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NUTRITION EDUCATION ON WHEELS — A new modern motor facility designed to carry research activities in Nutrition into Texas communities has been received on campus. President A. I. Thomas accepted the mobile unit and in turn presented keys to various staff members involved. Departments represented are Research, and Special Programs, Purchasing, Physical Plants, Biology, Home Economics and Nutrition.

Forty Six Approved

PV-ites Listed In Who's Who Among Students In American Universities

Prairie View—A total of 46 Prairie View A&M University students have been approved for final listing in the publication-Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The selections were made following recommendations by deans, department heads and other staff members, according to W. Van Johnson, Director of Student Activities, who chaired the selection committee. Members of the University Information Council served on the panel along with the Dean of Men and Dean of Women.

Other considerations includ-

ed academics, extra curricular activities, and citizenship. All were full-time students and were not included in the 1975 nominations. Top priority was given to students with cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0 of juniors and senior classifications.

Students on the list include: Pamela Baker, Orange, Texas; Carolyn Booser, Houston; Kay W. Brown, Bivins; Marva Cade, Jasper; Ethel M. Clack, San Antonio; Elizabeth Colwell, Houston; Diane Davis, Houston; Dianne M. Davis, Houston; Harold Davis, Texas City; Alfred Debose, Beaumont; Calvin Deese, Hempstead; Donald Duplessis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; David Echols, Mont Belvieu, Texas; Allan Flowers, Prairie View; Steve Hall, Navasota; Delores Hayes, Big Sandy; Shirley Hayes, Port Arthur; Sidney Hicks, Corsicana; Ona

Lee Joyce, Port Arthur; Samuel Knight, Cameron;

Deloz Lenord, Waco; Mar-L. Lucas, Houston, Eric Malveaux, Galveston; Ann Marie Martin, Clay; Ben S. McMillian, Houston; Roderick Mitchell, Daingerfield, Gerard Mosby, Austin; Patsy Morehead, Prairie View; Michael Ramsey, Croix, VI.; Prince Rolle, Prairie View; John W. Schmitt, Sealy; Seth S. Sharp, Texas City; Carrie Stuart, Houston; Althea Tate, Miami, Florida; Obra D. Thompkins, Hempstead; Shelly A Townsend, Houston; Herman Turner, Galveston; Barres Ward, Houston; Willie L. Waters, Gilmer; Donall Watson, Hempstead; Avis J. Weathers, Houston; Cecil Webster, Bryan; Hope Wiley, Houston; Ethan Williams, Milano; Jennifer Williams, Beaumont; Shirley Williams, Houston.

Waller ISD To Begin Tax Equalization Study

At a Special Board Meeting Thursday evening, December 22, 1975, the Waller Independent School District Trustees unanimously approved a contract with Southwestern Appraisal Company, Inc., Austin, Texas. The Board had been studying the problem of equalization of taxes in the school district for a number of months.

Southwestern Appraisal Company is to furnish experts skilled in the matter of equalization of taxable properties. The information gained will be furnished the Board of

Trustees and the Board of Equalization. Mr. D.C. Hamilton, Jr., President of Southwestern Appraisal Company, will address the Waller Lions Club Monday evening, January 19th, 7:30 p.m. The following day, January 20th, at noon, Mr. Hamilton will speak to the Waller Chamber of Commerce.

Any group wishing to request a meeting date with a representative of Southwestern Appraisal Company should contact the Superintendent's office, telephone 372-3685, or the Tax Office, telephone 372-3695.

Sigmas Host State Meeting This Weekend

Almost 400 persons from other universities and communities in Texas are expected at Prairie View A&M University January 16 for the start of a three-day convention of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity sponsored by the Delta Theta Chapter.

Participants will convene at PVAM during the first week of spring classes.

One of the highlights of the conference, say organizers, is the goal of developing ways to reduce unemployment.

Sponsors report this will be a new dimension for members of Phi Beta Sigma and the convention will focus on identifying available jobs, needed training and counseling while looking at job replacement.

Much emphasis will be placed during the meeting on educating fraternity members as to how they can aid in reducing unemployment.

Mid-Year Faculty Conference Held

The second semester of the 1975-76 Academic Year officially opened with the mid-Year Faculty-Student Leader Conference held on January 5, 6, 7, 1976, in Alumni Hall. Registration for the conference was held from 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. on January 5.

Among the important items discussed at the Conference were:

1. Coordinating Board guidelines for the role and scope for Prairie View A&M University from 1976-1981.

2. AIDP Objectives and Activities.

3. Continuing Education in Texas Higher Education.

4. Operation Success.

Each day's program began at 9:00 a.m., and excluding the luncheon period, ended at 5:00 p.m.



COMMISSIONING CAN BE FUN TOO — NROTC graduate gets kiss as his bars are pinned on during December ROTC Commissioning Exercises. See other photos of Commissionees on inside pages.

Ministers Conference Set For February 3-4

The 18th Annual Ministers Conference sponsored by The United States Ministers of Texas is scheduled at Prairie View A&M University on February 3-4.

The opening session at 9:00 a.m. will center on the theme: "Redefining The Christian Ministry for The Third Century."

Keynote speakers for the occasion include Dr. E. Edward Jones, minister, Galilee Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Third Vice President of the National Baptist Convention of

America; Bishop C. D. Coleman, presiding Bishop, Christian Methodist Church, Eighth Episcopal District, Dallas; Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand, Sixth Episcopal District, A. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Georgia; and Bishop J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee.

Study areas will include (1) Spiritual Perception, (2) Moral Courage, (3) Social Action, (4) Economic Awareness (Sensitivity).

New Semester Underway

Late registration continues as classes move forward in the new semester.

Classes began officially Monday after regular registration activities last week.

The Second Semester calendar includes late registration through January 26, Mid-semester exams—March 4-6,

and Easter Break—April 15, and annual closing activities from April 25 through May 8.

The basketball season will highlight the extra-curricular phase of the new semester. The Panthers will begin a major home schedule on January 19 which will bring five colleges to the campus.



BI-CENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN MAKES PV STOP — President Thomas and Dr. A. N. Poindexter, Veterinarian, present document of support to riders on the

Texas-Bar-Six Lone Star Wagon Train which is making a tour of Texas cities and communities before heading for a July 4 meeting at Valley Forge.



The Home Economics Nursery School Christmas Party.

HOUSTON PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications from junior and senior journalism majors are now being considered for 1976-77 financial aid. Recipients must reside in Harris County.

Applications are due March 12. Interviews will be held in Houston March 19.

For details, see Dr. C. A. Wood, Publications Office, or write:

Scholarship Committee
Houston Press Club
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LAST CALL

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PV Biologists Begins Study of Thyroid Hormones

Prairie View — Prairie View A&M University biologists have embarked on a three-year study that may help determine effects of thyroid hormones on developing systems in humans.

Using amphibians, the researchers will attempt to find out if thyroid hormones act directly on organ systems or whether the effect is indirect through increased metabolic activity, explains chief investigator Dr. Edward W. Martin.

The study will also look at whether an accompanying increase of DNA and RNA content occurs in brain, skin, and muscle tissue following an increase in cell division caused by administering thyroid hormones.

A third part of the investigation scrutinizes the extent to which certain tissues respond to thyroid analogs.

Information gained should be applicable to humans and other vertebrates, says Martin. He is assisted in the \$80,278 National Institute of Health Project by a graduate student and two undergraduates at PVA&M.

Martin is chairman of the Natural Sciences Division and Biology Department at Prairie View A&M.

PV Graduates In Demand

A Case In Point...

Pointing out the difficulty of obtaining black teachers, Port Arthur Asst. Supt. for Instruction Charles McBee, cited the competition in recruiting at black colleges.

When McBee, who handles hiring for the Port Arthur school district, makes his fall and spring recruiting trips, he "normally" encounters one to

3rd place, Madeline Neal, Debra Hinson, Linda Simmon.
Jodean Castell, Reporter

Decoration Of Doors

We would like to commend the residence of Banks Hall who fully participated in the door decoration contest on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1975. While all of you could not be winners, the spirit of competition is a wholesome one. These are our listing of winners.

1st floor, 1st place: Hilda Baker, Debra McBeth, Obelia Gray

2nd place: Jodean Castell, Pamela Baker, Marlow Green
2nd floor, 1st place: Elizabeth Cook, Ruby Blackman, Janice Kelly

2nd place: Carolyn Jones, Cuntue Gudson, Ava Thomas
3rd place: Sammy McDade, Bonnie McDade, Gwendolyn Mays

3rd floor, 1st place: Ruby Whitfield, Grace Hawkins, Andrea Beard

2nd place: Debra Spence, Marilyn Kenolly, Paula Lee
3rd place: Judy Parish, Mattis Rhodes, Irma Adams

4th floor, 1st place: Brenda Williams, Avis Latson, Theresa Spilat

2nd place: Margaret Paye, Regina Jones, Ruby Lockett



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Faculty Deaths



Dr. H. E. Anderson

Funeral services for Dr. H. Edison Anderson, Professor of Music at Prairie View A&M University, were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Hempstead.

The Reverend W. Van Johnson, Chaplain and dean of the Chapel at Prairie View, delivered the eulogy. Ashford-Oliver Mortuary of Navasota was in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Prairie View Memorial Cemetery.

Dr. Anderson, 59, died suddenly Wednesday night January 7 of a heart attack. He had worked during the day on plans for the annual national tour of the University's A Cappella Concert Choir, a student vocal group he organized in 1958 and has directed since that time.

His vocal students and choirs have performed in hundreds of cities throughout the nation.

A 1938 graduate of Prairie View, Dr. Anderson also received the Masters and Doctorate degrees from Iowa State University. He also earned a specialist diploma in Music at Columbia University in New York City.

Survivors include a wife,

three recruiters in various fields on college campuses. On a recent visit to Prairie View A & M University, McBee was among 12 recruiters seeking interviews with Prairie View prospective graduates. McBee observes that the qualified black is now finding security in employment in many fields — not just education or the ministry.



Mrs. Hortense Sparks

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church at Prairie View for Mrs. Hortense S. Sparks, 32, a Prairie View A&M University instructor in the College of Home Economics and associate in the Human Nutrition Research Center.

Arrangements were handled by Singleton Funeral Home, Hempstead. Interment was in Prairie View Memorial Cemetery.

The daughter of Prairie View Industrial Education professor Walter J. Hall, Mrs. Sparks was a native of Prairie View and Port Arthur, Texas. She was a Prairie View graduate, and received the MS degree at Kansas State University.

She is survived by her husband, Billy W. Sparks, Houston; a daughter, Julie E. Sparks, Houston; a father, Walter J. Hall, Sr., Prairie View; a sister, Hazel M. Townsend, Kansas City, Kansas; a brother, Walter J. Hall, Jr., Minneapolis, Minnesota and a grandfather, Clifford Wood, Sr., Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Gloria C. Anderson, Prairie View; one daughter, Mrs. Gloria C. Johnson, Washington, D.C.; two sons, Edison H. Anderson, Jr. of Houston and Samuel E. Anderson of Prairie View; a sister, Mrs. M. E. Perpener, Washington, D.C.; a brother, Raymond Anderson, a Prairie View student; and three grandchildren.

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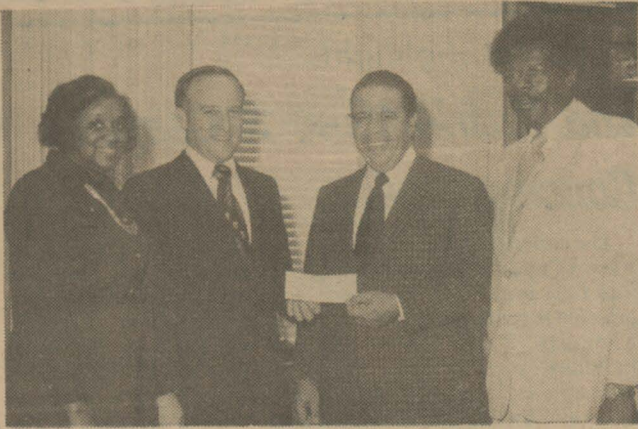
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KRAFT KITCHEN SCHOLARSHIP — Two \$1000 Freshman Scholarships are presented to President Thomas and Home Economics Dean, Dr. Flossie M. Byrd by Kraft representatives Larryc. Pierson and Lester A. James.

ETS Reports Changes In National Testing Programs

Princeton, N. J.—Educational Testing Service (ETS) reports several major changes in two national testing programs whose scores are used as part of the admissions process in many of the nation's graduate schools.

Both programs, the newly-titled Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), together test more than 400,000 prospective graduate students every year.

ETA says the changes were made to help simplify the test-taking process by making it more accommodating for student candidates.

The GMAT formerly was called the Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business. The new name parallels a similar change in the sponsoring council's name — reflecting a trend among graduate business schools to broaden

their curricula and degree titles to include other areas of administration, as well as business.

The program is developed and conducted by ETS for the Admission Council for Graduate Study in Management, a group representing 43 graduate schools of management.

Another significant change in the GMAT is an expanded admission ticket correction form that allows the candidate to verify, and correct if necessary, the accuracy of the information he or she provided ETS on the registration form. Walk-in registration, established during the 1974-75 academic year, also will be honored, space and material permitting.

There also are several new additions to the GRE. For the first time, a full-length sample GRE aptitude test is available to give candidates an accurate view of the scope of the test and the type of questions it contains. The sample test is the same length and format as the currently used forms of the aptitude test, and contains questions previously used in past tests. An answer key is provided. The sample aptitude test may be ordered separately or as part of the Graduate Programs and Admissions Manual, which provides information about more than 500 institutions and their graduate programs. See the 1975-76

Delta Mu Delta Has Installation Ceremonies

The Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society in Business Administration at Prairie View A&M University held its annual installation ceremonies at the home of Dr. Rose Knotts on December 15, 1975. Eligibility for membership is limited to Juniors and Seniors, who have demonstrated qualities of leadership, ethicality, sociability, superior scholarship and breath of interest in business. A cumulative grade point average of 3.20 is required for membership.

The new members include Terry Lark, Avis Weathers, John Cunningham, Willie Gray, Frederick Roberts and Seth Sharpe. Elizabeth Colwell is the President of the Society. The Sponsors of Delta Mu Delta is Dr. Rose Knotts and Dr. Bernice Rollins.

Frederick Roberts

Teacher Exams

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designed to probe knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center to which he or she should report. Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m. on February 21 and finish at about 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford said. Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m. the same day.

WOMAN'S YEAR SET

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger has ordered creation of a special committee in the Pentagon at Washington to mark International Women's Year. At the same time, Schlesinger issued a memorandum stressing efforts for equal opportunity for women and men.

GRE Information Bulletin for more details.

The aptitude test also has been shortened by five minutes from the former three-hour total. And an estimated additional 15 minutes of student time at the test center has been saved by soliciting background information on the registration form rather than at the center.

For the first time, GRE candidates will be allowed at the time of the test administration to delete or change the list of instructions to which scores are to be sent.

The GRE program also will continue to accept walk-in registrations, if center space and materials are available, and after all normally registered candidates have been admitted.

Both programs emphasize that walk-in registration for the GMAT and GRE are being continued to provide a needed service to candidates who are unable to preregister because of circumstances beyond their control.

ETS administers the GRE for the Graduate Record Examinations Board, an independent board affiliated with the Association of Graduate Schools and the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States.



THE PRIDE OF PRAIRIE VIEW — The group of campus beauties pictured above are being trained to become elegant ladies. They are [Kneeling L-R]; Irma Balthazar, Gwendolyn Bellard, Sherlay Perkins, Daryl Anderson, Ethel Clack; [standing] June

Sapenter, Iris Lawrence, Paula Tucker, Helen Wiltz, Althea Tate, Cherey Jordan, Bernice Sams, Angel Rogers, Gayle Jones, and Rachel Reyes. The sponsor is Mrs. Mary A. Clark, Ms. Cynthia Rodgers is co-sponsor.

University Officials Continue Public Service

Dr. A. I. Thomas Re-Appointed To Federal Reserve

On January 1, Dr. A. I. Thomas began his second three year term as a director of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The Prairie View president was named along with Houstonian Nat S. Turner, president of First City National Bank, Ben F. Love, Chairman of the Texas Commerce Bank has been re-appointed a member of the Federal Advisory Council to represent the 11th Federal Reserve District for 1976.

Dr. Jack Williams Elected to 6th Term on Southern Assoc.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, Texas A&M University president, has been elected to a sixth consecutive term as chairman of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

The SACS commission is the accrediting agency for 677 public and private institutions of higher learning. Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Atlanta, the overall association is composed of nearly 10,000 colleges and universities, occupational institutions and secondary and elementary schools.

Long active in higher education professional activities, Dr. Williams earlier this year began a four-year term on the board of trustees for the College Entrance Examination Board, the non-profit organization which provides a variety of information and evaluation services concerning admissions to post-secondary education.

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Our representative will be on campus on January 22,23

Help others while you help yourself as an officer in the Coast Guard.

Nominees For Yearbook Favorites Listed

The Yearbook editors and staff issued a call for nominees for Special Features to be included in the 1976 Pantherland. The names submitted by students are listed throughout this issue of the Panther.

Categories to be voted upon include Most Beautiful, Most Curvacious (Foxes), Most Handsome, Most Together Dudes, Most Friendly (Male and Female) and Campus Players and Flirts.

All contestants are asked to come by the Yearbook office to fill out an entry form and either take a photo or bring one for use in publicity for the contest. All contestants who complete these requirements will be considered finalists. Their names will appear on a ballot which will be used in the election to determine the final 10 or 12 persons in each category.

Persons nominated who do not complete entry blanks and furnish photos will not be included in the final voting.

DEADLINE for filing entry blanks in Yearbook office January 31.

Election for Yearbook features will be held in February, 1976.

MOST BEAUTIFUL

1. Ann Allen
2. Jeanette Anderson
3. Gwen Bellard
4. Ruby Blockman
5. Shelia Blie
6. Gwen Bonner
7. Tanya Bragg
8. Joslen Brown
9. Constance Bryant
10. Selda Bryant
11. Yoland Bryant
12. Rachel Buckner
13. Glenda Burns
14. Shirley Caraway
15. Sandra Clay
16. Pam Cleaver
17. Chris Cockwell
18. Dianne Coleman
19. Elizabeth Cooke
20. Sandra Cooper
21. Helen Cox
22. Chris Cromwell
23. Gwen Parmon
24. Pat Davis
25. Mary De John
26. Carolyn Dukes
27. Sherry Duriso
28. Juanita Durley
29. Phyllis Fisher
30. Mary Fowler
31. Ruby Franklin
32. Marilyn George
33. Marilyn Fuller
34. Patricia George
35. Jocelyn Goffney
36. Cynthia Gray
37. Angela Greaux
38. Marlow Green
39. Gwen Griggs
40. Sharon Gude
41. Pam Hardeman

40. Gwen Harmon
41. Linda Harris
42. Shirley Hayes
43. Katherine Hunter
44. Shirley Jackson
45. Lindy Jacobs
46. Marion Jeans
47. Veretta Jewell
48. Theresa Johnson
49. Sherry Jones
50. Ora Joyce
51. Judieth Knowles
52. Angel Leonard
53. Shelia Loving
54. Kathy Manns
55. Wanda McCloud
56. Carolyn McCullen
57. Dianne McGowen
58. Veretta McIntosh
59. La Wanda Miller
60. Andrea Moore
61. Sherilyn Muse
62. Billie Newton
63. Minnie Nixon
64. Sabrina Norman
65. Pam Overton
66. Debra Patterson
67. Vanessa Phillips
68. Sheryl Porter
69. Marie Prewitt
70. Felicia Price
71. Jammie Ray
72. Bernice Sams
73. Margie Sanders
74. Anita Sears
75. Linda Simmons
76. Earlene Smith
77. Patricia Smith
78. Pamela Spiller
79. Marvella Stringfellow
80. Jeannie Roy
81. Althea Tate
82. Sandra Terry
83. Cheryl Thomas
84. Jocelyn Thomas
85. Cynthia Walker
86. Gwen White
87. Anny Williams
88. Barbara Williams
89. Beverly Williams
90. Cathy Williams
91. Lula Williams
92. Sandra Williams
93. Jeanette Wilson
94. Sandra Zelaya

MOST [Curvacious] FOXES

- Jackie Allen
Therasa Andrews
Janice Alderson
Beverly Allen
Constance Bryant
Yolanda Batty
Vennessa Baines
Cynthia Brighten
Valarie Brooks
Debbie Burnett
Mary Blackman
Felicia Bell
Darlene Brown
Jodean Castelle
Sandra Clay
Dianne Coleman
Carolyn Cleaver
Chandra Crain
Pam Cleaver
Dianne Chin
Carol Cummings
Claudia Coleman
Lois Cotton
Drusilla Cockrell
Carolyn Dukes
Marilyn Fielder



ACADEMIC TIME AGAIN — Laboratories and classrooms are getting busy again as classes move into full swing this week.

Announcing —

1976 Summer Seminar Stipends For College Teachers

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Summer Seminars for College Teachers are intended for teachers in the undergraduate colleges and in the two-year colleges who are concerned primarily with improving their knowledge of the subjects they teach. The purpose of the seminars is to provide these college teachers with opportunities to work with distinguished scholars in their fields at institutions with libraries suitable for advanced study. Through research, reflection, and discussion with the seminar director and with their colleagues in a seminar atmosphere, they will sharpen their understandings and improve their ability to convey their understandings to college students. The college teachers are expected to participate fully in the work of the seminar and complete all seminar assignments. In addition to the work of the seminar, they will be able to pursue personal study of their own choosing.

These seminars are especially designed for this program and are not intended to be identical to courses normally offered by graduate departments nor will graduate credit be given them. While attention will be paid to the problem of conveying humanistic understandings to college students, the focus of the seminars is primarily substantive and their purpose should not be construed as curriculum planning or pedagogical training.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

The work to be undertaken over and beyond the work for the seminar may be a research project or a program of intensive reading. It may be directly related to the topic of the seminar or it may be on some other topic of interest to the applicant.

STIPEND AND TENURE

Each applicant who is selected will receive a stipend of \$2,000 for a tenure period of two months. While recipients of stipends are not required to remain at the seminar institution after the close of the seminar, they are required to spend full time on personal study for the full two-month term of the tenure period. Seminar participants may not undertake teaching assignments or professional activities unrelated to the seminar or their individual projects during the two-month period of the stipend.

HOUSING AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

Seminar participants will receive a housing and travel allowance of \$250, in addition to the stipend of \$2,000, unless they are commuting to the seminar from their own residences.

Information on available housing will be provided by the seminar directors.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

Applications are submitted directly to the seminar director of the seminar which the applicant wishes to attend. The deadline for the submission of applications will be March 1, 1976. Announcement of awards will be made in early April, 1976.

- Janice Flood
Sharon Gude
Patricia George
Gwen Griggs
Carolyn Greene
Athea Garrison
Jocelyn Groffney
Sharon Guinn
Sylvia Harris
Sherree Harris
Bridgett Hemphill
Regina Hubbard
Donna Johnson
Linda Jones
Raynell Joseph
Sherry Jones
Patricia Jones
Susan King
Carol Limbrick
Ruby Lofton
Ann Lewis
Lillian Lewis
Deborah Larry
Iris Lawrence
Laverne Love
Phyllis McSwain
Ruthie Marshall
Kathy Manns
Alice Murray

- LaWanda Miller
Zenolia Miles
Wanda McCloud
Carol McCullough
Sylvia Nelson
Ethelyn Norris
Pam Overton
Joan Peters
Debra Pope
Evelyn Preston
Marie Pruitt
Bretha Payton
Angel Rogers
Janice Reed
Earline Smith
Mavella Stringfellow
Belinda Swisher
Ruth Stevens
Gertrude Stewart
Anna Scott
Debra Taylor
Maureen Tyrone
Althea Tate
Branda Taylor
Vera Thomas
Cynthia Thompson
Debra White
Barbara Williams
Gwen Wright

Historical Highlights —

The Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir

The nationally known Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir was first organized by their present Director, Dr. H. Edison Anderson. Their repertoire includes works from the masterpieces, classics, modern, romantic and excerpts from serious and light opera and Broadway Musical hits. The choir has been popular in sacred and secular concerts, radio and television.

During the past "12" years they have made extensive tours, appearing in the major leading cities and musical centers from Galveston to Detroit and Canada, from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., inclusive of New York, Chicago, Tiajuana, Old Mexico and appearing in every sizeable city, school and the southwest.

More than 80,073 miles have been covered in practically forty-eight states in the union (averaging thirty-six concerts (approximately) per year and more than 466 appearances have been made in twelve years of the history of the organization. The following excerpts have been taken from the geographical areas in letters, newspapers, and in individuals named below:

1. Tiajuana, Old Mexico: "The Prairie View Choir of thirty-eight voices delighted us with seven precious numbers after which we stood twice and warmly applauded," as translated by Mrs. O. J. Higgs. Boletin Oficial del Club Rotario Le Tiajuana, "El Chaupulin" Anon VI, Num. 8.

2. Washinton, D. C.: "I share your pride and honor that was accorded the Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College A Cappella Concert Choir in being brought to Washington, D. C. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, United States Senate, 1961-62.

3. Recorded the Telstar of Song Album" in the Gold Star Studio of Houston, Texas: A Simpson Production from Globe corporation, New York, New York, April 1963.

4. Austin, Texas: "The conductor and choir were the recipients of a citation from the House of Representatives commending the performances

- Cherly Williams
Carolyn Woodard
Barbara White
Annie Williams
Tamra Wiley
Sandra Zelaya

named above and a copy of Bill #352 and #162 was passed in honor and appreciation of their trips to the Capitol, April 18, 1963 and February 23, 1967."

5. "This was by far the most outstanding event we have had here to bring to our city. The tremendous ovations received by the group proved to me that all of Midland join me in this expression of gratitude to you, and Dr. Anderson for making this unusual event possible for our community." Mr. C. A. Thomas, Principal, Carver Junior-Senior High School, Midland, Texas.

6. It was one of the finest musical programs that we have had here and every one was greatly pleased with the quality of the singing and the fine style with which the group sang. You can be proud of them. Mr. Harry F. Taylor, National Association of Teachers of Singing, 606 West Alameda, Roswell, N. M.

7. They are surely among the cream of the crop, and their general demeanor and program left nothing to be desired. Mrs. Elna L. Love, President, Women's Society of Christian Service, 432 Melrose Avenue, San Francisco, California.

8. Please accept my congratulations for a successful tour and on being a good business manager as well as an excellent Director. Dr. Alvin J. McNeill, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences, Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas.

9. Our own graduate, Mrs. Joan Nezy Hudson received a standing ovation from the choir when she was presented to the audience by Dr. Anderson in Los Angeles, heralding the fact that she will be presented by the Los angeles Opera Co., March 13 at the Wilshire and Bell Theatre with the Hollywood Philharmonic Orchestra. Mrs. Hudson sang with the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir for four years and never missed a performance. She will appear with the company in Brazil during August.

The 1969-70 "Epitomophonic Telstar of Songs" reflects a very successful tour. Highly applauded throughout our tour inclusive of Odessa, San Diego, Fresno, Tucson, Wichita Falls, with standing ovations at Los Angeles, Berkeley, and Stockton, California, our program was well received.

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Highlights In PV History

Col. West Hamilton, PV's First PMST

Army ROTC at Prairie View had its beginning in 1941 when Colonel West A. Hamilton was sent to Texas to organize and initiate one of the first ROTC units in a predominately black college in the nation.

There had been various forms of military training at Prairie View dating back before World War I. Non-commissioned officers were stationed here for training prior to 1918 when the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) was established.

Col. Hamilton was selected for the important job of initiating ROTC activities in black colleges because of his outstanding military record which had its beginning in Washington, D. C. in 1905. Colonel Hamilton can be solely credited with keeping the interests of black men in Reserves alive during the period prior to World War II. He devoted a total of 44 and one-half years of his life to the military service of the nation.

Many of the nation's present top black officers were students or associates of Hamilton, particularly those who studied or worked with him at Prairie View or Morgan State in Maryland. His untiring efforts were beneficial in encouraging many black men to obtain commissions. He was made a full colonel in 1941.

Near 90 years of age (born September 1886), The Colonel is still active in civic affairs in his hometown, Washington, D. C. He visited Prairie View a few weeks ago as he does fairly often to visit old and new friends. He is especially close to Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Owens with whom he resides during almost annual visits to the campus.

Colonel Hamilton was honored on his 89th birthday last September in The Washington City Council Chambers of the District of Columbia Building in the presence of his family, the mayor; members of the city council and the judiciary, dignitaries of the federal and city governments and a host of friends and well-wishers.

The eminent Soldier, Businessman, Civic Activist, Frater-



Colonel West Hamilton

nalist, Educator, Churchman and lifelong resident of Washington was honored a few months ago when he was presented with the district's highest award for meritorious service to the community by Mayor Walter Washington. The Distinguished Public Service Award of D. C.

A resolution of praise and gratitude from the city council was read by the councilwoman Willie Hardy. Testimonials, further honors and awards were presented by Dr. Bennetta Washington, wife of the Mayor, Judge William S. Thompson, Judge Campbell, Dr. Thomas Hart and former city commissioner John Duncan. Harry Struthers read a resolution from the board of directors of the 12th St. Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. B. Y. Hamilton, Col. Hamilton's sister-in-law, introduced the members of the Colonel's family who were present for the occasion.

In his acceptance speech the Colonel related many interesting anecdotes of the capital city's illustrious past and displayed his lively sense of humor that has not left him with the passing years by the witty stories that accompanied his remarks.

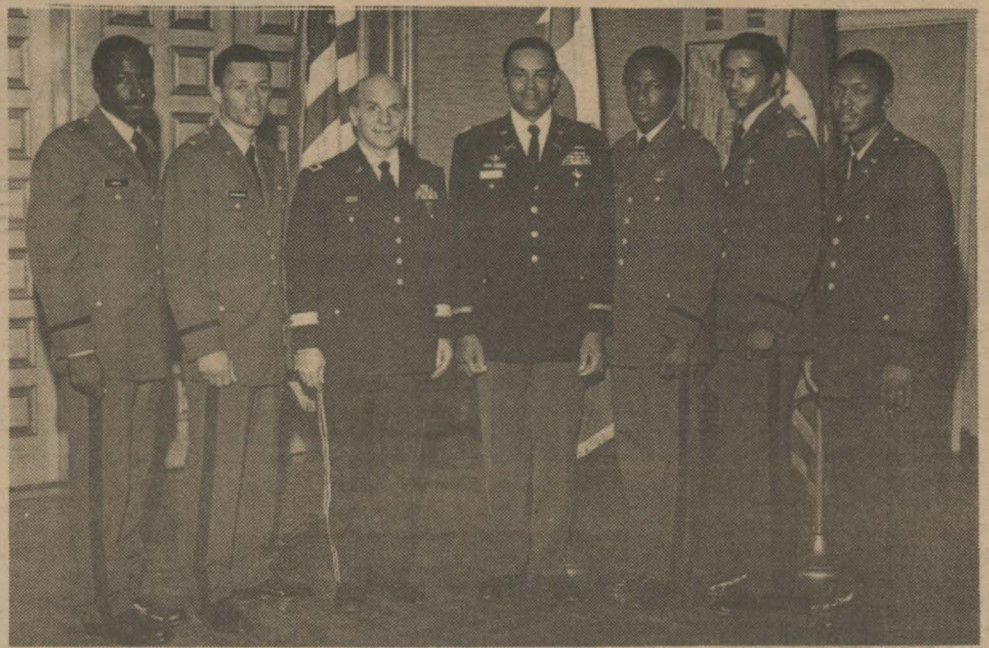
A moral and religious man, the Colonel has been a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Washington since 1902. He served as both Warden and vestryman. He is a member of the Masons, active in the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, past commander of The American Legion,

Veteran of Foreign Wars, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Y.M.C.A.; and chairman, Boy Scouts of America.

Other current interests include, Member, Board of Education, D. C. (Completing 21st year); Member D. C. Recreation Board; Member, Committee of Management, 12th Street Branch YMCA; Member, Vestry, St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Member, Advisory Committee, Sherman Avenue Corps, Salvation Army; Member, D. C. Civil War Centennial Commission; President, Washington Chapter, Frontiers International; Member, Board of Directors, National Capital USO; Member, Trustee Board, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M.; Emeritus Member of Trustee Board, Greater Washington Educational TV Association; Member, Metropolitan Board of Trade; Member, Scholarship Committee, Local 74, Hodcarriers and Building Laborers' Union, AFL-CIO; Member, Board of Directors, Temple Courts Charitable Foundation (Housing) Scottish Rite Masons; Member, Advisory Board D. C. Division, American Automobile Association.

Nominees For Most Handsome (Yearbook Favorites)

- Donald Allen
- Dwight Anderson
- Hoyet Anderson
- Rickey Anthony
- George Arnold
- Byron Bankston
- Jerry Branch
- Gerald Bartholomew
- Lester Blanks
- Bouglas Bolden
- Charles Boone
- Cornelius Brannon
- Carlos Brinkley
- Kelvin Butler
- Joseph Calloway
- Spencer Cooper
- David Cavitt
- Herbert Craft
- Clifton Davis
- Tony Davis
- Harold Demart
- Kenneth Edmondson
- Sonny Elliot
- Fe. Fe Ellis
- Ernest Esung
- Lionel Evans
- James Franklin
- Lawrence Fontenot
- Robert Grice
- Joe Green
- Carl Gude
- Bryan Hall
- Spencer Harris
- Donald Hall
- Steven Hall
- Reginald Holloway
- Derrick Hanks
- Greg Hazzely
- Obra Henry
- Kenneth Hill
- Charlie Jackson
- Marvin Jackson
- Harold Jackson
- Sherman Jennings
- Micheal Johnson



ARMY COMMISSIONEES — [l to r] 2nd Major General Kenneth A. Kuykendall, guest Lt's Harold Allen, Albert Cunningham, Charles Davis, William Griffin and Isaac Martin. Austin Frederick, PMS. Pictured with the Mid-year graduates are



NAVY COMMISSIONEES — President A. I. Thomas poses with recent Navy ROTC graduates following Commissioning ceremonies. They are [L-R] William B. Stewart, Ernesto G. Sanz, Clifton C. Lofton, Samuel B. Knight, and Donald Duplessis.

AR Scientist Continuing Research

Prairie View A&M University soil scientists are continuing research in the Houston area to determine at what level lead contaminating the soil may become harmful to human health via the food chain.

Part of a three-year Department of Agriculture project in eight counties, the research has previously determined that one part per million of cadmium could have deleterious effects on human health. Dr. Gene Brams of PVAM is also directing the study of lead.

He says the level of lead has not been firmly established although he is looking at a

10-parts-per-million level now. Brams adds that the project has allowed scientists to learn the average levels of heavy metals in the soils.

The study—conducted in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties—is tied to further research Brams hopes to carry out after the New Year in which he will try to trace soil metal contamination through a food chain consisting of wheat, poultry and eggs and, finally, a mammal.

One part per million is about equal to two pounds of a substance in one acre of land plowed eight inches.

Missouri has 3,111 recorded caves, more than any other state, according to the Missouri tourism commission.

- Marlin Walters
- Willie Waters
- Tyrell White
- Joel Wilson
- Mark Williams
- Tommy Williams
- Joel Wilson
- Gregory Williams



The COLONEL is pictured during recent campus visit with Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Owens.

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Looking Dominates Life, Which Way Are You Looking?

By Rev. Thomas Johnson, Pastor Waller Church of God In Christ Waller, Texas



Looking Dominates Life, Which Way Are You Looking?" Matt. 14:22-30

As I deal with this theme today, let us take a look at the two key words, 'Look and 'Dominate'.

The word 'look' means, to direct the eyes and pay attention to. It also means to be effected by looking a certain way.

The word 'dominate' means to control or master by strength or power.

There are three ways from which a person can look, (1) through the eyes which are our means of physical sight, (2) through the mind which is our imaginary sight, (3) through faith which is spiritual sight. But regardless to which one you look through, looking dominates life. The important thing is, which way are you looking?

In our lesson today, Christ commanded his disciples to get into a ship and go to the other side. As they were on their way, a storm arose, and the ship was tossed by the waves because of the violent wind. Just as the control of the ship was getting out of hand, Jesus went unto them, walking on the water. But, when they saw Him, they were troubled, saying, "it is a Ghost", and they were filled with fear. Why? Because they were looking at Jesus through the eyes of imagination. But, straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer, It is I, be not afraid." Looking dominates life, which way are you looking?

After listening to Christ's comforting words, Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it be you, bid me to come to Thee on the water."

And Jesus said, "Come". Looking at Christ through the eyes of faith, he walked on the water. But, as he (Peter) looked at the leaping waves and the effects of the violent wind, he began to sink, but cried out saying, "Lord save me." As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he continued to walk on the stormy sea without sinking. Which way are you looking at your stormy sea of life today? The way you look at your disappointments, tribulations, sicknesses and crisis makes a difference. Look through the eyes of faith in God and everything will look brighter. But looking through the eyes of gloom and everything will look darker. My friends, which way are you looking?

Looking backwards arrests progress, and will cause one to become unfit for the Kingdom. Luke 9:62 states that, "He that puts his hands to the plough and looking back is not fit for the Kingdom of God. Looking at difficulties depresses and will cause one to sink. (Matt. 14:26-30) Looking Christward saves. (Numbers 21:8, John 3:14-15). As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish. Remember, looking dominates life, which was are you looking?

BIRDS THRIVE

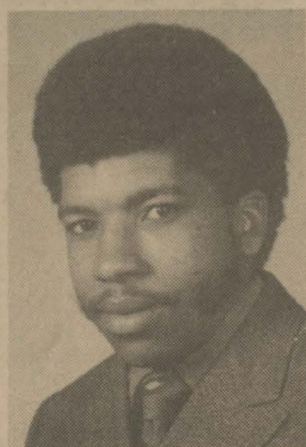
While a few birds have become extinct and many others have dwindled in numbers since the discovery of America, some varieties have greatly increased.

Nominees For Most Together (Yearbook Favorites)

1. Rickey Anthony
2. Hoyt Andrews
3. Donald Allen
4. Edward ArKadie
5. Larry Ates
6. Ken Anderson
7. Donald Adams
8. Gerald Baker
9. Steve Barley
10. Steve Breed
11. Leonard Brantley
12. Chester Bennett
13. Walter Bell
14. Earnest Burke
15. Cornelius Brannon
16. Jordan Brown
17. Harold Brown
18. Steve Bailey
19. Penny Buster
20. Derrick Cooper
21. Spencer Cooper
22. Willie Clayton
23. Herbert Craft
24. Cyrus Cooper
25. David Daniels
26. James Ellis
27. Kenneth Edmondson
28. Lawrence Fryes
29. Gary McFadden
30. Felix Flowers
31. Bill Griffin
32. Carl Gude
33. William Gamble
34. Joe Greene
35. James Gray
36. Jackie Garrett
37. Donald Hall
38. Reginald Holloway
39. Steve Hall
40. Obray Henry
41. Marcus Hughes
42. Sidney Hicks
43. Marvin Jackson
44. Harold Jackson
45. Gary Johnson
46. Marly Jackson
47. Charlie Jackson
48. Ronald Jackson
49. Michael Johnson
50. Maurice King
51. Gregory Kaye
52. Roger Keeton
53. Parish Kincade
54. Darrell Kizzee
55. Michael Lister
56. Joe Lawson
57. Sherwood Mullin
58. Derrick Miller
59. Ardlee Mackey
60. Jerry Manning
61. Rodney Melton
62. Brannon Marsh
63. Marvin Mickey
64. Dermit McAdory
65. Ronald McCanick
66. Michael Newell
67. George Nelson

PV's Productive People

Alumni News



Poindexter Named Plant Supervisor

Bruce Poindexter has been promoted to Plant Supervisor of Monsanto's CHEMICO Ammonia Plant in Luling, Louisiana. The plant produces 600 tons of ammonia per day. This plant is one of several plants operated by Monsanto within their Luling complex, 25 miles west of New Orleans.

Bruce is a 1970 graduate of Prairie View in Mechanical Engineering. In addition, he received a Masters Degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University in 1975.

Bruce has worked for General Electric in Cincinnati and Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan before joining Monsanto in May of 1975.

Mr. Poindexter and his wife, Leonetta, formerly Leonetta Patterson have one child, Nichelle, and currently reside in Harvey, Louisiana.

68. Reginald Robinson
69. Fredrick Roberts
70. Ronald Russell
71. Kerry Ray
72. Michael Rainey
73. Morris Richardson
74. Andrew Squire
75. Gregg Scott
76. Lonnie Smith
77. Ronald Stennit
78. Paul Sweeney
79. Anthony Scott



Dallas Teacher in '75 American Yearbook

Mrs. Verlene L. Norman White has been selected as one of the Most Outstanding Secondary Educators of America for 1975. Her name had been placed in the 1975 Outstanding Secondary Educators of America Yearbook for 1975.

Mrs. White is a native of Linden (Cass County), Texas and a graduate of Prairie View A & M. She earned the M.S. Degree at East Texas State.

Student NEA to Meet in Houston

WASHINGTON, D. C. — John Ryor, president of the National Education Association, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Student National Education Association Jan. 21-25 in Houston.

Student NEA is a 50,000-member organization of college and university students who are preparing for careers in education. It has about 1,000 local chapters on campuses in 50 states. Dale S. Rumberger is president and Ronald O. Daly is executive director.

Ryor will address the Student NEA Representative Assembly Jan. 22. Among the other participants in the conference, in the Sheraton-Houston Hotel, will be NEA Vice President Willard McGuire; Vivian Bowser, a member of the NEA Executive Committee and a Houston teacher; and NEA directors Jack Benson of Tennessee, Don Traxler of Ohio, and Everett Ducker of Idaho.

80. Oura Scott
81. Ronald Stewart
82. Theodore Sams
83. Kenneth Smith
84. Ray Sanders
85. Maquel Tipps
86. David Thomas
87. Ron Thompson
88. Martin Thomas
89. Timothy Trahan
90. Michael Willis
91. Gregory Williams
92. Walter Williams
93. Gerald Wilson
94. Jack Ware



Sutton Speaks To Political Leaders Here

The Honorable Percy E. Sutton, President of The Borough of Manhattan, was the principal speaker at the Annual Banquet sponsored last fall by the Harris County Council of Organizations.

A native of San Antonio, Sutton attended PVA&M. He is known as one of the nation's outstanding authorities on Urban Problems.

PV Native Gives Paper at National Engineering Meet

Dr. Ashland O. Brown, a native of Prairie View, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown, attended and participated in the 1975 Winter Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Houston, Texas. He presented a Research Paper entitled — "Effect of Fine Particles on Fluid Friction Slurries". Dr. Brown is employed at Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York. He is listed as a Development Engineer in the Manufacturing Technology Division.

Representatives of the Houston Teachers Association, the Texas State Teachers Association, and the Texas Student Education Association also will participate.

Workshops will be held Jan. 22 in human relations, legal rights of preservice teachers, interview skills for teachers, and accreditation and certification of teachers. Among issues facing delegates will be proposals for several new national Student NEA programs.

More than 200 students, chapter advisors, and staff consultants are expected to attend the conference, according to Student NEA Vice President Ron Barr.

Congress Provides Funds For Small Farmers

Congress has appropriated funds to be used for work with small, parttime and limited resource farmers and for assistance to home gardeners in rural and urban areas of Texas, according to Mr. Hoover Carden, assistant director of the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program.

Congressional intent in appropriating these funds is to provide assistance to the many small and part-time farmers and home gardeners who could improve their nutritional standards and have more food for their families through the use of their resources to produce home gardens and other food products for use at home or for sale or both.

The appropriations consist of \$1 million to the seventeen 1890 Institutions in the U. S. The 1890 Institutions are the predominantly black land-grant colleges in the U. S. originating from the Morrill Act of 1890. Prairie View A&M University is the only 1890 Institution in Texas.

Mr. Carden stated that the Texas share of the funding is \$92,000 over a 12-month period and that as a result, the 1890 Extension Program at Prairie

View will be able to extend its services to five more counties. Other plans for implementing the funds have not been formulated completely, but Mr. Carden did state that six additional staff members will be hired, and in metropolitan areas where there may not be

sufficient staff to promote urban gardening. Expanded nutrition Program aides, 4-H aides, Family Resource Development aides, and Community Recreation aides will also be used in implementing programs. He also stated that the Prairie View efforts in

providing educational assistance to small, part-time farmers and to home gardeners in both rural and urban areas is just part of a national effort to encourage home gardening to enable families to have better nutrition as well as supplement family income.



A program to assist small farmers and home gardeners in both rural and urban areas will be implemented by the 1890 Extension

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Houston Grand Opera Announces 1976-77 Season

RIGOLETTO will open the 22nd season of the Houston Grand Opera on October 15, 1976, announced general director David Gockley recently. Six operas covering a three century span will be presented during 1976-77, including three works never before produced in Houston.

Among the glittering array of internationally known artists appearing in Houston next season are several whose respective role interpretations have caused critics and audiences the world over to claim them as the greatest living portrayal of today: Kostas Paskalis as Rigoletto, the Figaro of Hermann Prey, Jon Vickers as Peter Grimes, and Grace Melzia Bumbry's Salome.

The new production of THE BARBER OF SEVILLE is notable for the number of exciting Houston Grand Opera debuts: young American mezzo-soprano Maria Ewing, who has turned in electrifying performances in such cities as San Francisco, Chicago, Cologne and Salzburg; Eduardo Jimenez, the brilliant young Spanish tenor fresh from an American debut with the San Francisco Opera; one of Italy's greatest comic singing actors, basso Paolo Montarsolo; and the legendary German baritone, Hermann Prey.

New to Houston audiences are three works encompassing universal themes coupled with far ranging operatic styles. Already a classic, Britten's 35-year old PETER GRIMES offers a tightly woven psychological drama of man's cruelty to man with many different musical elements such as sea chanties, polytonal duets, and simple jigs. ANDREA CHENIER, considered the most inspiring of Giordano's works, premiered at La Scala in 1896 and deals with the historical figure of Andre' de Chenier, who is caught in the struggle of the French Revolution. Perhaps the most enduring of the 17th century works, THE CORONATION OF POPPEA (Monteverdi's final opera) depicts the spectacle of ancient Rome at the zenith of its corruption.

Other HGO debuts include several world renowned conductors and stage directors: Charles Mackerras, John Pritchard, Nicola Rescigno, Kenneth Montgomery, Anthony Besch and Ande Anderson.

Completing this diverse season are two operas familiar to Houstonians: RIGOLETTO and SALOME, last seen here in 1969-70 and 1968-69 respectively.

The 1976-77 Houston Grand Opera International series is as follows:

RIGOLETTO-Verdi (in Italian) October 15, 17 (mat), 19.



AROTC BALL — Miss Soph, [left] Miss AROTC and Miss PV welcome attendees at Annual Ball held before recent holidays.

22 Kostas Paskalis (Rigoletto) Benita Valente* (Gilda), John Brecknock (the Duke of Mantua).

Production to be announced. THE BARBER OF SEVILLE-Rossini (in Italian)—new production November 19, 21 (mat), 23, 26 Maria Ewing* (Rosina), Eduardo Jimenez* (Almaviva), Hermann Prey* (Figaro), Donald Gramm (Dr. Bartolo), Paolo Montarsolo* (Basilio), Dana Krueger (Berta), Charles Mackerras*, conductor/Anthony Besch*, director/John Stoddart*, designer.

PETER GRIMES — Britten (in English) — Houston Grand Opera premiere January 28, 30 (matinee), February 1, 4 Patricia Wells, (Ellen) Orford, Jon Vickers (Peter Grimes), Michael Devlin (Balstrode), John Pritchard*, conductor/Ande Anderson*, director/Carl Toms*, designer.

Production courtesy of San Francisco Opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

ANDREA CHENIER — Giordano (in Italian) — Houston Grand Opera premiere March 3, 6 (mat), 8, 11 Clarice Carson (maddalena), Giorgio Merighi (Andrea Chenier) Brent Ellis (Gerard) Nicola Rescigno*, conductor/Lotfi Mansouri, director/Wolfram Skalicki*, set designer/Amrei Skalicki*, costume designer.

Production conceived and mounted by the Houston Grand Opera and San Francisco Opera.

THE CORONATION OF POPPEA — Monteverdi (in Italian) — Houston Grand Opera premiere March 25, 27 (mat), 29, April 1 Noelle Rogers (Poppea), Maureen Forrester (Arnalta), Sheri Greenwald (Drusilla), Alan Titua (Nero), Brent Ellis (Ottone), John Ferrante (Amor), Kenneth Montgomery*, conductor/

Frank Corsaro, director/Neil Jampolis, set designer/Jane Greenwood*, costume designer.

Production acquired from the Opera Society of Washington, D. C.

SALOME — Strauss (in German) April 15, 17 (mat), 19, 22 Grace Melzia Bumbry* (Salome), Dana Krueger (Herodias), William Neill (Herod), Noel Tyl (Jokanaan), Lawrence Foster, conductor. Production to be announced.

The 1976-77 American Series and POP OP casts will be announced later. The dates are: RIGOLETTO — October 16, 18

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE — November 20, 22

PETER GRIMES — January 29, 31

ANDREA CHENIER — March 5, 7

SALOME — April 16, 18 *Houston Grand Opera debut

Nominees For Campus Players (Yearbook Favorites)

- George Arnold
- Sherry Anderson
- Harold Allen
- Hoyet Andrews
- Robert Armstrong
- Rickey Anthony
- Steve Bartley
- Donald Burrell
- Joe Billops
- Sherwood Burkes
- Timmy Brown
- Gerald Bartholomew
- Jerry Buster
- Cornelius Brown
- Perry Buster
- Cornelius Brandon
- Dennis Bluford
- Anthony Bell
- Spencer Cooper
- Tony Davis
- Lionel Evans

AROTC Ball—Highlight of The Semester

Basic corps cadets and their dates danced away the night to the thrilling sounds of "The Organization" soul band at their Annual Ball on Dec. 12th. This gala extravaganza was the results of the planning and implemental expertise of the cadets, under the auspices of CPT. J. C. Frazier.

The New Orleans based "Organization" band kept the ballroom jumping with its dazzling repertoire of current hits. COL Frederick (PMS), Miss PV (Althea Tate), Miss AROTC Carolyn Price), Miss Freshman, and Miss Sophomore received the attendees as they were presented by the Brigade's Adjutant through the traditional receiving line.

The rainbow created by the ladies' lovely pastel gowns complemented the corps cadets in their formal attire. The university's "Alfredett Sophisticates", a modern dance group, performed interpretive dances to the music of Silent Night and Sleigh Ride. Under the tutelage of Ms. Alfreda Banks, on her premiere performance, the "Sophisticates" presented a culturally stimulating experience to an awed audience. The dancers included Phyllis Wallace, Dathane Hall and Venessa Baines.

The AROTC cadets could have danced all night, for it was a night to remember . . . THE AROTC BALL 1975-76!

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- Roy Fuller
- Jimmy Fisher
- Delbert Flukes
- Felix Flowers
- William Griffin
- Don Gibson
- Janes Gray
- William Gamble
- Bill Griffin
- Anthony Hawkins
- Donald Hall
- Charles Hill
- Gregg Hazeley
- Maurice Harrison
- Edward Johnson
- Gary Johnson
- Harold Johnson
- Jones Johnson
- Marvin Jackson
- Parish Kincaid
- Darrell Kizze
- Hal Lewis
- Montie Lee
- Harold Lewis
- Daryll McKnight
- W. D. McCloud
- Sherwood Mullin
- David McKnight
- Kermit McAdory
- Rodney Melton
- Bobby Pinkerton
- Kenneth Parker
- Michael Rainey
- Jackie Rushing
- Morris Richardson
- Fredrick Roberts
- Larry Randolph
- James Robinson
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Weight Lifting Meet Scheduled

The Prairie View A&M Basketball Club will host the 1976 Texas Interscholastic Collegiate Weightlifting Championships 21 Feb. 76 starting at 8 a.m. Weigh-in for the lifters will be at 7 a.m. for the lighter class and 12 noon for the heavier classes.

This meet will draw the best college weight lifters from all over the state of Texas.

Texas A&M University, the defending 1975 team Champions, are expected to put in a strong bid to repeat. Other strong entries will be North Texas State, Univ. of Texas, Angelo State, and Texas Christian University.

Prairie View A&M Univ. will have a pair of powerful lifters bidding for the 148 lb. class and 165 lb. class is Sammual Harrison and Ellis Berry.

The Physique Contest will materialize only if there are ten or more contestants.

Admission will be \$1 at the door. Pv students with ID cards will be admitted free, other students with ID cards will be admitted for 50c.

Prairie View Team In SWAC Indoor

Prairie View (Special) — The Prairie view Panthers and Pantherettes are making subtle preparation for the first annual Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor track championship, which will be held at Jackson State, Friday and Saturday, January 23-24.

The Panthers who won the NAIA mile relay title at the SWAC spring championship at Houston last May, with a 3:08.8, return only John Derrett and Cyrano Revada. Jonathan Beal and Cornell Evans, who also ran on the team have graduated.

Vance Drewey, who placed second in the SWAC spring championship 440 intermediate hurdles (52.5), is one of the Panthers top returnees. Milton Mitchell, a 24' 2" long jumper and 6' 6" high jumper along with 15' pole vaulter Lloyd Allen, are other top Panthers participating in the meet.

Mickey Hayes, a 4:20.5 miler, Michael Rainey (9.5) in the 100 and Revada, 47.9



THE 1975-76 PANTHER SQUAD

PV Wins Three Relays In Annual Winter Meet

Prairie View A&M University captured two relay events in the men's division and one in the women's division Saturday to highlight the annual Prairie View A&M Winter Relays.

No points were kept in the meet.

Prairie View's men won the 440 and two-mile relays, while the women's team captured the mile relay.

Texas Southern's mile relay unit posted a time of 3:21.8 to seize first place in that event in the men's division.

quatermiler, are also top people in the meet.

The national champion Pantherettes boast Olympic hopefuls Andrea Bruce and Carol Cummings, are one of the favorites in the women's division.

Also returning for coach Barbara Jacket are Shirley Williams, who set a SWAC record in the 880 run (2:18.3), Mary Ayers, the SWAC intermediate hurdle record holder (1:01.0), and Beverly Day (56.4), quatermiler, head the Pantherettes in the meet.

Olympic hopefuls Carol Cummings a 10.4 sprinter along with Andrea Bruce, the National leader in the 100 meter hurdles (13.8) and high jump 6'1½", placed at the recent Pan Am games.

Armstrong Leads PV In Wyatt Earp Style

by Joe Booker

Remember the old western movies when the fast shooters came to town everyone would run and hide.

Well, when Prairie View and its trigger man Robert Armstrong comes to town the people can't run and hide. They have to stick around and go through the problem of trying to set up defenses to stop the hot shooting of Armstrong who shoots a basketball in the same fashion Wyatt Earp shot a gun.

Armstrong is a 6-4 junior guard-forward and leads the Southwestern Athletic Conference in field goal shooting with a 74.4 percentage. His 27.0 scoring average is fourth best in the SWAC, while his 12.0 rebound norm is SWAC's fifth best. In his last three games he scored 91 points for a 30.3 norm. Against Paul Quinn he scored 39 points, hitting 15 of 17 from the field and 9 of 10 from the charity line.

Six Flags Set For Job Applications

Arlington, Texas — Six Flags Over Texas will begin taking applications for host and hostess positions for the coming season on Friday, January 2.

Applications will be accepted in the theme park's personnel office each week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

All applicants must be interviewed in person and no appointment is necessary. The personnel office is located in the park's administration building on the west parking lot.

Each year Six Flags employs some 2,000 hosts and hostesses. Such positions as ride operators, gift shop personnel, restaurant personnel and others are open.

During its 16-year history the entertainment center has provided summer jobs for more than 25,000 persons, primarily high school and summer students.

Fire annually costs the nation more than \$3 billion in direct losses. The cost is untold billions more in terms of jobs ended, production suspended, sales lost, accounts payable records destroyed — meaning lost income for owners and employees alike.

When the Panthers leave PVU for a road trip Panther head coach Elwood Plummer makes his roll call with Armstrong at the head of the list. "Armstrong", calls out Plummer, "Here coach," responds Armstrong. "Let's go," Plummer tells the driver ending the roll call.

After five games the Panthers were 5-0 and the man responsible for most of the Panther surge is their Trigger Man. "Armstrong is playing as good a ball as anyone in college," said Plummer. "He can shoot, can't he," continued Plummer.

Armstrong is an exceptional player playing with some exceptional teammates like Fred Brooks, for instance, his homeboy from Dallas, leads the NAIA district 8 with 17.4 rebounds per game and is scoring at a 19.8 rate per outing. But the Panthers biggest threat is All America forward Marvin "Mr. J" Jackson, who led the Southwestern Athletic Conference in rebounds last season (14.2) and was the SWAC's third leading scorer (23.0). Mr. J. is currently averaging 19.0 points and 14.2 rebounds per contest.

With the Big Three paving the way the Panthers are an early season choice to make it to the national tournament, something a Panther team hasn't done since the Cornell Lackey, Zelmo Beaty days, back in 1962.

Panthers In Big Home Stand

After eight straight road games, including Thursday night's game at Jackson and at Southern Saturday, the Prairie View Panthers basketball team will return to friendly grounds when they begin a five game homestand beginning with Texas College Monday, January 19.

Paul Quinn, January 21, Grambling January 24, Alcorn, January 26 and Wiley, January 29, follow Texas College in the Little Dome. Texas College and Wiley are NAIA district 8 games, while Grambling and Alcorn, are Southwestern Athletic Conference games. The Panthers defeated Wiley at Marshall, 102-81.

Led by Robert Armstrong, their 6-4 junior trigger man, the Panthers lead the NAIA district 8 south zone with a 4-0 mark. Armstrong is the hottest this side of the border. The former Dallas-Pinkston hotshot went into the Huston Tillotson game averaging 27.0 points a contest. His 39 points coming off the bench against Paul Quinn at Waco, helped establish a new Panther team scoring record when they blasted Paul Quinn, 139-75 in a district 8 contest. He was 15 of 17 from the field and 9 of 10 from the free throw line. His 73.4 field goal shooting percentage is the best in the nation.

Joe Pouncey, who covered the PVU-Bishop game in Dallas, was real high on Armstrong after watching him score 22 points and pull down 12

rebounds despite sitting out most of the game because of foul trouble." He's (Armstrong) the best player I have seen in a long time," said Pouncey who has also seen Ira Terrel (SMU) Otis Birdsong (UH) and many more. "He's so quick," continued an amazed Pouncey.

Another Dallas lad, Fred Brooks, the Panthers silk-cool 6-8 senior center is also a Panther leader. Brooks leads the district in rebounding with 17.4 a game and his 10 blocked shots also lead the district. He is scoring at a 19.0 rate.

The Panthers four game streak of 100 points a game was broken against Bishop, when the Tigers pulled a stall on the hurrying Panthers and slowed the Panthers to a game low of 79 points.

Despite their 79 points against Bishop the Panthers continue to lead the nation in scoring with a 109.0 game average. They had gone into the Bishop contest with a 117.0 game average.

The Panthers 79-78 win over Bishop was a big step for them toward the NAIA zone title and NAIA district and possible trip to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo., March 8-13. Only TSU, Austin College and Texas College are on the Panthers road schedule in district competition.

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1975-76 PV A&M Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Exp./Class	Hometown
25	Marvin Jackson	6'6"	F	1L/Jr.	Houston, Texas
43	Kermit McAdory	6'6"	F	2L/Jr.	Leland, Mississippi
55	Freddie Brooks	6'8"	C	3L/Sr.	Dallas, Texas
23	James Gray	6'2"	G	2L/Jr.	Houston, Texas
10	Willie Davis	5'9"	G	TR./Jr.	Houston, Texas
15	Robert Armstrong	6'4½"	F	1L/Jr.	Dallas, Texas
35	David Daniels	6'4"	F	JC/Jr.	Houston, Texas
11	Harold Jackson	6'1"	G	JC/Jr.	Houston, Texas
31	George Bolton	6'2"	F	Fr.	Chicago, Illinois
41	Jeffrey Mayshack	6'7"	C	2L/Sr.	Houston, Texas
13	Ceasor Holmes	6'7"	G	2L/Jr.	Houston, Texas
45	James Beal	6'5"	F	2L/Jr.	Texarkana, Texas
22	Fredrick Thompson	6'6"	F	1L/Sop.	Seattle, Washington
33	Dennis Wayne	6'5"	F	2L/Jr.	San Antonio, Texas
32	Billy Giddens	6'4"	F	JC/Jr.	Carlsbad, New Mexico
21	Walter Kemper	6'4"	G	JC/Jr.	San Antonio, Texas
53	Gordon Green	6'6"	F	Fr.	East Chicago, Indiana

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