Arizona State University.

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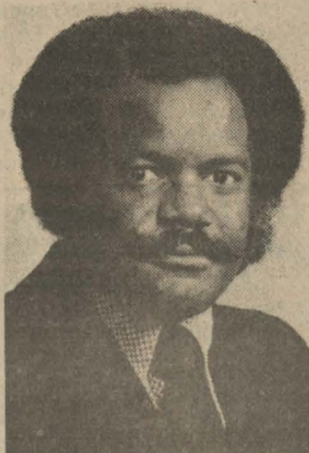
## Alumni Association Names Director, Alumni Affairs

Samuel Prince, chairman of the board of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association, has announced the hiring of George W. Thomas as director of alumni affairs.

In contemplating the hiring of Thomas, Prince stated that the board took into consideration Thomas being a product of Prairie View, and his varietal experiences. He has worked as community organizer for Hope Development, and as a writer for The Voice of Hope. He served as counselor and project coordinator for the Work Experience Program at Vocational Guidance Service, and was director of Veteran Affairs at Texas Southern University. He has been, for many years, and still is, the leader of one of Houston's most popular bands.

Prince states that Thomas hopes to open the Houston office of the Prairie View Alumni Association in the very near future.

For further information, contact Thomas by writing to P. O. Box 52637, Houston 77002, or by calling 526-7552.



George Thomas

## News from Soul Phi Psi

The brothers of Soul Phi Psi would like to extend thanks to each other in the successful can goods drive to give the Bennie Crawford family of Waller Texas a Thanksgiving basket.

Soul Phi Psi gave this basket out strongness of the organization heart, the brothers of Soul Phi Psi will always be lending a helping hand to this needy family throughout the year.

Ezell Green pres.  
Soul Phi Psi

form a company to recycle manure. The process is used to extract protein for cattle feed.

## Alphas Help The Needy

The Brothers of Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated in keeping with the Fraternity's Motto of "servants of all" delivered thanksgiving baskets to two families in Hempstead, Texas on November 23, 1976.

Many times we forget those that are less fortunate than we but because of organizations like Alpha, these families were able to have a joyous Thanksgiving.

This kind of service project is only one of the many that the brothers have engaged in the this semester. The Brothers of Alpha Angels co-sponsored a Halloween Party for the children in the Prairie View Community at the Newman Center. This party was truly a success. Also every Tuesday and Wednesday the brothers can be seen working with the young men of the Boys and Cubs Scouts.

The Brothers would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all the persons in the Prairie View and Alta Vista Community for your contributions to our thanksgiving food drive.

November 29 thru December 5, 1976 has been proclaimed as 'Alpha Week' at Prairie View A&M University, and the Brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter and Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter invite you to attend their Annual Founder's Day Observance at 3:00 p.m. in



WORKERS IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE.

## What Your Christmas Seal Contribution Does

Receiving a Christmas Seal letter around this time of the year is par for the course; you expect it. But what many people don't expect, yet get, is year round exposure to TB

### Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon Held for Pre-Schoolers, Parents

Approximately 50 parents and preschoolers were the honored guests at a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon held Tuesday, November 23, at the Progressive Center in Navasota. The special luncheon was hosted by program aides and volunteers leaders working with the Family Resource Development phase of the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program in cooperation with the local Progressive Association in the area.

A primary objective of the family-styled, noon meal was to give special recognition to parents of the preschoolers currently enrolled in a series of child development workshops sponsored by the Family Resource Development Program.

Highlighting the informal luncheon were remarks by Mrs. Lee Holt, county Extension agent, and Mrs. Zelda Williams, Program Specialist with the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program. Parents responded to these remarks with personal testimonials concerning the progress and improvements they have observed in their children.

the Memorial Center Ballroom Sunday, December 5, 1976. Brother Otis King, City Attorney of Houston will deliver the address.

Derick King  
Editor-to-Sphinx

infection, other respiratory from smkoking and air pollution.

People don't consider TB a real threat any longer," said astronaut "Deke" Slayton, 1976 Christmas Seal Chairman for the San Jacinto Lung Association. "This is unfortunate. Although TB is better controlled than 20 or 30 years ago, there is still too much for a society that has the means of completely eradicating it."

Any family can have a bread-winner or a child handicapped by respiratory disease. Anyone can be a victim of emphysema, bronchitis, asthma or influenza — all lung cripples.

Pictured at the recent San Jacinto Lung Association (SJLA) Christmas Seal dinner were (l to r) Herman T. Jones,

astronaut D. K. "Deke" Slayton, Mrs. H. T. Jones, Lovie Hill and Mr. Bevilly Hill, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Hill are SJLA Board members from Waller County and Mr. Slayton is the 1976 Christmas Seal chairman for the 12 counties served by the Lung Association, American Lung Association national Chairman this year.

"I'm honored to share with Dick Cavett leadership in the drive to prevent and control lung disease," Slayton said. Our fight is also against air pollution and cigarette smoking, major threats to the lungs."

Mrs. Lovie Hill is the President of the Prairie View Retired Teachers Association and Mr. Jones is a Retired professor of Education of Prairie View University.

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## Thompson Named NBN Player Of The Week

By Joe Booker

Special Ronald Thompson, Prairie View's 6-2, 200 pound senior and All American linebacker has been named National Black Network player of the week and Jet Magazine player of the week for his efforts in the Panthers 22-15 win over rivalry Texas Southern in the Astrodome.

Thompson, the nations leading tackler with 219, had 31 tackles against TSU to become Prairie View's all time leading tackler in a season.

After a standout career at Prairie View where he has been captain and named to several All American teams last season he is now ready to move to higher goals.

"I would like to play professional football," he said. "I guess that's the desire of most college athletes. I have enjoyed my career at Prairie View," said the Industrial Education major from Houston-Jones High school.

Robert Kinney, defensive coordinator at Prairie View is very high on Ronald. "He (Ronald) actually came to his own last year," said Coach Kinney. "He made our defense go (third in SWAC). He kept the team together. In other words, he was a coach on the field. Ronald's a super football player."

Kinney rates Ronald with some of Prairie View's former greats such as Ken Houston (Redskins) and C. L. Whittington (Oilers).

"Ronald is one of the best hitters to come through SWAC. He doesn't drag you down, he knocks you down. You can't say enough about the kid he's super tough as a football player," said Kinney.

As far as pro is concerned Kinney is optimistic Ronald can play. "Ronald can play football anywhere with anybody. He's as big as Leroy Jordan and some of the other linebackers," continued Kinney.



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## Intramural— Cross Country Meet

PLACES: INDIVIDUAL'S	TEAM	TIME
1. Kenneth Hayes	Alpha Phi Omega	9:40
2. Charles Williams	Austin P.V. Club	10:39
3. Gregory Jones	Kappa Alpha Psi	10:49
4. Michael Willis	Alpha Phi Omega	10:50
5. William Whiteside	Phi Beta Sigma	11:00
6. Richard Bumfield	L.B.A.'s	11:17
7. Chris Sam	L.B.A.'s	11:55
8. Wesley Jackson	Phi Beta Sigma	12:03
9. Joesphy Lawson	Phi Beta Sigma	13:00

TEAM POINTS	
1st Place	Alpha Phi Omega
2nd Place	Austin P.V. Club
3rd Place	Kappa Alpha Psi
4th Place	L.B.A.'s
5th Place	Phi Beta Sigma

ALPHA PHI OMEGA	
1. Charlie Jones	9. Larry Murry
2. Henry Ellis III	10. N. L. Allen
3. Michael Willis	11. Anthony Pickens
4. Robert Spain, <i>asst. coach</i>	12. Phillip White
5. Demoris Cox	13. Mike Jones
6. James Adams, <i>coach</i>	14. Herman Dickens
7. Bennie Woods	15. Eric Brady
8. Phillip Como	16. Billie Lewis

MIND GRABBERS	
1. O. Scott	9. R. Webber
2. C. Morgan	10. R. Reed
3. K. Hughes	11. B. Gray
4. K. Strand	12. W. Bell, <i>captain</i>
5. E. Echols	13. C. Strahorn
6. D. Yancy	14. G. McGee
7. J. Blair	15. L. Hicks
8. J. Fulton	16. E. Jackson, <i>team rep.</i>

NOTE: Touch Football Teams and Roster's that have qualified for the Play-Off's of Champions in the University Wide Tournament.

## Coincidence

By Shelia S. Boyd

How much of it was coincidence? I refer to the assassinations of Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned with civil rights.

Lincoln was elected President in 1860; Kennedy in 1960.

Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives.

Both were shot from behind and in the head.

Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern Democrats and both were in the Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808 and Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839 and Lee Harvey Oswald in 1939.

Booth and Oswald were Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.

Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while in the White House.

Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater.

Kennedy's secretary, whose

## Intramural Sports

November 22, 1976 Touch Football "Holley Hall is 1976 Touch Football Champions." They defeated Mind Grabbers by forfeit to win the championship. They defeated Alpha Phi Omega 10 to 2 for

### Ford Fund to Support College Sports Study

The American Council on Education has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to support a broad study of intercollegiate athletics in the U.S., ACE President Roger W. Heyns announced. Establishment of a special commission to review problems and make recommendations concerning intercollegiate athletic was recommended in an initial inquiry commissioned by the Council two years ago. The six-month inquiry was conducted by George H. Hanford while on leave from the College Entrance Examination Board where he is executive vice-president.

possible a three-year study by a commission to be aided by a staff director and consultants. No appointments have yet been made, he said.

name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and ran to a warehouse.

Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theater.

The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each

contain 13 letters. The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain 15.

Both assassins were killed before being brought to trial.

Both Johnsons were opposed for re-election by men whose names start with the letter "G."

How much of it was COINCIDENCE?

their first victory. Carl Johnson scored the only TD and the team touched Alpha Phi Omega twice for safeties.

\*All Basketball and swimming entries must be turned into the Intramural and Recreation Office in Gym 1 no later than Tuesday, November 30, 1976.

Volleyball (Women) all games played at Gym I.

Drew Hall forfeit to Zeta Phi Beta 1-0.

Nov. 29, 1976 — Zeta Phi Beta vs. The Spikers 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 29, 1976 — Drew Hall vs. Banks Hall 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 30, 1976 — Banks Hall vs. Drew Hall 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 2, 1976 — The Spikers vs. Banks Hall 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 6, 1976 — The Spikers vs. Banks Hall 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball teams and rosters that have qualified for play-off's of champions in the university-wide tournament.

I. "The Spikers" W-2 L-0

1. Aundria Webber
2. Bettie Coleman
3. Darlene Stroman
4. Vernita Harris
5. Daphne Blackshear
6. Rhonda Pittman
7. Beatrice Moore, Captain

II. Banks Hall W-0 L-1

1. Mattie Hines, Captain
2. Omega Elemore
3. Carolyn Cleaner
4. Sherry Banks
5. Eugina Border
6. Delores Clark
7. Anita Jenkins

III. Drew Hall W-2 L-0

1. Helen Wiltz, captain
2. Sherry Mitchell
3. Donna Jones
4. Debra Davis
5. Grace Goody
6. Debra Polk
7. Monica Foreman

IV. Zeta Phi Beta W-0 L-1

1. Lillian Lewis, captain
2. Roberta Faison
3. Cynthia Taylor
4. Abigail Edwards
5. Barbara Blaylock
6. Frankie Graves Elders

## All Starters Batting Over .300

### Baseball Team Loaded in '77

by Larry Wade

It is said that every winning team has at least one superstar. Well in the case of Prairie View's baseball team, that's truly an understatement. Of the Panther's nine starters, eight hit over .300. So as you can plainly see, in order to start for the Panther's you almost have to be a star. The Panther's led the league with an eye catching 152 stolen bases. They were also nationally ranked in that category. The Panther's were second in the conference in hitting, and first in fielding percentage. Johnny Ray Ervin, Rod Macon, Ron Stinnett, Kenneth Lyles, and John Banks return for another year of pitching. Slugging first baseman Marlon Waites who was selected All-Tournament in the District 8 playoffs will be the lone senior after the 1977 season.

All-Conference players Odie Davis, Ron Stinnett, and Joe Mitchell certainly rate as All-American candidates as they enter their senior season. Davis was drafted in the seventh round of the June free agent draft. He also exemplified his leadership ability by leading the league in hitting in 1975. He has been selected the team's M.V.P. twice and is presently the team captain. Ron Stinnett

the team co-captain, was selected to the All-S.W.A.C. team as a pitcher and a second baseman. He set a league record with 33 stolen bases while posting a 6-0 pitching record. Joe Mitchell the Panther's All-SWAC center fielder, led the league in runs batted in. He also hit two home runs this season, both of them came against junior college power San Jacinto.

Gregory Hemphill, the Panther's All-SWAC right fielder, returns for another year of action after rejecting an offer to try-out from the World champion Cincinnati Reds. Osborne Harvey, who was selected the Panther's "Freshman of the Year" three years ago also returns. Harvey is perhaps the Panther's hardest worker.

When confronted with the following questions here is how a few of the Panthers stars responded:

What keeps Prairie View in the playoffs so frequently?

Ron Stinnett: "Our winning desire and good all around players along with team togetherness. And we have nine powerful starters."

Joe Mitchell: "I think our coaches (Coach Tankersley and coach Hamilton) have a lot to

do with our success. We also have good speed."

Who will be Prairie View's toughest opponent?

Ron Stinnett: "Our toughest opponents will be Southern University. Because of their All-SWAC pitcher Keith Shellings. They won the SWAC last year but we beat them two games to one."

What goals would you like to accomplish this season?

Ron Stinnett: "First, I would like to win the nation-championship as well as the S.W.A.C. Secondly, I want to enter pro baseball. And with my desire, and the type of coaching and teammates I have I don't see my dreams being shattered."

Joe Mitchell: "Mine are basically the same as Ron's but I would like to be the best center fielder ever to come out of the S.W.A.C. I also want to get my degree in business so that I will have something to fall back on."

Roland Steptoe: "I would like to win the national championship. This should be our year! We have been waiting and playing together four years and what happened in the playoffs (poor officiating) shouldn't stop us this year."

## Final Examination Schedule

### FIRST SEMESTER 1976-77

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

For classes beginning at —  
10:30 MWF  
12:30 MWF  
4:30 TTh

Examinations will be given from —  
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

English 213 classes  
For classes beginning at —  
1:30 TTh  
7:30 TTh  
3:00 TTh  
2:30 MWF

Examinations will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Examination will be given from —  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

English 223 classes  
For classes beginning at —  
8:30 MWF  
10:30 TTh  
3:30 MWF  
Chemistry 124 classes

Examination will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Examination will be given from —  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Examination will be given from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

English 113 classes  
For classes beginning at —  
9:00 TTh  
1:30 MWF  
9:30 MWF  
12:00 TTh  
Chemistry 114 classes

Examinations will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Examinations will be given from —  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
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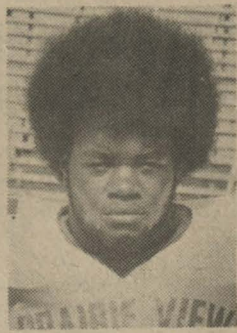
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English 123 classes  
For classes beginning at —  
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11:30 MWF  
4:30 MWF

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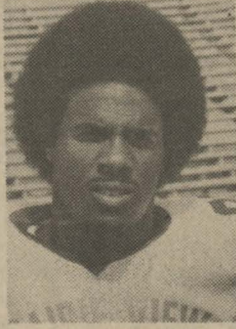
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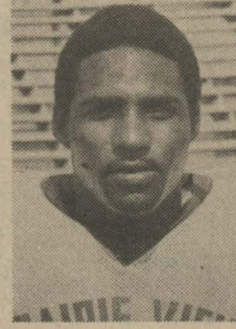
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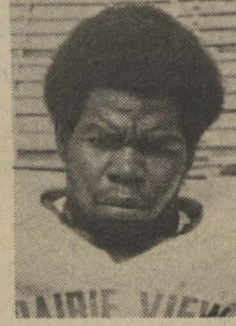
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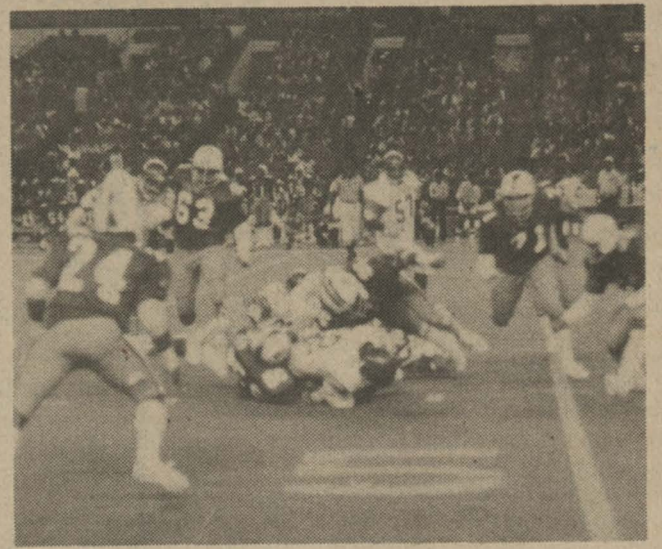
## Panthers Drop TSU in Dome

The revitalized Panthers ended the 1976 season on a happy note . . . a 22-15 victory over arch-rival Texas Southern in a colorful climax before 10,892 fans in the astrodome.

It was a cliff-hanging decision which kept everyone on the edge of their seats. TSU led throughout the first half, but the Panthers came back to tie the score 15-15 and finally pulled ahead to stay. The PV victory ended TSU's 10-year dominance of the annual game.

Coach Hoover Wright's Panthers thus ended the season at 6-5, which is considered a winning record. Their 3-3-0 conference (SWAC) record is what it says, but considered good after a hectic season start.

Prairie View suffered three costly fumbles in the first half and both sides drew heavy penalties. TSU quarterback Willie Sears danced in for the first tally and drove over for a two point conversion. Kenneth Mazeke also scored for the Tigers. Panther Charles Smith scored twice on short runs after gains on passes from Samuel Maxie to D. Weatherspoon. A Richard Warfield pass to Travis Weatherspoon also produced a score and Charles Weatherspoon did the kicking.



PANTHERS' DEFENSE was a big factor in the victory over TSU's Tigers in the Astrodome in the final game of the year.

## Third Annual PV Winter Relays Saturday

The third annual Prairie View Winter Relays will be held at the Panthers Blackshear field beginning Saturday, December 4, at 12:00 noon.

Along with the Panthers and Pantherettes will be Texas Southern, Dallas Baptist, Lamar University and Wiley.

The men 440 intermediate hurdles will open the events. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12:00 p.m. — men 440 hurdles
- 12:15 p.m. — men four mile relay
- 12:35 p.m. — women 660 yard run
- 12:45 p.m. — women 165 yard dash
- 1:00 p.m. — men 480 shuttle
- 1:10 p.m. — girls 440 relay
- 1:15 p.m. — women 440 relay
- 1:20 p.m. — men 440 relay
- 1:30 p.m. — men 660 yard run
- 1:40 p.m. — women 880 relay
- 1:55 p.m. — men two mile relay
- 2:10 p.m. — women 330 yard run.

	TSU	PV
First downs	16	17
Rushing yardage	289	217
Passing yardage	35	159
Passes	3-14	6-12
Had intercepted	0	0
Punts-average	8-34.8	5-45.4
Fumbles lost	1	3
Yards penalized	115	60

	SCORED BY QUARTERS			
TSU	0	8	7	0-15
Prairie View	0	0	15	7-22

### SWAC Standings

TEAM	SEASON				
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts. Op.
Alcorn State	8	2	0	.800	1224 75
Southern	8	3	0	.727	171 78
Grambling	8	3	0	.727	295 199
Jackson State	5	4	0	.556	142 152
Prairie View	6	5	0	.545	193 231
Miss Valley	4	6	0	.400	124 196
TSU	2	9	0	.400	124 196

TEAM	CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts. Op.
Alcorn State	5	1	0	.833	137 36
X-Grambling	4	2	0	.667	118 59
Southern	4	2	0	.667	98 29
Jackson State	3	3	0	.500	62 94
Prairie View	3	3	0	.500	54 51
Miss. Valley	1	5	0	.167	44 163
TSU	1	5	0	.167	84 167

### Comm Recreation Sets Basketball Tournament

The public is invited to a basketball tournament to be held December 11, 1976, starting at 9 a.m. in the Cy-Fair Arnold Gym.

Participating in the tournament will be teams from Borderville, Brookshire, Carverdale, Hempstead, Kohrville, and Project Pull.

The Community Recreation phase of the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program is sponsoring the tournament. General Admission is \$1.00. For further information, contact Vernell Jackson or Margie Boler at 857-2027.

year . . . he is a 6-0, 230 pound tackle from Birmingham Alabama . . . HALVEN YOUNG . . . one of the top defensive backs in SWAC . . . made a lot of saves for the Panthers . . . also one of the fastest players on squad . . . he is a 5-10, 175 pound senior from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

## Fourteen Seniors End PV Career

Fourteen seniors on the 1976 Prairie View Panther football team ended their gridiron at Prairie View on a winning note.

The Panthers completed the seasons with a 6-5 season and 3-3 Southwestern Athletic Conference mark. They won their last three games and four of their last five games.

The fourteen seniors are: Gregory Austin, Charles Baity, David Bohannon, Douglas Bolden, Steve Breed, Ernest Burke, Kenneth Hill, John Hunt, Lewis Lincoln, Samuel Maxie, Edward Williams and Halven Young.

SENIOR CAPSULE: Austin, Greg is a 6-2, 258 pound offensive guard . . . he was team co-captain and was named to the Associated Press All America team and NAIA 11 District team last season . . . he led the interference for most Panther backs . . . he is from Brazoria, Texas . . . CHARLES BAITY-Baity is a Panther

starting offensive guard . . . was injured a lot but when he was in there the Panther running game clicked . . . he is 6-2, 258 from Birmingham, Alabama . . . DAVID BOHANNON — David was the Panthers leading rusher for the second year in a row . . . he was named to the Pittsburg Courier All America team, All SWAC and NAIA All District team last season . . . he is a 6-3, 245 pound fullback from Dekalb, Texas . . . DOUGLAS BOLDEN — One of the most talented backs on the team but was plagued by injuries most of career . . . he is a 6-2, 195 pound halfback from Waco, Texas . . . STEVE BREED — Is a 5-11, 180 pound defensive back . . . he led team in interception his junior year . . . he is from Kirbyville, Texas as . . . JAMES COLE — James is one of the finest blocking linemen in the Southwestern Athletic Conference . . . along with Greg, he teamed to the give the Panthers a potting

running game . . . he is a 6-0, 246 pound guard from Vicksburg, Mississippi . . . ERNEST BURKE — Burke is a 6-2, 210 pound tightend from Birmingham, Alabama . . . an honor student and one of the top tightends in SWAC . . . was hurt last four games . . . KENNETH HILL — Hill, the brother of former Panther defensive back Travis, is a native of Lufkin, Texas . . . Hill was one of the sparks in the Panthers secondary . . . JOHN HUNT — Hunt is one of the Pnathers Co-Captains . . . one of the real tough noseguards in the business . . . he is 5-11, 250 and hails from Garland, Texas . . . LEWIS LINCOLN — Link, as he is called by teammates really came to his own this season and Coach Wright would like to have him one more campaign. he is a 6-2, 240 pound offensive tackle from Atlanta, Texas . . . SAMUEL "SLIPPERY SAM" MAXIE . . . the sudden rise of Maxie was the main reason the Panthers were successful the latter part of the season . . . he was the Panthers leading scorer and total offensive leader . . . he hails from Atlanta, Texas . . . RONALD "T" THOMPSON . . . he is considered by coaches as the premier linebacker in college football . . . led the nation in tackling and was Sporting News and AP All America last season . . . he is a 6-2, 210 pound senior from Houston, Texas . . . EDWARD WILLIAMS . . . had the knack of getting to the opponents quarterback . . . had a great

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# Panther Cagers Set for 1976-77 Campaign

As President-elect Jimmy Carter pulled a few surprises on the political scene, Prairie View's head basketball coach Elwood Plummer hopes to pull a few surprises of his own on the basketball scene.

However, unlike Carter, Plummer doesn't have former President Nixon and Watergate to kick around, he does boast four returning starters among twelve returning lettermen and like Carter, Plummer can smile.

Heading the Panther returners are all America forward Marvin "Mr. J" Jackson, All SWAC forward Robert "Trigger Man" Armstrong and All SWAC candidate 6-7 center Kermit McAdory. Captain James Gray, Johnny Miles and Willie Davis, are returning starting guards.

Plummer boasts better bench strength than last seasons team that went 3-11 for the season and 2-10 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Ceasor Holmes (6-7), Walter Kemper (6-3) and George Bolten (6-2), are returning lettermen at guard. James Beal (6-6), David Daniels (6-4), and Dennis Wayne (6-6), return in the front line.

Newcomers expected to give the Panthers immediate help are guards Kelvin Eli, Carl Pierson, and forward George "Stretch" Campbell. Eli is a former Port Arthur-Lincoln star, while Pierson is a Baton Rouge, Louisiana native. Campbell is a former all City performer at Houston-Yates.

Rounding out the newcomers list are Floyd Brown, forward, New Orleans, Alonzo Cross, center, Houston and R. E. Brooks, center, Houston.

The Panthers host Texas College, December 11 and Austin College, Decemer 13, in NAIA Zone games before taking off for the Christmas break and playing in the Texas Southern Ed Adams Classic December 30-31.

The Panthers open SWAC play Saturday, January 8, against Mississippi Valley.

## 1976-77 Basketball Schedule

<i>DATE</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Dec. 1	Huston-Tillotson College	Prairie View
Dec. 11	Texas College	Prairie View
Dec. 13	Austin College	Prairie View
Dec. 14	Paul Quinn	Waco
Dec. 30, 31	Ed Adams Basketball Classic	Houston
Jan. 8	Mississippi Valley State University	Prairie View
Jan. 10	Texas College	Tyler
Jan. 12	Bishop College	Dallas
Jan. 13	Jackson State University	Prairie View
Jan. 15	Southern University	Grambling, La.
Jan. 18	Texas Southern University	Houston
Jan. 22	Alcorn State University	Lorman, Miss.
Jan. 24	Grambling State University	Grambling, La.
Jan. 27	Wiley College	Prairie View
Jan. 29	Alcorn State University	Prairie View
Jan. 31	Grambling State University	Prairie View
Feb. 3	Wiley College	Marshall
Feb. 5	Jackson State University	Jackson, Miss.
Feb. 7	Southern University	Baton Rouge, La.
Feb. 9	Bishop College	Prairie View
Feb. 12	Mississippi Valley State University	Itta, Bena, Miss.
Feb. 16	Paul Quinn	Prairie View
Feb. 17	Huston-Tillotson College	Austin
Feb. 19	Texas Southern University	Prairie View
Feb. 21	Austin College	Sherman, Tx.
Feb. 24, 25, 26	S.W.A.C. Tournament	Monroe, La.

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