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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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Home Economics Group Welcomes New Members

By Debra Nash

Members of Kappa Omicron Phi at Prairie View A&M University sponsored a Candlelight Service on December 7, in the Home Economic Building to welcome new members into the national professional fraternity in home economics.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Elizabeth May Galloway the first Dean of Home Economics here at the University. She came to Prairie View in 1923 and retired in 1964.

Former Dean Galloway, a member of Kappa Omicron Phi, received her B.S. in 1919 and M.S. in 1933 from Kansas State University. Mrs. Galloway pointed out in her talk that Prairie View was the first Black College to have a chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi on a predominantly Black University Campus.

The home economics build-



Elizabeth M. Galloway
Former Dean is Speaker

ing is named for Mrs. Galloway who served the institution for over 40 years.

New members of the organization are: Linda Fisher, Gayle Jones, Angel Lenord, Verlalia Lewis, Erma Lyles and Grace Osborne. Officers of the Fraternity include Carolyn Boozer president, Abigail Edward vice president, and Mrs. Delia M. Hunt sponsor.

Army-Navy — Mid-Year Commissioning Exercises Held December 10

ROTC Commission Exercises for both Army and Navy were held in the Memorial Center Ballroom on December 10.

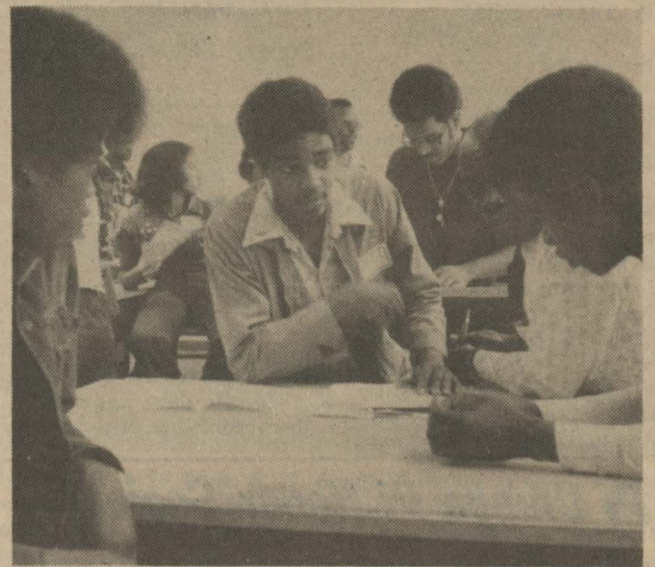
The speaker for the occasion was Brig. General John Q. T. King, president of Houston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas. General King also administered the oath and President A. I. Thomas presented Commissions.

Students who received Commissions in the United States Army and Second Lieutenants were:

James R. Bell	.....	Infantry Corps
Rufino Garcia	.....	Medical Services Corps
Jackie E. Garrett	.....	Medical Services Corps
Ricky O. Garrett	.....	Signal Corps
Monroe D. Glenn	.....	Armor Corps
Sammie L. Harrison	.....	Air Defense Artillery Corps
Alonza O. C. Sargent	.....	U.S. Army Reserve
Robert Smith	.....	Armor Corps
William B. Whiteside	.....	Armor Corps (Regular Army)

Candidates for Commissions in the United States Navy and Marine Corps in the Grades of Ensign and Second Lieutenants included:

Charles L. Boone, II	.....	U.S. Naval Reserve
Elmo T. Jackson	.....	U.S. Navy
Marvel T. Jackson	.....	U.S. Navy
Phillip M. Jackson	.....	U.S. Marine Corps
Larry W. Parker	.....	U.S. Naval Reserve



BONING UP FOR FINALS — Students work with faculty members as they prepared for semester finals this week. Final exams began Monday and will run through Friday. The first semester close officially Saturday.

Pre-Registration Ends Saturday — Spring Semester Classes To Begin on January 10

The Spring Semester opens officially on January 2 when residence halls and other facilities become available to students. Educational services will not begin however until after New Year's Day on January 4. The annual student-Faculty Conference is scheduled for January 4-5.

Pre-registration for the new semester closes Saturday. General registration will pick up again on January 7-8 and

classes will get underway on January 10.

Other second semester special dates include the final day for late registration on January 24 and the last day to apply for May Graduation set for February 7.

HOLIDAYS AHEAD

Students will complete final exams for the Fall Semester on Friday, and those who haven't already will head for home or other locations. The Christmas and New Year's holidays extend from Friday until Tuesday, January 4.

A few out-of-state and foreign students may remain on campus for the two-week break, but for the most part, all campus facilities will be closed from December 23 through New Year's Day.

alumnae workshops.

A delicious luncheon, which was prepared by Joseph Battle and staff, was enjoyed by the group.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Hosted Area Retreat

Zeta Gamma and Zeta Gamma Omega members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., hosted an Area Retreat at Prairie View on Saturday, December 9.

The group registered 90 sorors from several Texas cities, including Austin, Beaumont,

Galveston, Houston, La Marque and Texas City.

The one-day meeting was conducted by the AKA Regional Director Deralyn R. Davis of Fort Wroth. Discussion topics included constitution and By-Law changes, undergraduate workshops and



VICTORY POSE — PV players and fans pose for this traditional locker room victory scene taken immediately following the Panthers' upset win over nationally-ranked Alcorn (Miss.) State. The game was televised regionally over ABC-TV.

Gift For All-Faiths Chapel Received

Mrs. Laura Brown, of Prairie View, Texas had been dreaming of making a contribution in memory of her husband to Prairie View A&M University and last month her dream became a reality. Thanks to Mrs. Brown's \$500.00 contribution Prairie View A&M University's All-Faiths Chapel is closer to reality.

When accepting this generous donation Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A&M University, stated "This is a great day in the history of Prairie View A&M University and a great day in the growth of the community."

Mr. J. P. Brown had served Prairie View A&M University and the Prairie View community in many capacities prior to his death. He was Veteran's

Counselor prior to his retirement from Prairie View A&M University.

The gift was made on the 5th Anniversary of Mr. Brown's death.



Rev. Jackson Mrs. Larua Brown Dr. Thomas

Pi Omega Pi Initiates Alumni and Students

Mrs. Lula Walker, Instructor of Bookkeeping and Typewriting at Cy Fair High School, Cypress, Texas, was among Alumni Business Education majors initiated in Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Walker earned both the BS and Ms at Prairie View A&M University. She is married to Mr. Clarence Walker and has a daughter, Kimberly.

Additional initiates included Mrs. Aubrey Holmes, instructor of Business subjects in Beaumont, Texas; Miss Erie Jones, instructor of business at Jersey Village Senior High School, Cy-Fair District; Miss Sabrina Lee, Jr.; Miss Deborah Woodard, Jr.; Miss Karen Breaux, Jr.; Miss Sharon Adam, Jr.; Miss Brenda Lakey,

Jr.; Miss Joyce Brown, Jr.; Miss Stevetta Potts, Alumni; Mrs. Ella Garrett Anderson, Alumni; Mrs. Ruby Cross, Alumni; Mrs. Cynthia Sam, Sr.

Fingerprints May Spot Bad Heart

Heart specialists may consider fingerprinting female patients as a result of a new report linking a peculiar fingerprint pattern with a heart condition prevalent among women.

It was found that patients with a heart valve disorder that can cause chest pain and irregular heart beats are much more likely to have an arching pattern in their fingerprints than people free of the defect.

Pi Omega Pi Honor Society

The purposes of Pi Omega Pi Honor Society are to: create a fellowship among teachers of business subjects, encourage interest, and promote scholarship in business education.

Encourage civic responsibility, foster high ethical standards in business and professional life among teachers of business, and teach the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprises.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Each candidate must have expressed an intention of becoming a teacher of business subjects.

Each candidate must possess the following qualifications:

- completion of at least three semesters of college courses including at least 15 semester hours in business and education subjects.
- attainment of general scholarship sufficient to place him with the upper 35 percent of his college class (sophomore or above), and the achievement of an average grade of "B" or higher in all courses in business and education.

Christ Birthday

Christmas is almost here
And people are busy everywhere,
Preparing their home for Christmas Day
Around the time Mary prepared,
For Christ Birth-Day.

Christ was born on December 25th
And the wise men brought gifts
For his Birth-Day.

People were MERRY since that 25th day
And exchanged gifts,
Every year on Christ Birth-Day.

by Peggy D. Archer

BEEP Program Con Edison Executive Speaks at PV A&M

Percy Mack, Senior Systems Analyst with the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, visited Prairie View A&M University on November 30 and December 1 to conduct a class in Management Systems.

Mr. Mack is a participant in the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program. BEEP was created in 1969 to encourage and prepare black college students for business and professional career opportunities. Over 200 top black executives from around the country visit thirty black colleges each semester to share their expertise in courses developed by BEEP. Employers donating the services of their black executives further endorse BEEP by picking up their expenses while on the road.

At Con Edison, Mr. Mack directs systems analysis design and management control activities.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Mack earned his degree in Accounting from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. He has taught Computer Technology part-time at Computer Processing Unlimited.

Mr. Mack presently resides in Brooklyn, New York with his family. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mack of Savannah.

Dr. Settles Attends Exxon's Eighth Faculty Forum

Dr. Carl Settles, associate director of the Counseling Center participated recently in the 1976 Exxon USA Faculty Forum held in Houston.

The purpose of the program, held in the Rice Rittenhouse Hotel, was to provide opportunities for representatives of the business and academic communities to meet and exchange ideas on subjects of mutual interest. Devoted primarily to round table discussions, the Forum gave Exxon Company participants a chance to learn what thoughtful educators perceive to be the legitimate role of business in meeting the changing needs and rising expectations of society.

Faculty representatives from several colleges and universities in southern and western regions had the opportunity to learn more about Exxon and the problems of the oil industry.

THIS DATES US!

Do you remember when, in the pre-escalator days of leisurely shopping, the elevator operators in large department stores called out the merchandise available as the car arrived at each floor?



PV ON "MORNING SHOW" — Admissions Director Dr. George Stafford is shown being interviewed by Larry Morgan host of KHOU-TV's Morning Show. Dr. Stafford described many University programs and announced the coming Spring Semester which starts in early January 1977.

PV Debaters Win Excellence Awards

Several PV students came back recently from a speech tournament with eight awards for excellence in speech communication, according to Dr. Millard Eiland, Assistant Professor of English and Debate coach, who accompanied the students on the trip to the Southwest Texas State University Intercollegiate Speech Tournament in San Marcos, November 19 and 20, 1976. Assisting Dr. Eiland in preparing the students for competition in debate and other forensics activities was Mr. Wilson A. Curtis, also an Assistant Professor. The English department sponsors the program in behalf of the university.

The Prairie View participants who competed against 21 other Texas and Louisiana college groups were: Jack Thompson of Nassau, Bahamas, Phyllis Wallace of Dallas, Irma Balthazar of Houston, Ken Edmonson of Pt. Arthur, Gwylan Wright of Houston, Patricia Burris of San Antonio, Sharlette Maney of Austin, and William Clay of Copperas Cove. They took part in the usual frantic, hurried, but fun

pace of a speech tourney, entering events in Interpretation, Public Speaking, and Debate. As he did last spring at the Nacogdoches tourney, Ken Edmonson led the group in receiving his "Excellent" ranking of autobiographical prose and the same ranking in Oral Interpretation of Original Poetry, and in receiving the impressive "Superior" (top) ranking in Oral Interpretation of Dramatic Literature.

Two other students represented P.V. with distinction by receiving "Superior" rankings: Irma Balthazar won her's in Oral Interpretation of Poetry and William Clay, a P.V. forensics newcomer, won his in Persuasive Speech.

"Excellent" rankings went to two other students: Sharlette Maney and Phyllis Wallace. Sharlette received two such awards in Oral Interpretation: in Autobiographical Prose and in Poetry. Ms. Wallace's award

was also in Oral Interpretation of Poetry.

Gwylan Wright and Patricia Burris, our debaters, came away with a respectable win-loss record of 1-5, considering the short time since they joined together as a team. According to the critique sheets, they came close to winning in two rounds and they received favorable speakers' points as well. Dr. Eiland said he was very proud of their showing in this, one of the most difficult and demanding of the forensic activities.

Students interested in participating in any of the interpretation, debate, or other speech communication activities are urged to contact Dr. Eiland or Mr. Curtis at 118 Anderson Hall, phone 2712, for further information. The program is making strides and students from all departments in the university will be welcomed as participants.

Christmas Day

Christmas is a very Special Day
When everybody feels happy and gay.
It fills your heart with joy
And makes you feel glad to know,
You live to see another Christmas Day.

by Peggy D. Archer

My Neighbors



"Do you have anything for a nickel?—He's just got the sniffles."

Mother of The Christmas

Mother in the kitchen
On Christmas Eve,
Making fruit cakes for her family to eat.
Baking ham and turkey,
Making salads and mixing drinks,
All of this Mother does
For her family to have, "A Happy Christmas Day."
Eating delicious fruit-cakes,
Turkey and Ham,
All of this Mother does
For her family on Christmas Day.

by Peggy D. Archer

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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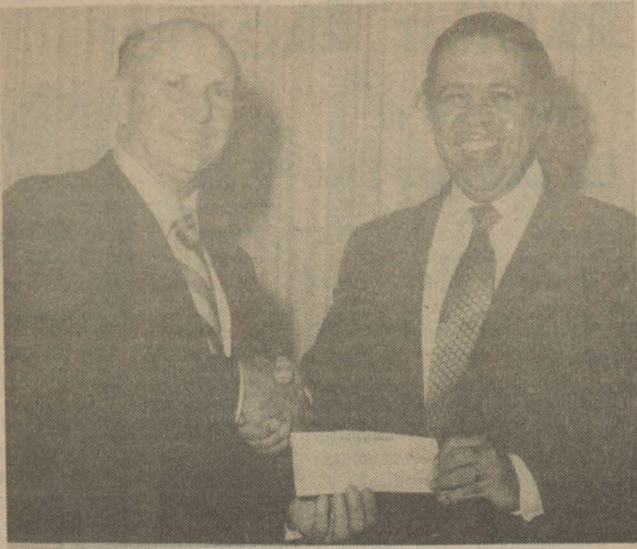
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GULF OIL GIFT — A representative of Gulf Oil Foundation presents a \$10,000 check to D. A. I. Thomas as Gulf's annual contribution to Prairie View A&M.

Zeta Phi Beta

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Omega Gamma Chapter) and the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (Delta Theta Chapter) recently attended the Zeta-Sigma Workshop for Undergraduates on November 19-21, in Shreveport, Louisiana. After serious business came to an end, the fun began. The PVU Sisters of ZIB stepped their way, to a 1st place award in Sorority competition and 2nd for the overall competition. The show was one indeed to be truly remembered and as you know everyone was definitely in shock and stunned the rest of the night. The trophy was very beautiful and the workshop was enjoyed very much.

The Women of Zeta are now planning to have a small get together with the Upward Bound Students this Saturday.

Once again it's time for school business and Final Exams are this week. So please study and keep those grades up to the very best of your ability. The Holiday Seasons are steadily approaching and we would like to tell everyone to drive carefully and to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Reporter, Julia Sanders

CONNECTICUT TAXES HIGHEST

The nation's highest gasoline, sales and cigarette tax rates all exist in one state, Connecticut, the Commerce Clearing House says.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Alpha Angel Carol Retreat for Senior Citizens

The members of the Alpha Angel Society sponsored a Christmas Carol Retreat for the residents of the Hempstead Nursing Home. The Angels, along with the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a few friends of Alpha were warmly received by the residents as they proceeded to render the Christmas Program they had planned. The residents were very responsive and invited the Angels to come back and visit with them in the near future.

We would like to ask all the members of the Prairie View Family to make somebody happy during this festive season if only with a warm conversation and a friendly smile. Since Christmas is a wonderful time for giving, we urge all students to give to the Prairie View Development Fund. In giving to the Fund, you are really giving to yourself because the same money that you give will be used to provide a better Prairie View for you.

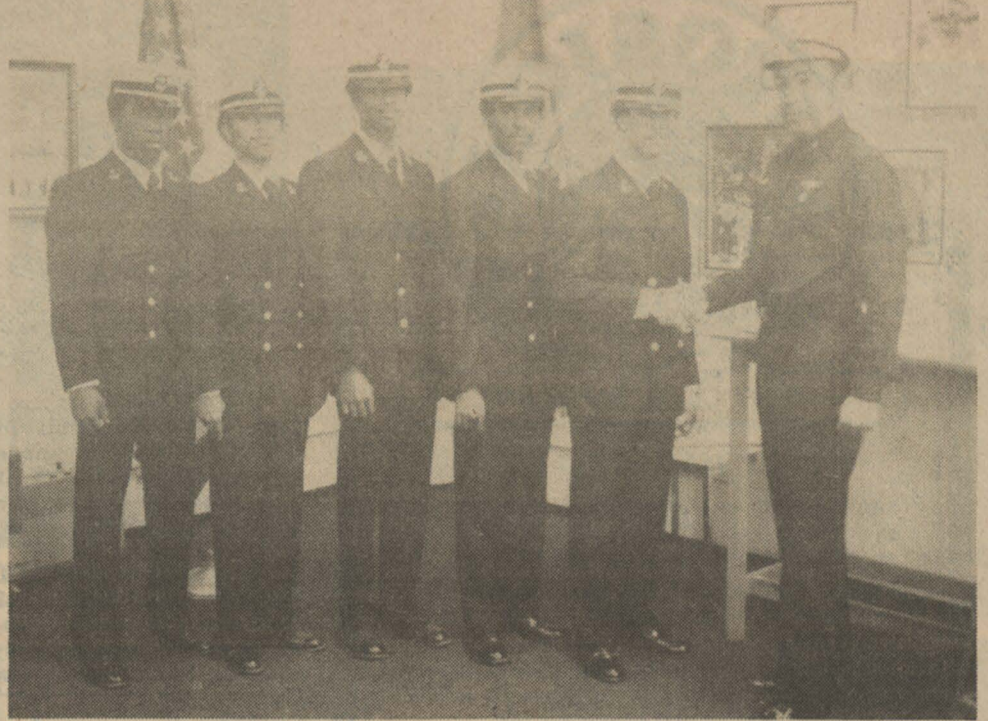
We also take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Members of the Alpha Angel Society

The Old Timer



"Beware of a politician who refuses to answer some questions on the grounds that they will eliminate him."



SWEARING IN — On December 7, 1976, Capt. B. W. Cloud, Professor of Naval Science, swore in five [5] new Naval Scholarship recipients. Upon completion of their college curriculum these Midshipmen will be commissioned into the U. S. Navy as Ensigns. Midshipmen from left to right are: Oscar Minter [Greenville, Texas], James Ellis [Houston, Texas], Paul Ewing [Ninton, Florida], Anthony Bell [Jacksonville, Florida] and Norris Williams [San Antonio, Texas].

Alphas Founders' Day Successful

The Brothers of the Eta Gamma and the Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated at Prairie View A&M University celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, with a Founders' Day Observance Service on Sunday, December 5, 1976 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. The service which featured Brother Otis King, City Attorney of Houston, was very successful despite the rainy weather.

Brother King spoke on the important role that Blacks played in the development of Politics in the New South. He said that if Black People and other minority groups need to

unite their voting power together if they are to succeed on the political scene. He went on to say that other Blacks like himself are not holding the important positions in government and in the professions because of any accident, they are holding them because they are qualified and the Black voter has great influence in the political arena.

The audience was truly enlightened by Mr. King's presentation. One of the highlights of the service was the presentation of Fifty Year Awards to Brothers of the Fraternity. Recipients of the Award were Brother Thomas E. Dooley, Former Dean of Arts

and Science at Prairie View; Brother E. B. Evans, President Emeritus of Prairie View (accepted by Mrs. E. B. Evans); Brother Herman T. Jones, former Principal of Elementary Education at Prairie View; Brother O. E. Jackson, retired faculty of Mississippi Valley State University, and Brother Thomas R. Solomon, Sr., retired Dean of Students and Department Head at Prairie View.

These five young men are only a few of the great men initiated into the Fraternity since its founding on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Alpha is still about its task of producing outstanding individuals in the annals of law, politics, religion, civil rights, sports, education, business, entertainment and various other fields.

The service was attended by members of the various greek letter organizations, students, faculty, staff and friends of Prairie View. Including among the guests were the Mayor of Prairie View, Mr. Eristus Sams and Brother B. Coruthers of Kansas City, Missouri.

The Brothers would like to thank the Alpha Angels for serving as Ushers for the Program. We would also like to thank the members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for their floral contributions.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend Christmas Greetings to all the members of the Prairie View Family and we wish you all a prosperous New Year.

Derick King
Editor-to-Sphinx

SHARE THE RIDE WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS AND GET ON TO A GOOD THING.

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KICK-OFF HELD FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT — Miss Prairie View (Shelly Townsend) and class presidents presented an initial check for the Student Development Drive which is now in full swing. Receiving the funds during the kick-off session were Ms. Cynthia Rodgers, Development Officer and President A. I. Thomas. The class presidents are (L-R) Harold Brown, (Senior class), Auro Scott, (Juniors), Wayne Blount, (Sophomore), and Donald Gamble, (Freshmen).

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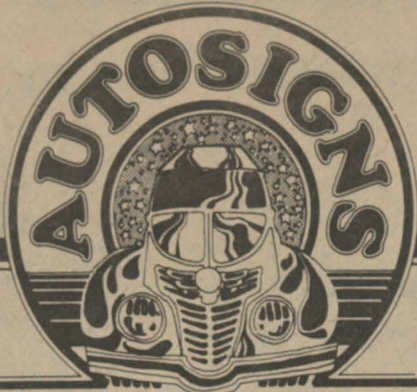


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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Strive to be more considerate. Give another driver a chance of access to the freeway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Use your good sense to save an infant's life. Make sure the child is securely strapped in before starting your car.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Are your generous impulses self-destructive? Really, why take a chance on a hitchhiker?

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Yellow may be a tempting color for you at this time. Resist the urge to race yellow lights.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Your forceful leadership comes in handy. Use it to convince passengers to buckle up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Everything in its place. Keep your mind on the road, and leave romancing for later.

CANCER (June 22 to July 21): Distractions are dangerous. Make sure children are occupied so they will behave in the back seat.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21): Think ahead. If you plan to celebrate, arrange for transportation home in advance.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): You may feel compelled to complete an action, regardless of fatigue. Remember that frequent rest stops will increase your chances for a safe trip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Protect yourself from minor but irritating losses. Check your driveway for toys before you back out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your good sense can save lives. Make sure your children know about bicycle and pedestrian safety.



FORMER EDITOR RETURNS — LTC Beauregard Brown III is welcomed home to the campus by Dr. C. A. Wood, University Information and Publications Director. A well decorated war hero and Army educational leader returned from Germany recently and is headquartered at Ft2 Bragg N.C.

PV Grad Lauds Army

Major Tommy T. Osborne, a PV graduate and former AROTC officer here recently was interviewed by a German newspaper in which he lauded the Army equality policy. The article reflects 200 years of experience and looks ahead to better things in America in the next 200 years.

Major Osborne, serving the past two years with the U.S. Army in Ansbach, Germany, is equal opportunity and race relations staff officer for the 1st Armed Division.

He said, "The United States has grown from a backwater revolutionary nation with racist overtones to a nation with a worldwide example of a functioning democracy," and that the U.S. is a nation of people who have realized they have had problems, and have tried to correct them. "At some time during our 200 years history that have been people of all races who were trying to make things better for all Americans," Osborne added.

Major Osborne also said that the U.S. Army reflects America's 200 years of experience and the Army has normally been in the forefront of utilizing people. "The reason the Army is where it's at today is because the leadership is fully committed to fielding the best combat force possible. They know you can't do it unless you give everyone an equal opportunity," Osborne said.

The elimination of slavery and segregation and giving women the right to vote have been milestones in American history, he said. "We've eliminated some of the bounds. We have removed legal limitations on groups of Americans.

"But during the next 200 years, Americans must work on locating and eliminating in-

Major Tommy Osborne



equities. If we can break the cycle of poverty, and the cycle of underachievement, we can increase the industrial output of our nation and better the quality of American life because we are spending less money to pay people for not doing things."

"For a long time in the United States, no matter how efficient you were, if you were an identifiable minority you could not achieve to your fullest. Changes were made in the 1960s. Now the American dream of equality is slowly being realized for all Americans who strive." He added that progress has been greater in the military for minorities.

"Americans must still destroy that wall of personal racism that effects them. One of the means of doing this is through education," Osborne said. In this connection he said that the Army minorities studies program is paying dividends and added, "America must offer a quality education for all people and we are not getting quality education in all places."

Osborne believes that "Quality education fosters a sense of appreciation for the contributions of all Americans towards American greatness. But quality education is only half the battle. Americans have to have a sense that America has a common goal and that it takes team work to achieve it. I think that this idea is an accepted

Kollar Korner

Five Points of The Christmas Star

By Rev. Thomas Johnson



Matt. 2:10, Isaiah 9:6
Holy greetings and a MERRY CHRISTMAS to the family of Prairie View A&M University and the city as a whole.

Again, God's blessings is showering on us as we approach another Christmas, the day that has been set aside for Christ's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

In the midst of all the troubles, confusions, and uncertainties of this world, we are a blessed people and have much to thank God for. Remember God is still on the throne.

In our scripture text, Matt. 2:10, when the Wise Men saw His star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, knowing they had found Christ, the Savior of the world of whom the Prophets had prophesied about.

Isaiah, the eagle eyed Prophet, looked through the scopes of time, more than seven hundred years before Christ was born, and left on record the 'Five Points of the Christmas Star.'

Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful — point no. 1; counsellor — point no. 2; The Mighty God — point no. 3; The Everlasting Father — point no. 4; The Prince of Peace — point no. 5."

Let's take a brief look at these five points:

1. The word 'wonderful' means — marvelous, excellent, fine, admiration. To Solomon, He was the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley; to David, He was Sweeter than Honey in the Rock; to Jeremiah, He was like Fire Shut Up in His Bones.

Space will not allow me to continue. How wonderful is Christ to you?

2. He is the world's best counsellor, a lawyer that has

fact in the military and that it is becoming a reality at the soldier level."

never lost a case, and the only lawyer that can save souls from hell.

3. He is the Mighty God, that created the world out of nothing. When the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the deep, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, "Let there be," and whatever He requested came into existence. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD!

4. Yes, He is the everlasting Father. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He instructed them to say, "Our Father." I am reminded of the old hymn, "Father, I stretch My Hands To Thee, No Other Help I Know."

5. The Prince of Peace — He gave peace to the man in the graveyard, that was possessed with demon spirits. He rebuked the storm and made the raging sea be calm. Somebody said, "What Manner of Man is This?"

No wonder the wise men rejoiced with great joy when they saw His star. If we will consider those five points of the Christmas Star, we, too, will rejoice and sing with assurance, "Joy to the World, The Lord Has Come."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE.

Rev. Thomas Johnson



"It's refreshing to see someone who isn't lolling about waiting for a government hand-out."

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GREEK SHOW



Alpha Spotlight

The members of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, taken this time to salute Brothers Jackie Garrett and Andre' Fryer on their recent accomplishment in the Army ROTC Program at Prairie View A&M University.

Brother Garrett is one six Prairie View students who received commissioning in the United States Army at its Semi-Annual Commissioning Exercises in the Memorial Student Center on Friday, December 10, 1976. Jackie received his commission as a Second Lt. and will take up his assignment in the Medical Services Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Garrett, Senior of Center, Texas.

Brother Fryer was awarded a three year scholarship for his outstanding performance in the AROTC Program at Prairie View. The scholarship will take care of all his college expenses and he will receive a \$100 stipend per month during the school year. Brother Fryer, along with the other recipient, will also receive commissions in the United States Army upon completion of their studies at Prairie View. Brother Fryer is a Sophomore majoring in Agriculture. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fryer, Sr., of Gonzales, Texas.

Congratulations Brothers, you can really say that Christmas for you both came rather early!

Frederick Roberts, President



Jackie Garrett



Andre' Fryer

Cancer Scientist Presents Biology Seminar

A seminar was presented to the Biology students and faculty by Dr. Glen Trivers of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland on Wednesday, November 17, 1976. Dr. Trivers is a visiting scientist at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. The title of his talk was "Assay of Lymphotoxins," in which he

discussed the role lymphocytes have in the immune mechanism

and the body's recognition of cancer cells.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Both the Senate and House approved a compromise appropriation bill July 20 containing \$180.5 million for the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities in Fiscal 1977. The amount is \$4.5 million below the Administration's request. The money is included in a \$6 billion funding bill (HR 14231) for the interior Department and a number of separate agencies. Also included in the bill are \$589 million for the Federal Energy Administration, and \$30 million for the Youth Conservation Corps which provides summer jobs in public parks and forests. The bill now goes to the White House.

Dr. Trivers reported that lymphocytes which develop in the thymus gland are responsible for the cell mediated immunity. Since the thymus gland degenerates from birth to old age and since cancer becomes more common with age, then, perhaps, these lymphocytes lose their ability to recognize and destroy abnormal cancer cells. Dr. Trivers feels that his studies may show that thymus extracts will enhance the ability of the lymphocytes and, thus, be of benefit in cancer prevention and cure.

"I never behold the stars that I do not feel that I am looking in the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." —Abraham Lincoln, at age of 19.

Student Development Fund Drive Begins

Every member of the student body is being asked to contribute One Dollar each to the Student Development Fund which is now fully underway.

Sponsored by various student organizations in cooperation with the Division of Student Affairs, the project is moving along well. All organizations are competing with each other and the residence halls are also in competition in raising funds in the Drive.

Prizes will be given to groups that contribute the largest amount percentage-wise to the Drive. The Drive is scheduled to close Friday.

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Wright Optimistic About Track Team Outlook

Prairie View head track coach Hoover John Wright is never one to go into a season with a pessimistic outlook. This is why Wright is optimistic about the 1976-1977 Panther track team. "I was happily surprised with our performances at the Winter Relays last week," said Wright whose team won the Winter Relays for the second year in a row. "It's kind of early to tell a lot about the team, but I am impressed. I saw a couple of bright spots among our freshmen in the 880 and quarter," continued Wright whose teams have won two SWAC and four national title since 1968.



Wright

competitive in the sprint relays this season," said Wright. "We have a couple of sprinters who have good potentials," Wright said.

Last season the Panthers dominated the mile relay and two mile relay. They won the Texas Relays with a 3:10.1. They had a best in the two mile relay of 7:33.6 at the Texas Relays. Wayne Smith, the Panther workhorse on the mile relay and two mile relay team is back for his final year. "It looks like we will have another good mile relay and two mile relay team," said Wright. "We are looking impressive in our hurdlers, particularly the high hurdlers," continued Wright.

Wright also returns All SWAC distance runner Johnny Miles, who won the NAIA district with a 4:20.6. Miles also won the district six miles run (31:36.77) and three mile run (15:16.5).

Wayne Smith is also the Southwestern Athletic Conference halfmile champion, which he won last year with a 1:52.6.

One of Wright's concern last year was to improve in the sprinters and sprint relay areas. "I feel that we will be more

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Baseball — Steptoe Following in Footsteps Of Roommate Steve Henderson

By Larry Wade
Ex-Prairie View Panther Steve Henderson, who now spends his time whacking baseballs for the Cincinnati Reds, certainly left his mark before he departed. Henderson was a roommate of Panther left fielder Roland Steptoe before getting drafted by the Reds in the fifth round in 1973.



Steptoe Batting .403

One look at Steptoe's statistics and it is obvious to see that the two had more to talk about than "Saturday Night Live" and "The Midnight Special." For you see, Mr. Steptoe led the team with a .403 batting average. On top of that, he had the team's best fielding percentage (.979), tied for the lead in runs scored (20), and was second to Ron Stinnett in stolen bases with 19. "Steve Henderson gave me a lot of tips on hitting, fielding, and game situations," commented Steptoe. One might wonder what a guy with his credentials needs setting goals for: "Well, I really don't have any special, personal goals," stated Steptoe.

Steptoe cited the secrets to being a consistent hitter as "hard work, determination, and good coaching." Steptoe's brother, Ken Lyles also carries a potent bat as well as a strong pitching arm. Lyles is a one year letterman. The two Kashmere products certainly are key figures in the Panther's quest for the championship.

"But, I would like to go to the playoffs and win the nation-championship."

1977 Baseball Schedule

FEBRUARY	Opponent	Location
Fri. 25	Texas College	Tyler
Sat. 26	Wiley College	Marshall
MARCH		
Fri. 11	Paul Quinn**	Prairie View
Sat. 12	Huston-Tillotson	Austin
Tue. 16	Wiley College	Prairie View
Sat. 19	Jarvis College**	Prairie View
Fri. 25	Paul Quinn College	Waco
Sat. 26	Huston-Tillotson	Prairie View
APRIL		
Fri. 1	Dallas Baptist College	Dallas
Sat. 2	Southern University	Prairie View
Wed. 6	Jarvis College	Hawkins
Thur. 7	Southern University	New Orleans
Fri. 8	Southern University*	Baton Rouge
Sat. 9	Southern University*	Baton Rouge
Fri. 15	Grambling University*	Prairie View
Sat. 16	Grambling University	Prairie View
Fri. 22	Texas Southern Univ.**	Houston
Sat. 23	Tex. Southern Univ.**	Prairie View

** Denotes N.A.I.A. District 8
* Denotes S.W.A.C. Games
All games except April 2 and April 16 games are Doubleheaders

Intramural Recreation Program

"The Spikers are University Women Volleyball Champs." "Holley is University Champs in touch football."

November 29, 1976 — Zeta Phi Beta lost to the Spikers in the best two out of three, 15-11, 15-6 and 15-11 with Zeta Phi Beta winning the first game.

November 29, 1976 — Banks Hall upset's Drew in a surprising victory 15-5 and 15-7.

November 30, 1976 — Banks Hall went down swinging to Drew Hall in one of the season's most exciting volleyball games: 15-8, 15-10, 15-7. Banks won the second game.

December 1, 1976 — Powerful Spikers downed Banks Hall in a volleyball score of 15-3 and 15-7 to make their record 3-0.

December 2, 1976 — "The Spikers" are University-wide

volleyball champions for women. Banks in a make up game, forfeited to the Spikers. Their won-lost records for the season is 6-0.

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Basketball —

Pantherettes Boast Talent and Desire

Prairie View Pantherette basketball coach Jesse Hurst hopes he has found a winning combination in his 1976-77 club. "With a little luck we could have a 500 season," said Coach Hurst. "We are a very young team. We have seven freshmen and four upperclassmen," said Hurst explaining his reasons for a 500 year.

The Pantherettes have already gotten off on a winning note. In their first outing they defeated Jacinto College 66-57 and last week they defeated San Antonio College 68-44. "We got a lot of hustle and desire and that's the big difference from last year's team," said Hurst who also coaches football and scouts for the Panthers.

Hurst cited Doris Horace, Debra Williams and Melorine Davis as his top performers as

of now. "all three of these young ladies are playing good basketball," said Hurst. "They are young and have a lot of talent. Debra Williams is from Prairie View and is averaging 12 rebounds and 10 points a game. Doris Horace is averaging 22 points a game," said Hurst.

Hurst feels the game with Texas Southern Tigerettes on January 17 at Prairie View will be a good one. "I think the Texas Southern game will be our biggest game," said Hurst.

"Texas Southern has a good women team and this will make it a good contest. We will play at 5 p.m., prior to the boys game," continued Hurst.

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Maxie Wins Awards Panther Grid Statistics Improved in 1976

From Chevrolet

The 1976 edition of the Prairie View Panther football team has had several standout players this year.

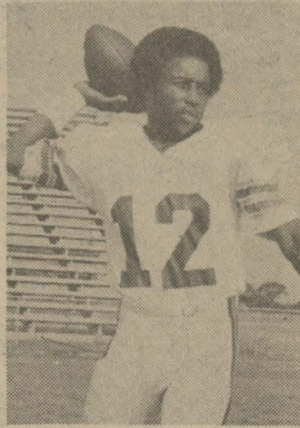
One of the particularly outstanding members of the squad is Sam Maxie, who was recognized by the Chevrolet Motor Division as "Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game" at the Prairie View-Alcorn St. NCAA game recently.

For his efforts, he won a \$1,000 scholarship presented by Chevrolet in his name to the general scholarship fund of the university to be administered by the school. He is also eligible for one of the two Player of the Year awards, worth \$5,000, which will be awarded in December at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee.

A plaque, with an inscription noting his achievement and the contribution made to the scholarship fund, was also presented by Chevrolet for display on campus.*

Chevrolet, now in its sixth year of donating scholarship money to colleges and universities on the basis of excellence of performance by football players in the NCAA games, will have donated over \$500,000 in that span of time before the season ends.

Thus, Sam Maxie becomes



Sam Maxie

the 414th athlete to have been honored by Chevrolet in a program representing over \$525,000 in donations spanning six football seasons.

(To Alumni Ed.:

*-You may wish to check with your football office as to where the plaque has been placed if you wish to pinpoint its location).

"The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice." —Anonymous

Prairie View's head football coach Walter Wright wouldn't call the 1976 football season a successful one, but Wright will be the first one to admit that a winning season is always better than a losing season.

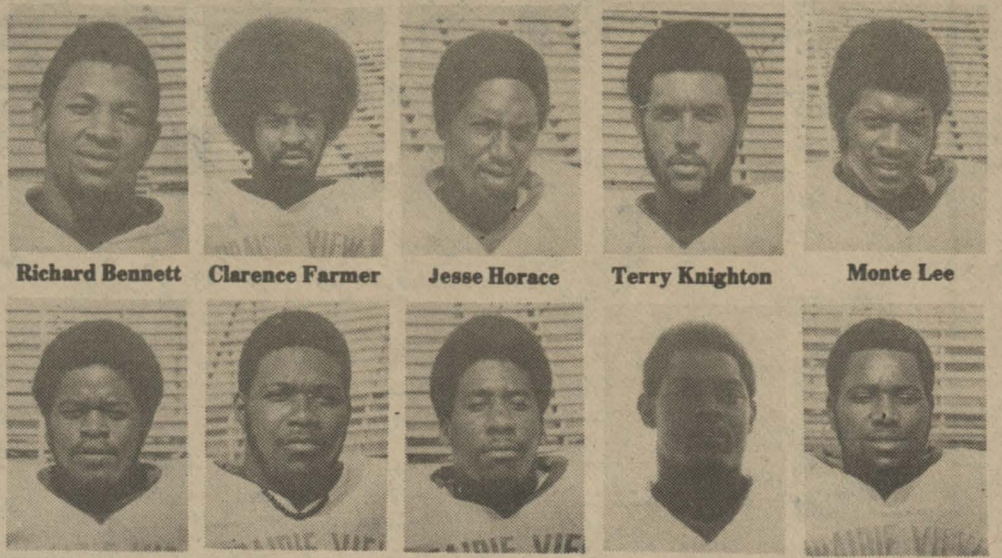
Wright guided the Panthers to a 6-5 season and 3-3 SWAC mark and the first winning season for the Panthers since 1966, when Wright was head coach and posted a 5-3-1 record.

Last season the Panthers gained 2,392 total yards and gave up 2,851. Both were last in SWAC. This season the Panthers have gained 2,727 yards and gave up 2601, which was fourth in SWAC in both categories. Last season the Panthers averaged 267 yards per game and gave up 313 per game. This season they averaged 272 a game and gave up only 260 per outing.

The Panthers improved individually, also. Despite missing the last three games of the season All America fullback David "Rambling Man" Bohannon, finished third in SWAC in rushing average with a 77.4 game average and 542 yards. He scored 5 touchdowns. Charles "Dancing Bear" Smith, replaced

IKIE'S BIRTHDAY

Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890.



Richard Bennett Clarence Farmer Jesse Horace Terry Knighton Monte Lee
Warlon Seale Charles Smith Ellroy Stevenson Richard Warfield T. Weatherspoon

ed Bohannon at fullback and gained 426 yards and ran four touchdowns for tenth place in SWAC. Smith has another year with the Panthers and should be the premier fullback in SWAC.

Slippery Sam Maxie, the Panthers quarterback was the main reason for the Panthers improvement. Slippery Sam was the winner of the Outstanding Offensive Player Award in the Panthers ABC-TV GAME of the week against Alcorn, which the Panthers won 14-6.

Maxie was the sixth total offensive leader in SWAC with 797 yards. He was also the Panthers leading scorer with Five Touchdowns rushing and he threw five touchdown passes.

Develous Weatherspoon, the Panthers sophomore tightened caught 7 passes and three touchdown passes, the best for a Panther tightend in ten years. Split end Wayland Gay was SWAC's 11th leading receiver with 9 catches.

Adrian Thomas, the Panthers junior cornerback led the team with 3 interceptions and All America linebacker Ronald Thompson, led the nation with 219 tackles.

Travis "Super Bub" Weatherspoon, was the Panthers workhorse. Travis rushed for 294 yards and four touchdowns. He caught 7 passes for 177 yards, including a 68 yard touchdown from quarterback Richard Warefield.

1976 Football Results

	PV	Opponent
East Texas	35	27
Southern	7	6
Jackson	14	3
SW Texas	25	45
Tex. Lutheran	48	14
Bishop	14	22
Miss. Valley	19	12
Vark, P.B.	13	28
Alcorn	6	14
Grambling	0	2
TSU	15	22

Wright feels the Panthers will have a respectively team next season. He will return such offensive people as: Charles Smith, Travis Weatherspoon, Charles Weatherspoon, Develous Weatherspoon, Ellroy Stevenson, Gerald Holman, Terry Knighton, Richard Warefield, Gerald Knighton,

Vernon Rollins, Tommy Coleman, and Montie Lee.

Some of the top defensive returnees are: Richard Bennett, Larry Jackson, James Cowan, Marlon Seale, Jesse Horace, Cedric Melcher, Matthew Teague, Delbert Bright, Clarence Farmer, Adrian Thomas and Darrell Sammons.

Final Football Statistics

Season: Won 6, Lost 5 — SWAC: Won 3, Lost 3

TEAM TOTALS	First Down	Penalties
PVU	93	84
OPP	101	119
	26	953
	25	1071

No.	Lost	Plays	R.	TOTAL OFFENSE	P	Yds.	Avg.
32	18	648	1945	782	2727	272.7	
35	19	617	1707	894	2601	260.1	

THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	PVU	OPP
	37-60	35-68

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS OFFENSE	P1	Rush	Pass	Yds.	TD	G.A.
Maxie	210	299	498	797	9	79.7
Bohannon	125	542	52	594	6	85.0
TOTALS	335	841		1391		82.4

RUSHING	C	Yds.	Avg.	G.A.	LG	TD
Bohannon	122	542	4.5	77.0	53	5
Maxie	125	299	2.5	29.9	72	5
T. Weatherspoon	77	294	4.0	29.4	64	4
Smith	100	426	4.3	47.3	17	4
C. Weatherspoon	62	225	3.7	22.5	28	1
Whiteside	15	42	2.8	8.2	7	0
Willis	7	29	4.1	15.0	23	1
Bolden	7	33	4.8	5.5	9	0
O'Gilbert	5	9	2.0	3.2	9	0
Lee	2	10	5.0	5.0	8	0
Warfield	14	9	1.3	1.3	9	1
PVU	534	1945	3.8	194.5	72	21
OPP	485	1707	3.5	170.7	30	18

PASSING	PA	C	I	Yds.	Pct.	TD
Maxie	85	27	6	498	32.0	5
Warfield	51	21	3	284	41.0	1
PVU	136	48	9	782	36.0	6
OPP	177	65	8	894	36.0	9

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	G.A.	APC	TD	XP
T. Weatherspoon	7	177	17.7	25.3	1	0
D. Weatherspoon	7	123	20.5	18.0	3	3
Gay	9	123	25.0	14.0	0	0
Bohannon	5	52	13.0	10.4	1	0
Burke	5	94	19.0	19.0	1	0
Rollins	5	72	17.0	14.0	0	0
Whiteside	2	17	8.5	8.5	0	0
Smith	1	16	17.0	17.0	0	0
Lee	1	62	20.6	20.6	0	0
C. Weatherspoon	3	17	17.0	17.0	0	0
Richard	1	8	8.0	8.0	0	0
Ieans	1	8	8.0	8.0	0	0
PVU	48	782	78.2	16.3	6	3
OPP	65	894	89.4	13.7	9	1

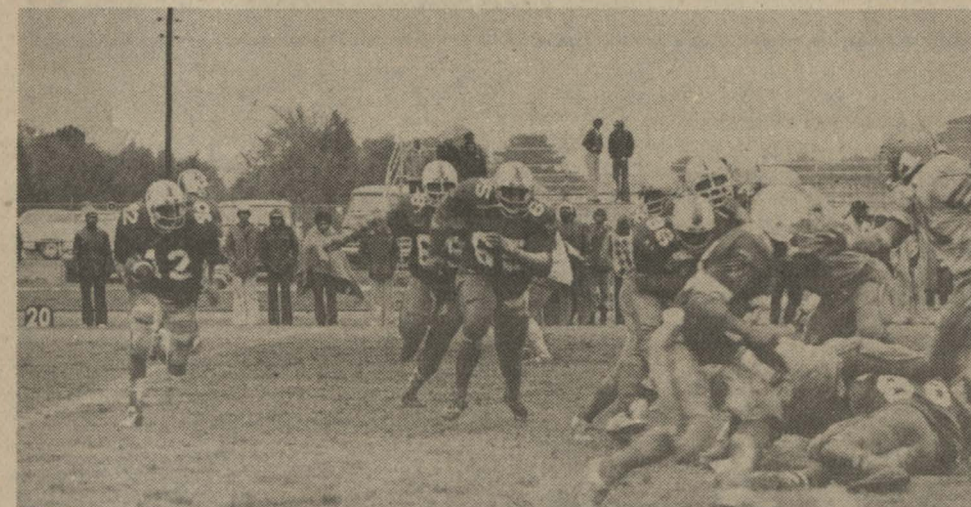
PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	BLK
Nicholas	47	1691	37.1	55	1
Warfield	12	306	25.0	53	0
Bright	3	111	37.0	43	0
PVU	62	2108	34.0	55	1
OPP	54	2023	37.0	65	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
R. Hawkins	7	64	9.6	31	0
Hill	1	15	15.0	15	0
Young	4	13	3.2	5	0
C. Weatherspoon	1	10	10.0	10	0
Cooper	1	10	10.0	10	0
PVU	14	102	7.2	31	0
OPP	18	187	10.7	46	0

INTERCEPTION RETURN	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Thomas	3	33	11.0	1
Young	2	31	15.5	0
Breed	1	18	18.0	0
Hill	1	4	4.0	0
Bright	1	13	13.0	1
TOTALS	8	99	12.2	2

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
T. Weatherspoon	16	259	16.0	0
Whiteside	5	94	19.0	0
Willis	4	87	27.8	0
C. Weatherspoon	4	43	11.0	0
Lee	2	32	16.0	0
Gay	1	10	10.0	0
Smith	1	10	10.0	0
PVU	33	585	17.7	0
OPP	33	502	15.0	1

SCORING	TD	PAT	PR	S	FG	TD
Maxie	5	0	2	0	0	34
T. Weatherspoon	5	0	0	0	0	30
D. Weatherspoon	3	0	2	0	0	22
C. Weatherspoon	1	6-13	0	0	1-6	15
Smith	4	1-4	0	0	0	25
Burke	1	0	1	0	0	8
Willis	1	0	0	0	0	6
Warfield	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bennett	0	0	0	1	0	2
Bohannon	5	0	0	0	0	30
PVU	28	7-28	5	1	1-6	193
OPP	28	18-27	2	0	2-2	196



PV-ALCORN-TSU — Sam Maxie (top photo) gets good blocking in goal line drive against Alcorn State. In bottom photo the quarterback fakes as fullback drives off tackle.

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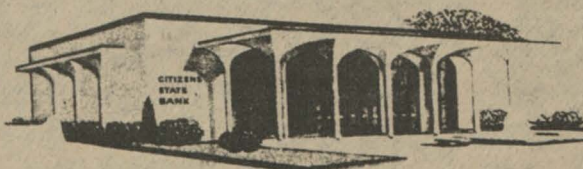
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