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DR THOMAS GETS LEGISLATIVE HONOR — Texas House members Joe A. Hubenak and Latham Boome present a Certificate of Citation to the PV President which was approved by the House of Representatives recognizing Dr. Thomas for educational leadership and outstanding service to the state of Texas.

Honored In Port Arthur President Thomas Speaks At Three High School Graduations

Dr. A. I. Thomas delivered commencement addresses at two Houston high schools and at Lincoln High School in Port Arthur.

In Port Arthur, the PV President was honored during a special ceremony planned and attended by graduates and former students of the University. Lincoln High principal Melvin Davis was in charge of the special tribute.

In Houston, Dr. Thomas delivered the graduation address at both the North Forrest High School and M. C. Williams High. He reports that a large number of seniors were graduating at all three schools and that interest appeared high in making Prairie View A&M their selection for college now and in August.

President Thomas also made special talks and presentations

in Freeport and in Sealy, Texas during the past weeks. He presented a special award to Dow Chemical Company during his Freeport visit, and spoke in behalf of District Attorney Oliver Kitzman during a Sealy Barbecue held for the attorney.

Cosmetology Institute To Begin June 14

The Twenty-Third Annual Cosmetology Institute will convene at Prairie View A&M University from June 14 to July 2, 1976.

The purpose of the Cosmetology Institute is to improve the quality of Cosmetology service in Texas. This Institute is open to licensed beauticians, operators, instructors and supervisors. See *COSMETOLOGY*, Page 6

Record \$25 Million Budget Approved For PV In 1976-77

A record operating budget of \$25,140,899 for fiscal year 1976-77 was approved recently for Prairie View A&M University by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

The budget going into effect Sept. 1, represents an increase of \$3 million over Prairie View's current operating level, noted Dr. A. I. Thomas, the university's president.

— Fee Increases Announced —

In other business, the board authorized Prairie View A&M room and board increases totaling \$50 per semester, along with a \$7 increase in laundry fee, \$2.50 for identification card and \$1 for a transcript, all effective Sept. 1. University officials emphasized the increases were necessary to offset high costs for labor and supplies. Room rents will range from \$225 to \$300 and board will be \$386 per semester, with the laundry fee \$35. The cost for an identification card will be \$4 and \$2 for a transcript.

With the opening this fall of the new James Madison Franklin Student Health Center, a separate \$15 health center fee was established for all regular students. Redistribution was authorized for

funds derived from the \$30 Student Service Fee, which remains at the same level.

Even with the increased fees, Prairie View A&M continues to compare favorably with other schools, university officials pointed out. Last year it was among the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges' 10 member schools with the lowest required charges.

The regents also authorized Prairie View A&M to be included in a new student accident and health insurance program. Students from Prairie View A&M, Texas A&M and Tarleton State will be eligible for coverage under a policy offered by Keystone Life Insurance Co. of Carrollton.

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Special Education Workshop Symposium Slated For June 24

On Thursday, June 24, the Special Education Department will sponsor an all day workshop-symposium at the Memorial Center on the Prairie View campus. The Down's Syndrome Mongoloid Child will be the focus or thrust of investigation. Three outstanding authorities from the Harris County Center for the Retarded will co-sponsor the workshop. They are Dr. Frank Borecca, Executive Director of HCCR,

Mr. Richard Gruen and Ms. Gloria Fossati. All are well known in the area of the exceptional child and have written extensively in the field. Students from the Special Education area are invited, plus all students and faculty at Prairie View A&M University. Attendance at the workshop is free. The workshop will begin at 9:15 a.m. sharp and run until noon, and commence again at 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.



MISS PV-OUTGOING AND INCOMING — The graduate is Miss Althea Tate, Miss Prairie View 1975-76. At right is Miss Shelley Townsend, Miss PV-1976-77 who congratulates her predecessor. The new campus queen is preparing for her participation in the Annual Miss Texas Pageant which is scheduled to begin on July 4.

1976 Summer Session Features Special Programs

Several special programs are now underway providing a wide variety of interests for students enrolled for the First Semester, 1976 Summer Session.

The University Work Study Program began on May 31 and provides jobs for high school graduates whose parents need financial assistance to aid in sending their son or daughter to college. A total of 146 students are enrolled in this program which provides special training leading to a total of six semester hours for the 10-week summer period.

The College of Engineering is sponsoring three special programs: Engineering Concepts Institute (E. C. I.), Engineering Science Advancement (ESAI), Engineering Foundations Insti-

tute (EFI), and Minority Introduction to Engineering (MITE).

A third major program area involving a large number of students is Upward Bound. This is a pre-College preparatory program designed to generate the skill and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school among young people from low-income backgrounds and inadequate secondary school preparation.

The National Science Foundation's Student Science training program in Chemistry is a program of basic concepts, special topics and laboratory work involving chemical and

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This Issue of The PANTHER
Is Dedicated To
GENERAL JULIUS BECTON
and other PV-ITES
and All Men and Women
Serving On Ft. Hood First Team

PV and The First Cavalry Division — Ft. Hood, Texas

Thirty-six members of Prairie View A&M University's Administration, faculty, and staff accompanied Dr. Alvin I. Thomas on a visit to Ft. Hood, Tx. on Thursday, May 27th. The invitation to visit was

extended by Major Gen. Julius Wesley Becton Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, a 15,000 troop unit, based at Ft. Hood.

The group arrived at 1st Cavalry Headquarters, where

we were greeted by Gen. Becton and staff. After some informal chitchat over coffee and cake, the General officially welcomed us and gave an idea of what was planned for the day, before he excused himself with a promise to rejoin us later in the tour.

We were then given a briefing of the past, present and future accomplishments, duties, and ambitions of the 1st Cavalry Division, better known as the "First Team."

Our first stop after the briefing was in all actuality "show and tell" when we took a first hand look at the armored tanks the 1st Cav uses in combat. Some brave members of the group got into and rode around in the tank, while those less courageous stood and watched.

Surely after operating those armored tanks we had worked up an appetite; therefore, our next stop was lunch. The menu included everything from

See *CALVARY*, Page 4



COMMANDING GENERAL — of 1st Cavalry is PV Graduate Major General Julius Becton Jr. shown at wheel as he drives President Thomas to Division Headquarters during recent visit by several University administrators.

THE FIRST TEAM



1st Cavalry
Division

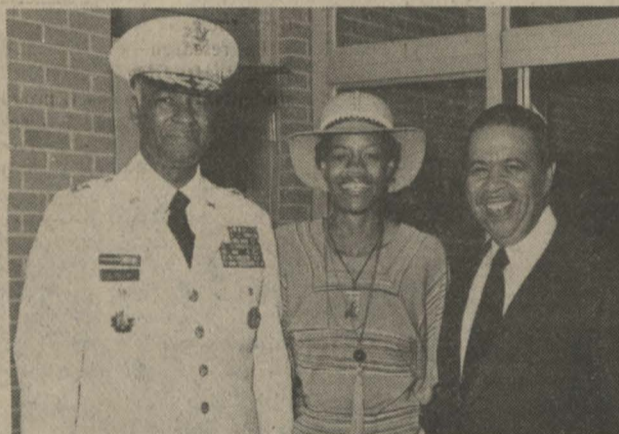
Fort Hood, Texas



EDUCATION PROFESSOR RETIRES — An outstanding leader in the area of kindergarten and elementary education - Mrs. K. Snell Gipson - was honored during May commencement exercises and awarded a plaque by President Thomas as she joined the growing list of retired teaching personnel.



Dr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and Dr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Thomas



MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD GREER, Deputy Commanding General, Military Personnel Center, Washington, D. C., with track star Debra Sapenter Bennett and President Thomas. General Greer presented Army Commissions during commencement exercises.



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STAFFERS IN GRADUATION LINE — Dr. Thomas poses with Vera Thomas, student assistant, left, and Rosie Matlock, administrative secretary at right.

PV Offers Summer Courses In Speedreading

Are you the person who always wanted to read more books or do some of your lengthy assignments much faster; but find your tasks getting worse? Just Relax! You do not have to leave home any longer to take *that course* that you never got to take, because you got too busy etc., etc.

PV has finally solved your major problem! PV is providing summer courses in Speed Reading here on campus for the Prairie View Family. Yes, that includes all of us, students, staff faculty, and administrators from all of the various disciplines of the University.

President, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas has given his permission for all interested members of the PV Family to feel free to enroll in one session of the two summer sessions: 1st. session is 1:00-3:00 p.m. and the 2nd session is 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, for a four (4) week period, starting on June 15 - July 13.

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Optimization Speed Reading offers skills for many needs. The Optimization approach was originally designed in college to enable students to do a better job with the reading required for their courses. Even technical reading materials can be read more efficiently using Optimization skills. Students, physicians, lawyers, engineers, and others have reported that they use the skills on their technical reading. Won't you allow yourself to become a more successfully skilled reader?

Optimization Speed Reading breaks your old word-for-word reading habits with a proven systematic engineered series of sessions. Optimization guides you to a breakthrough in reading where you achieve reading speeds previously thought impossible. It has been reported that students of the Optimization School have read between 5,000 and 10,000 words a minute, with comprehension which constantly improved and the retention of facts was amazing.

Optimization pushed you to the limit during its sessions so that you can eventually settle back to a guaranteed minimum speed somewhere above 1,000 words a minute which will then seem to be reading at a snail's pace.

The Optimization guarantees that upon completion of the Optimization Reading Development Course you will be able to read at least 1,000 words per minute, or one book per hour, with good comprehension.

Come and get all of your questions answered, and begin your first session of Optimization on June 15. You will have a chance to meet and also be instructed by the Director of the Optimization School of Housotn, Mr. Lawrence Cook. The first Session will begin at 1:00-3:00 p.m., and the second session will begin at 3:00-5:00 p.m. all sessions will be conducted in the Learning Resources Center in the lower level of the W. R. Banks Library.

Many have enrolled for both sessions already. To make sure that you are properly enrolled kindly come by the my office in the New Classroom Building (Teaching Center), Room #104 or simply call me at (713) 857-2615.

There are still spaces for a few more students to enroll. The class sessions will be most interesting because of the participants enrolled — University students, staff, faculty members, and administrators.

Won't you take a few minutes, and make a life-time improvement in your reading habits and skills!

Oh! I nearly forgot to mention an important factor, the *COST!* Are you ready for *THIS?* The class is being offered *FREE!* The University is sponsoring these sessions without cost to you. There is only one *CATCH*, you will be expected to attend scheduled class sessions, and attend them on time.

Take advantage of Optimization Speed Reading Courses at PV!!

H. Fillyaw, Ph. D.
Director of Reading and Learning Skills

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instrumental method of analysis.

Other special programs slated to begin in June are Agricultural workshops, a Vocational Industrial Certification Program, Career Education Workshop, Cosmetology Institute and Trade show, and a Work-for high school students in several industrial areas.

Summer School Student Teaching Program Set

Another first for Prairie View A&M University for the summer of 1976 is Summer Student Teaching. It marks the first time a regular student teaching program has been initiated at Prairie View. Only two other states supported Universities are presently conducting regular Summer Student Teaching Programs. The are Pan Am and East Texas State Universities.

Dallas Independent School District is the site for Prairie View A&M University's Summer Program. The Summer Student Teaching Program of Prairie View is designed to meet all the requirements of the regular session programs.

Elementary student teachers will be assigned to approved Elementary Schools in Dallas for a period of six weeks, morning sessions only. The morning sessions begin on June 7, 1976 and end on July 9, 1976, a period of six weeks. The remaining two weeks will be devoted to pre-planned activities.

Secondary Student Teachers will be assigned to approved Secondary Schools in Dallas for a period of eight weeks, morning sessions only. The morning sessions begin June 7, 1976 and end on July 21, 1976. The afternoon session will be devoted to pre-planned activities.

Elementary and Secondary Student Teachers will be assigned to various approved centers in the afternoons to engage in professional educational activities planned and conducted by Prairie View A&M Faculty Members. These



**C. F. Randle
Student Teaching Director**

activities are designed to provide relevant competencies.

The school day design is programmed for half-day in the classroom with students assigned to teaching in the assigned subjects, and planning and preparing educational materials. Afternoon sessions will be scheduled to include Dallas Urban Education Workshops, Classroom Strategies, and Human Relations Seminars.

Eighteen students have been assigned to participate in the summer program: Five from the Elementary Education Department; four from Business Education Department; four from Physical Education Department; three from Sociology Department; and one from the Mathematics Department. These students will be able to graduate in August rather than the following December. They will enter the job market at a time at which more openings exist.

Placement Director Attends Workshop On Job Opportunities

Brutus Jackson, Prairie View A&M University's placement director was among 25 placement directors from leading U. S. Black universities to attend a conference on job opportunities for minority college graduates. The conference was held May 11-14 in Minneapolis.

The directors met with representatives of 27 Twin Cities based corporations to learn of job opportunities within those corporations. They also explained to corporate representatives the qualifica-

tions of Black college students and made suggestions for effective recruitment efforts.

Sponsors of the conference were the Minneapolis Urban League, the Minneapolis National Alliance of Businessmen and the United Negro College Fund.

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PV Professor Elected to State Education Board

Raymond Alexander, who has made unsuccessful bids for the Houston School Board and the State Board of Education, defeated Johnny Harley Howell on June 5 in the Democratic run-off for the Dist. 22 position on the state board.

Alexander, 51, is assistant professor of general engineering at Prairie View A&M University. A graduate of Prairie View and the University of Southern California, of the engineering computer center at Prairie View.

Alexander is married and has four children.

Despite a state law prohibiting public university employes from holding a position on the state board of education,



Raymond Alexander

Alexander refused to withdraw from the race.

He said he would either challenge the education code or change jobs if elected.

National Teacher Exams To Be Given At PV July 17

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations on July 17, 1976, at Prairie View A&M University were reminded today that they have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, N. J.

Dr. George Stafford said registrations must be mailed in time to reach ETS no later than June 24, 1976. Registration forms and instructions may be obtained from Counselor Center, Room 111 New Classroom Bld., or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, ETS, Box 911, Princeton, N. J. 08540.

During the one-day session, a

candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of 22 Area Examinations 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 July 17 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.

Biologists Presents Paper At National Meet

Dr. Arthur C. Washington, Director of Nutritional Research and Associate Professor of Biology, presented a scientific paper at the national meeting of the American Society for Microbiology which was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2-7, 1976. The title of Dr. Washington's paper was: "Stimulation of Growth and Inhibition of Development in *Dictyostelium discoideum* by Pteridines." This paper was co-authored by: Samuel Hill, an undergraduate; Nancy Carter and Emanuel Toye, both graduate students, in the Biology Department.

This meeting was attended by over seven thousand microbiologists throughout the nation and was designed to allow free exchange of information and research results. Dr. Washington's paper was well received and several pertinent questions were asked by research workers who had an interest in the slime molds.

Dr. R. D. Humphrey, Department of Biology, also attended the meeting. Both expressed the desire to have some of the graduate students attend and present their research results in the future.

Dr. Burks Presents Session At APGA Nat'l Convention

Dr. Eura O. L. Burks, Head, Department of Counselor Education, presented at the American Personnel and Guidance Association Convention held April 11-15, 1976 at Chicago, Illinois. She presented at Session 540 - Recreating the Experience: Doing Group Counseling which was attended by approximately 250 participants. Her facilitation was entitled "Teaching Graduate Students To Do Group Counseling: A Screening Procedure."

This is the third convention in which this program has been presented; but the first time that a predominantly black institution has been represented among the session presenters. The American Personnel and Guidance Association has 42,000 members, and the convention had a boasted attendance of 10,850 national and international registrants. Dr. George Stafford, Director of the Counseling Center, and Dr. I. C. Gordon, Head, Upward Bound Program were in attendance also.

More than 50 ingredients go into the making of an automobile tire, from fabric, rubber, and steel to carbon black, oil, and chemicals.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AND SPEICAL GUESTS - Pictured during the May exercises are (l-r) John C. Calhoun, who delivered the principal address; Brig. General Gerald Childress, Commanding General, Third ROTC Region, Ft. Riley, Kansas; State Representative Latham Boone of Navasota; Texas A&M University System President Jack Williams, PV President A. I. Thomas and Representative Joe A. Hubenak of Rosenberg.

An Experiment In Living—Summer, 1976

The summer program, "An Experiment in Living" is designed to enrich the total educational, social, cultural and recreational experiences of each participant. "An Experiment in Living" provides an environment where the individual may develop to his or her maximum by individuality and research; "on site" learning activities off campus; and the University's Learning Resource Center. The program seeks to give these intellectually spirited young people an opportunity to compete with one another in areas of their interests, and to chart the profiles of their achievements. The theme for this year's program is: "The Knowledge Tools: Keys to Solving Man's Problems."

Officers for the 1976 program: President, Jamie Dooley; Vice President, Robert

Benford; Secretary, Angi Morrow; Treasurer, Lawrence Pope; Sargent-at-Arms, Ronald Gamble; Social Chairman, Divanna Greenleaf; Entertainment Chairman, Sharon Stafford; Seminar Chairman,

Vincent Willrich; Educational Chairman, Ray Perry; Reporter, Janet Murphy; Assistant Reporter, Versa Lane; Counselors, Paula Murphy and Linda Teague; Sponsor, Robert E. Gibson.

Biology Alumna Receives Research Grant

Andrea Green, a Biology alumna currently enrolled in the University of Iowa School of medicine, has received a one thousand dollar grant for individual research from the University of Iowa. Andrea was an honor graduate and has just completed her first year of Medical School. She will conduct the research in the hospital associated with the University of Iowa Medical School in Iowa City, Iowa. Her

research will involve the assessment of the occurrence of *Mycoplasma* in the eyes of normal and diseased persons. She will use a special culture medium to grow these bacteria from the eyes.

The research money is highly sought after by the medical students. Prairie View is proud that one of its graduates was awarded this grant. The research which Andrea will conduct is highly significant.

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Project Pride

"Check Us Out"

Project Pride will be really doing it this summer of 1976. The Officers were elected at the meeting held in the Memorial Center Ballroom last Monday evening, June 7, 1976. The program is well planned for the students of the program. The activities that will be going are:

- Dances
- Mr. and Mrs. Project Pride
- Volleyball Games (Girls against Boys)
- Talent Shows
- Dating Games
- Dress Up Days
- Project Pride Favorites

This program can be a success with your help. Why not check out some of Project Pride activities. I'm sure you will enjoy them. The membership of Project Pride is approximately 140 students working with different areas of the campus. The students have one class per day and work six hours afterwards. So you can tell by now these are hard working students.

Reporter: Cheryl Wilson

Faculty Member Presents Paper at National Conference

Dr. Vance W. Edmondson, head of the department of agriculture economics and rural sociology in the College of Agriculture presented a paper at the 2nd National Conference on Emerging cooperatives which was convened in St. Louis, Missouri 17-20 May 1976.

The title of Dr. Edmondson's paper is: "Significance on

Emerging Cooperatives in Agriculture." It will be published in the conference proceedings.

The conference included 300 participants from across the nation, and included representatives from agriculture, rural health, credit unions, hand-crafts, services, rural housing and food cooperatives.

The central concern of the

Poetry Contest

A \$1776 grand prize will be awarded in the Bicentennial Poetry Contest sponsored by the World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards.

Says contest director Joseph Mellon: "We are looking for poetic talent of every kind and expect 1976 to be a year of exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available by writing to: World of Poetry, 801 Portola Dr., Drawer 211, San Francisco, California 94127.

Contest deadline is July 31, 1976.



EDITOR GRADUATES — Clifton Collins, yearbook editor, is congratulated by speaker John C. Calhoun (left) and Publications Director, Dr. C. A. Wood.

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ENTERING FRESHMEN — Awards are being presented to new students by Captain B. W. Cloud, professor of Naval Science (left) and Professor Walter Hall, Industrial Education adviser.

PV's Productive People On The "First Team"

When a group of thirty-seven Prairie View A&M University Administration, faculty, and staff members visited the US Army Base in Ft. Hood, Texas recently, they were quite pleased to see so many on the university's productive graduates at their best.

The invitation was extended by, PV grad, Major General

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cheeseburgers and french fries to barbecued pigs feet and black-eyed peas. Lunch also afforded us the opportunity to visit with some former PV-ites.

The 1st Cavalry Museum was our next stop, and as promised Gen Becton rejoined us that time. After a brief but informative visit in the museum and a stop in the gift shop to bring back mementoes of our trip, we were off to see the latest in living and eating facilities for enlisted men in the 1st Cav. Remarks heard from some members of our group who had previous military experience left no doubt as to the vast difference in then and now.

We were fortunate enough to observe a monthly 1st Cavalry Division Retirement Ceremony at which time all the pomp and circumstances complete with ban and horse platoon associated with the 1st

conference was the special and peculiar needs among limited resource and low-income people that requires cooperative action.

The general consensus of opinion among the participants at the 4-day conference is that a simple extension of the traditional cooperative organization is not sufficient to meet the group action needs of limited resource, low-income people. It was recommended that special research be conducted to determine the character of the special problems existent among these people, and to develop recommended and specially designed cooperative organization to meet their needs.

In addition to Dr. Edmondson's paper, Dr. Dempsey Seastrunk, assistant director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was co-chairman of the conference which was sponsored by the Cooperative League USA, Washington, D. C., National Sharecroppers' Fund, Washington, D. C., and the Extension Service USDA.

Julius Wesley Becton, Commander of the First Cavalry Division, a 15,000 troop unit, better known as the "First Team." Other Prairie View AROTC graduates serving on the "First Team," and accompanied the group during the one day tour were: Captains Billy McGowan and Jesse Watson of General Becton's staff, Major Joe Lewis, Deputy Inspection General, and 1st Lieutenants Bascom Durham in the 15th Adjutant General Company of the Division and Donald Moten, in the Deputy Adjutant General Company of the Division.

Cav. was displayed.

Our final stop was at the home of General and Mrs. Becton where we were entertained in the grand military tradition.

Joining us at the general's home were PV grads: Major Joe Lewis; Capt. and Mrs. Billy McGowan; Capt. and Mrs. Jessie Watson; Lt. Bascom Durham; and Lt. Donald Moten. We left with warm hearts and a sense of pride in knowing that PVAMU is definitely a vital part of "The First Team."

PVAMU personnel making the trip were A. I. Thomas, President; G. R. Ragland, V-P for Academic Affairs; I. V. Nelson, V-P for Research; W. Webster, Dean, Graduate School; A. E. Greaux, Dean, Engineering; S. R. Collins, Dean, Ind. Ed. and Tech; G. R. Stafford, Director of Admissions and Counseling; C. A. Wood, Director, Information and Publications; C. A. Thomas, Registrar; Frank Francis, Head Librarian; Department Heads; W. W. Clem, Education; M. Mills, Chemistry; J. I. Kirkwood, Agriculture; M. Neufville, Animal Sciences; M. Burns, Plant Science; E. W. Martin, Biology; Shirley Staples, Communications; Eura Burks, Counselor Education; J. Beasley, Psychology; W. Farrell, Economics and Geography; T. Shine, English; Olovetta Higgs, Foreign Language; W. Chapman, Freshman Studies English; W. Taylor, Freshman Studies Mathematics; A. D. Stewart, Mathematics; R. Henry, Music; M. London, Health and Physical Education; H. Davis, Political Science; Col. A. Frederick, PMS AROTC; T. Wright, Ex. Officer NROTC; Mary Clark,

PV-ite Commander Of "First Team"

On February 20, 1975, a black army officer, Major General (MC) Julius Wesley Becton marked another milestone in the annals of American Military history when he assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division, a 15,000 man unit, at Ft. Hood, Texas.

The Prairie View A&M University graduate, received the colors, by accepting the prestiges, and responsibilities associated with being commander of one of America's finest combat ready division.

The 1st Cavalry Division has a glorious "fighting" history. Organized in Texas on September 13, 1912, it was the first unit to enter Manila in the battle for the Philippines; the first to enter Tokyo when Japan fell in 1945; and the first to enter the fallen capital of Pyongyang, Korea in 1950.

In 1965, the division was reorganized and became the first division to deploy to the Republic of Vietnam. It was the first and only division to fight in all four military regions of Vietnam; the first major U. S. Unit to fight in Cambodia; and the first division to earn the presidential unit citation for superior combat service in the Republic in the Republic of Vietnam.

In May 1971, the division came home to serve as a research and test division, and in 1974 it was converted to an armor-heavy force. Upon General Becton's assumption of command the division was redesignated as a "full-fledged" armored division.

General Becton came to the division fully prepared and his personal career has been equally if not more outstanding.

He was born in Bryn Mawr,

Asso. Dir. Admissions; Glen Epperson and Althea Tate, Admissions and Counseling; Kathleen Neal and Barbara Taylor, Career Planning and Placement; and Tom Godwin, and Anna James, University Information.

It's easy to see why some people are great — they possess so many of our superb qualities.

Pennsylvania on June 29, 1926. After being commissioned in 1945 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, he served with the 93rd Infantry Division in the Pacific theater of operations. He was separated from active duty in 1946 and later recalled. Prior to the Korean War he served at Fort Monmouth, Fort Bliss, Fort Benning, and Fort Lewis.

During the Korean War MG Becton served as a platoon leader and a company commander. In 1953 he attended the infantry officers advance course, and was later assigned to Germany. In February 1957 he transferred to the armor branch and later that same year he came to Prairie View A&M University as assistant professor of military science. He received his bachelor of science in mathematics, from Prairie View A&M University in 1960.

General Becton visited his Alma Mater on March 29, 1973 when Prairie View A&M College honored him as the first Prairie View Alumnus promoted to General Officer rank. Since that time, of course, he was awarded the rank of Major General and was again honored by his Alma Mater in May 1976 as a Distinguished Alumnus.

From Prairie View, Major General Becton was assigned to many prestigious positions to include: Command and General Staff College (Kansas); Armed Forces Staff College (Norfolk, Va.); and the 101st Airborne Division (Fort Campbell, Ky).

Following his graduation from the National War College in 1969, MG Becton assumed command of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. On 10 January 1972, he was reassigned to Washington as Chief of Armored Branch. Just prior to taking over the 1st Cavalry Division, he was assigned as the deputy commander of the U. S. Army Training Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Among MG Becton's numerous decorations are the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the purple heart and several Vietnam medals.

FIRST TEAM PHILOSOPHY

- Be Professional
- Integrity is non-negotiable
- Loyalty goes down as well as up
- Chain of command works — use it
- Innovate — seek a better way
- Disagreement is not disrespect
- Admit mistakes
- Be sensitive to (and intolerant of) trooper misuse or abuse
- Conserve utilities, money, and property
- Challenge the assertions
- Maintain your sense of humor
- Keep things in perspective
- "If you charge death boldly, death will move out of the way."

Scenes From PV Administrators' Visit To Fort Hood, Texas



TOUR OF FIRST CALVARY FACILITIES — PV Deans and Department heads received VIP treatment as they toured various facilities at Ft. Hood. The most

interesting for many was the visit to the Army Tanks where practically all took brief rides. Photos at top and bottom will illustrate some of the experiences.

DR. THOMAS GETS AWARD — General Becton presents a plaque to President A. I. Thomas from the First Calvary Division for outstanding service and cooperation. The presentation was made in the home of General and Mrs. Becton during social visit at the close of the day's tour.





From Left to Right: Peggy D. Archer, Sgt. Robert Gebron, Janet Hutchinson, Cleveland Greene, Dexter Rolle, Deanne McKinzie, Kevin Armbrister, Glenn Kirkwood, Glenda Davis, Velma Wilson, Carl Moore.

Canterbury Group Closed Semester With Surprise Party

The Canterbury Association recently celebrated their sponsor's surprise birthday party, Carl Moore and Sgt. Robert Hebron at their last meeting during the Spring semester.

The Canterbury Association discussed the projects that they had worked on during the Spring semester and whether the Association would be in operation this summer. They came to the conclusion that if there are enough members on campus to keep the Canterbury going, it will be functioning this summer.

After the meeting was closed with a prayer, the Canterbury Association surprised their sponsors with a birthday party, which was the most enjoyable part of the evening.

Reporter: Peggy Archer

APPLIANCE RECORD SET PAST YEAR

Last year the American home appliance industry produced \$6.6 billion worth of products and U. S. consumers bought more than 31 million of these major labor-saving conveniences.



SUMMER SESSION BELLES — The roving Panther photographer began to pick up some interesting shots of summer students like this quintet of eye catchers posed in front of Alumni Hall.

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PV Family Planning Clinic Has Growing Pains

On Wednesday, May 12, 1976, the Prairie View A&M University Family Planning Clinic opened a Satellite Clinic in Brookshire at 914 Purdy Street, in order to provide direct medical service and social services relating to Family Planning to persons in the Brookshire area.

The facility is staffed by the employees of the Prairie View Clinic and funded by reimbursement from The State Department of Public Welfare Title XX funds and The Texas Medical Assistance Program, Title XIX.

At this time, the clinic sessions are conducted on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The office is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for supplies and counseling. As the patient load increases, the

clinic sessions will be conducted more frequently in order to serve the needs of the persons in Katy, Fulshear, Sealy and Brookshire areas.

Due to the ever increasing demand for Family Planning services to the male population, the Prairie View Family Planning Clinic responded in January, 1976 by opening a "Male Clinic" whereby the male client receives both direct medical service and social services.

This is a unique facility in that it is the only one of its kind in operation in the state of Texas.

In the four months of operation, this facility has provided direct service to over one hundred male clients from both the university population and the community population.

The clinic is funded by a contract with The State

Department of Public Welfare under Title XX which provides reimbursement funds for services rendered.

Male clinic service includes a medical and social history, blood pressure check, screening for Simple Anemia, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Diabetes and Sickle Cell Anemia. The male

client view films related to Human Sexuality, V. D., Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology followed by a "Rap Session." Should an abnormality or possible disease process be detected as a result of the examination or laboratory procedures, the client is either treated at this facility or referred to the appropriate source.

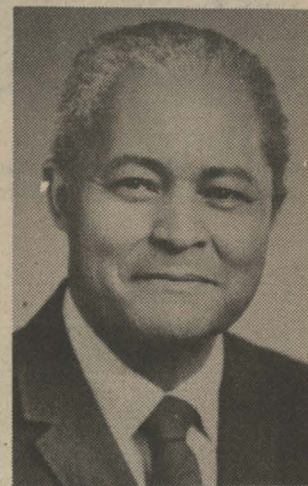
Information and clinic schedules may be obtained by calling Mr. Daniel Williams, Clinic Assistant, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 857-3022.

Cosmetology—

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Versatile Sociology Students

The Department of Sociology and Social Work boasts of some of the most versatile majors of my department on campus.

In the spotlight this spring are:

Etta Givens - Sociology (Liberal arts) major of San Antonio, Texas, second runner up to Miss Prairie View. Etta also won the trophy for Miss Congeniality in the Miss Prairie View Pageant.

Mr. Sidney McPhee - Nassau Bahamas - Prairie View Man of the year. Sociology (liberal arts) major.

Mr. Leon Brannon - Most outstanding player on Baseball Squad, led team to District playoffs. He is an August candidate for graduation and will be sorely missed on the team next year. Mr. Brannon was also selected as one of Most Handsome men on campus in Panther poll. He hails from Oklahoma City, Okla. and is a Social Work major.

Mr. Ronald Stinnett, also from Oklahoma and a Social Work major was selected most Valuable Player for the Baseball Squad. Ron is a junior and has another great year to demonstrate his skill at the pitchers mound and bat.

Miss Beverly Day is a fleet footed Sociology major from Dallas, Texas and is a member of the championship, record setting women's track team.

Ms. Carol Cummings, Jamaica, W. I. was a recent graduate from the Department and won world wide acclaim for her running ability as a member of the famous women's track team.

Mr. Thomas Wilborn senior Sociology Education major from College Station, Texas is president of the Student Council for Exceptional Children. This group recently national meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

The Department salutes these outstanding students who exemplify productivity and versatility.

PV Professor Visits NCAR

Mr. Clyde Christopher, assistant professor of mathematics and director of computer science education was a visitor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado during the week of May 31 to June 4, 1976. Mr. Christopher was coordinating the work of the students in the Computing Facility Summer Internship Program at NCAR. Three students are participating in the program this summer; Miss Arleen Kimble, a senior at Prairie View; Mr. Campanella Tones, a senior at Prairie View; and Miss Karen Kendrick, a junior at Spelman College.

During his visit at NCAR, Mr. Christopher gave a lecture on iterative methods for the solutions of systems of simultaneous linear equations.

The giant tortoise has been known to live as long as 300 years.

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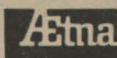
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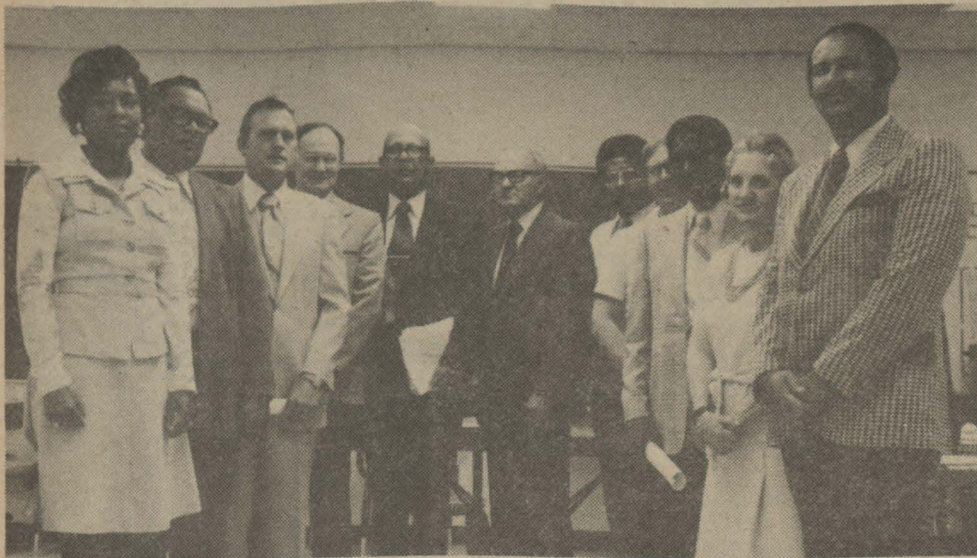


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PARTICIPANTS IN TEACHER CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING — Left to Right, Carolyn Talley, Prairie View Teacher Center; Charles Randle, Director of Prairie View A&M Student Teacher Center; J. T. Baker, Superintendent Magnolia ISD; Charles Wagamon, Associate Director Project VI Education Service Center; Harry Hendricks,

Director Teacher Certification, PVA&MU; Sid Stevenson, Superintendent Burton ISD; William Parker Director, Cycle IX Teacher Corps, PVA&MU; Ross Clark, Program Development Specialist, PVA&MU; Thomas Gray, Aldine ISD; Lorellen Pledger, Supervisor of Brenham ISD; and Bill Orman, Director PVA&MU Teacher Center.

Teacher Center Advisory Board Meets

The Prairie View A&M Teacher Center Advisory Board met in the Teacher Center on May 13, 1976. The meeting was regularly scheduled meeting and was chaired by Dr. Charles Wagamon representing the

Region VI Education Service Center in Huntsville, Texas.

Major items considered by the board were as follows:

- A.) Review of 1975-76 Project Thrusts
- B.) Review of Student Teacher Center Activities for 1975-76
- C.) Review of Certification Program
- D.) Review of School-Based program prepared for 1976-77
- E.) Discussion of implementation strategies for Senate Bill 9

The Board Scheduled the next meeting for August 25,

1976 to be held in the Prairie View A&M Teacher Center at 10:00 a.m.

PV Scientist Gets Welch Foundation Research Funds

PV scientist Dr. V. M. Doctor has been awarded \$36,000 from the Welch Foundation to continue research into genetic chemistry.

The three-year grant supports a project entitled "Mechanism of Action of Plasma Deoxyribonuclease I (DNase I)," which explores how cells can maintain genetic qualities in the face of degrading agents.

A longtime Welch-backed researcher, Doctor has also investigated metal ion activation of DNase I while at PVAM.

He has been a member of the Prairie View A&M Faculty since 1967 and is a 1953 Ph.D. graduate of Texas A&M University. Prairie View A&M is part of the Texas A&M System.

My Neighbors



"Oh . . . I wasn't really expecting any bed of roses. . ."

Gillard Brings New Image to PV Program

PRAIRIE VIEW - It was almost 20 years ago when former Fidelity Manor principal L. C. Lilly, who was an all around athlete at Prairie View, called then PVU head football coach W. J. Nicks and told Nicks that he had a young man name Cliff Gilliard who would fit into his championship plans.

Nicks had a lot of respect for Lilly in recognizing talent and accepted Lilly's recommendation. Lilly had scored again, because in 1958 Gilliard was in the Panthers dream offensive backfield with David Webster, and All Americans Calvin Scott and Archie Seals, that rolled up almost 5,000 yards on the ground rushing...they also won the national championship and was the number one rushing team in the nation.

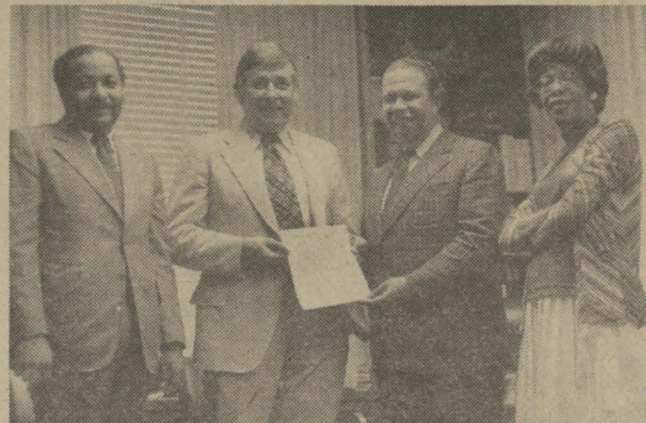
Gilliard returned two years ago as a member of the Panthers coaching staff with the idea of returning the Panthers football program back to the days of yesteryear. "I am trying to help get the football program back where it use to be," stated Gilliard who was an All SWAC back in 1958. "We want to get the program back to winning championships and to compete with any school in the country. We are placing emphasis on recruiting the number one football player in high school. To win you have to have the best football players in high school. We are building our alumni contact al over the country. I will do all I can to give Prairie View the kind of football program that it deserves," he continued.

Again, it was L. C. Lilly, who contacted PVU head football coach Hoover Wright, about a dedicated young coach he had name Cliff Gilliard. Wright had no reservations about bringing Gilliard into his fold.

"I had observed Cliff for several years as he came by the office to talk with me when he was in graduate school on weekends," said Wright. "He always showed a lot of interest and concern about Prairie View and he's a good example to the athletes," continued Wright.

After joining the staff Gilliard has been busy almost around the clock making alumni and recruiting contacts and helping athletes. "Cliff is very dedicated," said Wright. "He is an excellent student of football and track. He's totally devoted to Prairie View and is very good in public relations as far as meeting with the alumni and recruiting." Wright continued.

"I have gotten a lots of favorable comments on Cliff from alumni and high school coaches throughout the state," said PVU Sports Publicist Joe Booker.



MOBIL OIL GRANT — Charles A. Reinke, Mobil's representative presents grant award letter to President A. I. Thomas. The assistance will involved both engineering and business, represented above by Dean A. E. Greaux and Dr. Bernice Rollins.

MA BELL RECEIVES MOTHER'S DAY CARD

It was an unusual Mother's Day card.

The \$1 card said, "for a dear mother. God Bless you on Mother's Day and always." It was signed by "a satisfied customer."

The card was sent to "Ma Bell" of the San Diego Telephone Co.

The Old Timer



"Ideas are very much like children—your own are wonderful."

Budget—

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The firm was the low bidder on the proposal drawn up by an insurance committee comprised of students from each of the institutions and which unanimously recommended award of the contract.

Teacher Center Presentations At National Conferences

Bill Orman, Director of the Praire View Teacher Center, has been invited to make a presentation at the following National Conferences:

1. National Institute on Teacher Centers May 23-26, 1976 Washington D. C.
2. National Teacher Corps Inservice Conference June 2-4 Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Presentation presented is a slide tape presentation entitled: "The Prairie View A&M University Performance-Based Teacher Center A case Study in Collaboration."

The presentation describes the Teacher Center training thrust in pre-service education, inservice education and university staff development.

The Teacher Center is depicted as the change catalyst that provides human materials resources for constructively affecting curriculum reform, renewal, and revision within a Consortium Clientele of educational institutions recognized as the Prairie View Teacher Center Consortium.

A common thread featured throughout is the collaborative realtionships that unfolds through program development and implementation involving a select cadre of university/public school strategists.

Presenters for the Washington meeting were Sharon Crow, Waller ISD and Bill Orman, Prairie View A&M University.

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Wright Inducted In NAIA Hall-of-Fame Pantherettes Keep On Winning

Wright Inducted In NAIA Hall-of-Fame

By Joe Booker

Prairie View-Hoover Wright, who grew up as a country boy from the small town of Hebron, Maryland, where he was born some 46 years ago has lived up to the old hit tune of... "You've Come Along Ways Baby, but you made it."

Recently in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Wright who has won almost every award that can be won in track, including coaching the 1972 Olympic team and the Pan Am team, received the big one at the NAIA's National Track Coaches Luncheon, when he will be inducted into the NAIA Track Coaches Hall of Fame, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a track coach in the prestigious national organization.

Wright's plight began early, as soon as he graduated from F. D. St. Clair High School in Cambridge, Maryland, where he was a four sport letterman in football, soccer, basketball and track. He entered Maryland State (now Maryland Eastern Shore) and played basketball, football and ran track. "In those days I was pretty fast and my 9.8 100 yard dash was considered speeding," said Wright with a smile in his huge plush office in the Panthers prestigious Field House (the Little Dome).

Wright's coaching career began in 1951 at Shorter College, in North Little Rock, where he coached football, men and women basketball and



Coach Hoover Wright

taught a full load class schedule. In 1952, after only one year at Shorter he came to Paul Quinn, in Waco where he coached football, basketball and track. In football he posted a 24-14 record and two SCAC championships. In basketball he coached two SCAC championships and compiled a 153-79 record.

In 1961, the former legendary football coach at Prairie View, W. J. "Billy" Nicks, known for hiring top - rated staff members, brought Wright into the Panther fold.

Wright's trademark at Prairie View has been his ability to develop undeveloped quarter and half-milers and top notch mile relay and two mile relay teams. Since he has been coaching track at Prairie View Wright has the less enthusiastic

Despite a rain-soaked field, Shirley Williams splashed to victory in the 400-meter run and anchored the winning 440-yard mile relay teams to spark Prairie View to the team title in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women track meet in Manhattan, Kan., Saturday.

The eight member Prairie View team finished high in just

Enrollment Up For Summer Term

First class day summer enrollment at Prairie View A&M University has pushed past the expected 2,500 figure and is now over 300 ahead of the same time last year, announced registrar Curtis Thomas Wednesday (June 9).

First day figures include students who enrolled Monday (June 7), official cutoff date for registration. The revised statistics include several special extension programs.

Official summer enrollment will be announced Tuesday (June 15), explained Thomas, reflecting the fourth class day figures.

Unofficial first-day totals showed 2,543 students in PVAM classes, up from 2,241 the same day in 1975. The numbers include 1,561 females and 982 males.

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about all the events it entered during the rainy two-day meet, racking up 60 points. Seattle Pacific trailed in second with 51, squeaking by third-place Iowa State with 50.

Coach Barbara Jacket lost the services of one of her standout performers, Andrea Bruce of Jamaica, who was felled by a groin pull. The Pantherettes however managed two meet records the first day of qualifying.

The Prairie View team consisted of Debra Sapenter Bennett, the American 550-dash record holder; 400-meter hurdles Mary Ayers; sprinters Carol Cummings; quartermiler Shirley Williams and other sprint medley and mile relay team members Beverly Day, and Arthurine Gainer.

The Pantherettes have participated in several meets this season and continue to win in all of them. They have won 158 straight regular season meets and four national titles in the past six years.

PV S. I. D. Gets New Position

Sports Publicist Joe Booker has been elected to the position of president of the Sports Information Association related to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Recently, Booke was named vice president of the organization, becoming the first black officer of the national organization. Booker will serve as president of the NAIA sports Publicists group for two years.



WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM LEADERS ARE PICTURED IN SCENES FROM THE recent All-Sports Banquet. Coach Barbara Jacket receives trophy at top from Professor Raymond Alexander and a plaque in bottom photo from Shirley Williams. In center photo, Vice President George Ragland presents plaque to track star Andrea Bruce.



SUCCESSFUL BASEBALL CLUB — Coach John Tankersley's baseball team was one of the best in recent Panther history. They won the NAIA South Zone title after whipping Texas Southern three games. The Zone win was Tankersley's fourth in five years of coaching baseball at Prairie View. The Panther club participated in the NAIA District 8 Tournament playoffs in Arlington.

Former PV Cage Star Earns UT PHD

PRAIRIE VIEW - Carl Edmond Settles, former Houston-Wheatley and Prairie View A&M University basketball star, received his PHD in Counseling psychology at the University of Texas, in Austin, last month.

Carl is a 1966 graduate of Wheatley where he was honor student as well as star player for former Wheatley Coach Collins Briggs.

track fans running to meets in mobs whenever the Panthers are to perform.

Yes, Hoover John Wright has come along ways--and you made it baby!

Generals Lee and Grant fought on the same side in the Mexican war.

He entered Prairie View in 1966, and was named to the all SWAC team in 1969. He was team captain during the 1969-70 season.

The flashy and quick 5-11 guard was also a scoring threat. He had a career game high of 33 points against Southern in 1969.

Carl's dissertation topic was: The Effects of Two Training Males lay and professional Helpers with Black Adolescent Males on Scholastic probation. He was an Intern in

Psychology at the V. A. Hospital in Houston in 1975-76. He was a guest lecturer with Continuing Education at the University of Houston. In 1975-76, he was acting assistant to the Director of the Counseling center at Prairie View A&M University.

He hopes that his desire to pursue a PHD will influence other Prairie View athletes to continue for higher education.

He has several job offers, but hasn't made a decision as to what he'll do at this time.



Carl Settles

PV Sets 11-Game Grid Slate

PRAIRIE VIEW - Prairie View A&M University announces a 11 game football schedule card for the 1976 season.

For the third year in a row the Panthers open the season in the Cotton Bol with Lone Star conference power East Texas State, Friday, Sept. 10. The Panthers will make trips to Jackson State, Sept. 18, and Southern in Baton Rouge, Sept. 25, before opening at Blackshear Field, Oct. 2 with Grambling in a SWAC game.

The Panthers have added Lone Star Conference for SW Texas State in San Marcos, October 9.

Texas Lutheran, October 16, University Arkansas-Pine Bluff, November 6, for homecoming and Alcorn State, November 13, are the Panthers remaining home games.

The Panthers return to the Cotton Bowl, on October 23, to play Bishop and Close out the season in the Astrodome with rival TSU, November 20.

1976 PVU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- 11 EAST TEXAS STATE+ Dallas (Cotton Bowl)
- 18 JACKSON STATE Jackson, Miss.
- 25 SOUTHERN UNIV.* Baton Rouge, LA

OCTOBER

- 2 GRAMBLING STATE Prairie View, TX
- 9 S W TEXAS STATE San Marcos, TX
- 16 TEXAS LUTHERAN Prairie View, TX
- 23 BISHOP COLLEGE Dallas (Cotton Bowl)
- 30 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST. Itta Bena, Miss.

NOVEMBER

- 6 HC UNIV. ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF ..Prairie View, TX
- 13 ALCORN STATE* Prairie View, TX
- 20 TEXAS SOUTHERN*+ Houston (Dome)

*Conference HC Homecoming
+PV Home team neutral site



GOLF TEAM — (Left to Right) Joel Polk, Allen, and Rex Con. Coach Robert Kinney is shown standing. Steven Newman, Robert Vaughan, Jessie