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PV to Observe National Engineers' Week

Prairie View A&M University will observe National Engineer's Week February 13-19, 1977 while the rest of the nation celebrate this event on February 20-26, 1977. "Prairie View is one of the three universities with engineering colleges which are in Region IV of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. We are joining forces with the other universities and the engineering

profession in Region IV in celebrating National Engineer's Week" states Dean A. E. Greaux of the College of Engineering.

The week-long event will begin with the singing of the official proclamation, by the President of the University, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas. This proclamation will officially proclaim February 13-19, 1977

as National Engineer's Week and will encourage the promotion of the national theme "Key to the Future — Engineering". It will also herald the beginning of a series of events which will be conducted by the College of Engineering.

Among the events which are scheduled are (1) Engineering Lecture Series, (2) technical

paper contest for high school participants, (3) a Smoker for Engineering Honor Students, sponsored by Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society, (4) Engineering Student Awards Luncheon, (5) Engineering Exposition and Technical Careers Display at Memorial City Shopping Center, (6) visits to area high schools by engineering students to promulgate career opportu-

nities in Engineering. (7) co-sponsorship of the "Engineer-Of-The-Year" program at the Rice Rittenhouse Hotel in Houston, Texas.

One of the highlights of National Engineer's Week will be the Engineering Student Awards Luncheon. This year Prairie View A&M University will host this affair. It is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 1977 on campus.

It will bring together an audience of engineering educators, practicing professional engineers, engineering students, industrial representatives and university administrators as they come together in one of the highlights of National Engineers' Week at Prairie View A&M University and in Region IV-Texas Society of Professional Engineers.



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Home Economics College Seeks Professional Accreditation

On February 20-23, the College of Home Economics will embark upon the third link in the chain of events which are associated with accreditation by the American Home Economics Association. It is pride in the profession that leads its members to support accreditation efforts. Home economics in units actively concerned with maintaining and improving standards within the profession welcome the accreditation process, for all accreditation efforts share a common goal: the development of excellence.

Accreditation is a must in a society oriented to credentialization. The accreditation process forces an institution to undertake a self-study, and this is a positive experience for the academic community. Prairie View A&M University is currently accredited by the

Texas Education Agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities and the teacher education program is accredited by the National Council for Teacher Education. This accreditation includes the College of Home Economics. Accreditation by an outstanding organization such as the American Home Economics Association will have a positive effect on the morale of the faculty, students and alumni.

The American Home Economics Association is the accrediting agent for undergraduate home economics programs in higher education. The Council for Professional Development (CPD) is composed of representatives of the profession and two representatives of the public. The team visiting Prairie View's College

of Home Economics consists of four members:

Dr. Betty Jean Brannan, Chairman of Committee, State Leader, Home Economics Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. Phyllis Greenhouse, chairman, Department of Home Economics, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Dr. Virginia Porter Dick, Chairman, Home Economics Department, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Gladys E. Vail, AHEA Staff Representative, Council for Professional Development, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Since the inception of the accrediting process through the Council for Professional Development, American Home Economics Association, 39 home economics units in the nation's colleges and universities have been approved. The College of Home Economics at Prairie View is the third traditionally Black university to seek accreditation. Tennessee

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State Rep. Delco Speaks at PV

At the Founder's Day Observance of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated held at Prairie View A&M University on January 30, 1977, the keynote address was delivered by State Representative, the Honorable Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, Texas.

Representative Delco, in speaking to a capacity crowd in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom said, "We as members of Greek Letter organizations have got to give of ourselves to the society. We cannot sit back and keep all the glory for ourselves because this was not the intentions of the founders of our various organizations. We need to help the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters by educating them so that they would be aware of the legislature process that governs them."

In commenting on the television production of 'Roots', Mrs. Delco said, "Some of us

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Rev. J. Royster Powell

Guest Speaker Slated for Chapel Service Sunday

The Reverend J. Royster Powell, B.S., B.Th., M.Th., D.D. — President of The Union Baptist Bible College & Seminary, Houston, Texas will be the Guest Speaker at the Chapel Service on Sunday, February 13, 1977 at 11:00 a.m. in The Memorial Student Center Auditorium.

Dr. Powell is also the Director of Publication of The Training Union Series at The National Publishing Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Head of The Training Union Department of The National Baptist Sunday School Congress and the Author of Six Books.

The Reverend W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel, Prairie View A&M University will be the Guest Speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sunday, February 13, 1977 at Mount Corinth Baptist Church, Hempstead, Texas.

Engineering Grant Received

A gift of \$1,000.00 was presented to Engineering by the Pullman Foundation on behalf of Pullman-Kellogg Corp. The grant was presented by Mr. Willie North, Senior Civil Engineer with Pullman Kellogg and a 1960 graduate in Architectural Engineering from Prairie View A&M University. Mr. North is a registered Professional Engineer and a member of the Gulf Coast Society of Prairie View Engineers. He is shown presenting the grant to Dean A. E. Greaux for support of the development of the College of Engineering.

Robinson is Student Engineer Of-The-Year

Hillery Robinson, Jr., Senior, Electrical Engineering major, has been selected as the "Outstanding Engineering student for 1977" by Prairie View A&M University. He will be honored by Region IV — Texas Society of Professional Engineers' along with Mark Lewis Blanford of Rice University and Brian Edward Cook of the University of Houston, at the Annual Engineering Student Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, February 16, 1977.

Prairie View A&M University will sponsor the Student Awards Luncheon along with Region IV — Texas Society of Professional Engineers. It is being heralded as one of the highlights of the week-long program celebrating National Engineers' Week at the University and in Region IV-T.S.P.E.

Hillery is a native of Port Arthur, Texas. He is a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School where he was valedictorian of his class. He is a National Merit Scholar and a Gulf Oil Honors Scholar at the University.

Hillery is the embodiment of the Prairie View Engineer and the Prairie View Student. He has been on the President's Honor Roll for five semesters since completing his first semester's course of study at the University. He has been a member of the Deans' List of Distinguished Engineering Stu-



Hillery Robinson

dent's for six semesters; for having maintained a semester average of 4.00 for five semesters and an overall grade-point average of 3.97 out of a possible 4.0.

He is actively engaged in the leadership of the Student Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (I.E.E.E.) He is also a member of several engineering and scientific honor societies, including Zeta Lambda Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, National Electrical Engineering Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi, National Scientific Honor Society, Pi Mu Epsilon,

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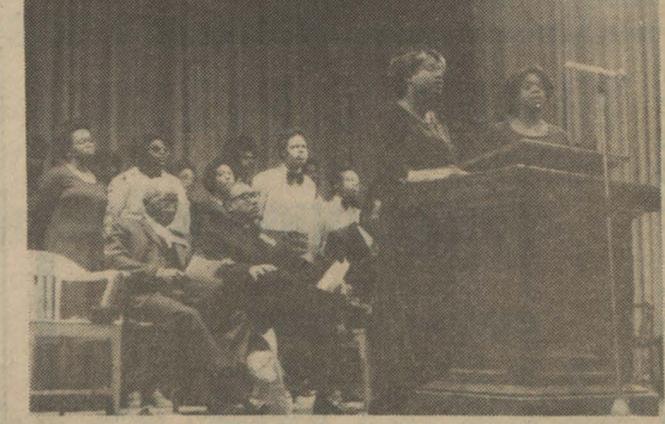
ENGINEERING GRADS VISIT PV — Pictured with Dean A. E. Greaux are Morton Boston, senior engineer, AMOCO Productions, Texas City, and Willie North, civil engineer of M.W. Kellogg Co. of Houston.



UNIVERSITY GIFT — Pres. A. I. Thomas accepts check from Citizens State Bank's president James Hauck and director W. T. Mann of Hempstead.



VISITING MINISTERS PRESENT GIFT — A check presented by the Ministers Conference Chairman Rev. Brown to Dr. A. I. Thomas and development officer Cynthia Rogers represents a contribution to the ALL-FAITHS CHAPEL Fund.



GOSPEL SINGERS — The Baptist Students Choir entertained during a session of the recent Ministers Conference which attracted religious leaders from across the state.

Engineering Week —

Top Engineering Educator to Keynote Observance at PV

Dean A. E. Greaux of the College of Engineering has recently announced that Dr. David Richard Reyes-Guerra of the Engineers' Council for Professional Development will deliver the keynote address at the Engineering Student Awards Luncheon at Prairie View A&M University. The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 1977.

Dr. Reyes-Guerra is an internationally renowned engineering educator. He is currently serving as Executive Director of the Engineers' Council for Professional Development, E.C.P.D. as it is called, is the nation's agency which has the responsibility for establishing the national standards for engineering accreditation as well as promoting all levels of engineering and higher technical education in the United States.

In his leadership role, Dr. Reyes-Guerra has broadened and extended the scope of E.C.P.D. to meet the challenge of professional and public concern for the State and effectiveness of scientific and technical education and the societal implications of the technology. He has guided the restructuring of engineering education to include not only a solid technical base, but also the development of critical problem solving capabilities so vital to planning for the future.

Through his efforts E.C.P.D. has encouraged its member institutions to initiate gradual curriculum reform resulting in an enriched liberal education, interwoven into the total educational experience in engineering.

Dr. Reyes-Guerra has made his expertise a contributing force in assisting foreign engineering universities in developing superior programs in engineering. He has also been a leader in the national movement in the engineering profession, to increase the number of minorities in engineering. To this end he served as a member of the "National Planning Commission On Opportunities For Minorities In Engineering" which was supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He co-authored the Commission's report which was titled "Minorities In Engineering A Blueprint for Progress".

He is currently serving as a member of the Committee On Minorities In Engineering of the National Academy of Engineering. He also holds membership in several professional engineering and scientific societies. Among these are The American Society for Engineering Education, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute.

He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and has

served as a member of the faculty at his alma mater.

Dr. Reyes-Guerra will address an audience of engineering educators, practicing professional engineers, engineering students, industrial representatives and university administrators as they come together in one of the highlights of National Engineers' Week at Prairie View A&M University and in Region IV-Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Dean Greaux states that it is only fitting that as the engineering profession pauses to reflect upon its accomplishments also to peer into its future via the role of the universities and the agency which accredits engineering curricula, to insure that together we build a community of scholars, leaders and professionals which will provide the leadership needed and the professional competence which will be required to give

Student Engineer Of The Year

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National Mathematics Honor Society. He was also recently selected for membership in the prestigious national engineering honor society of Tau Beta Pi.

Hillery entered Prairie View in the summer of 1974. He enrolled in the Engineering Concepts Institute, (ECI) an innovative ten-week summer intensive study program for pre-freshmen engineering students. During the 1975 Summer he participated in the University's first Engineering Science Advancement Institute (ESAI) an intensely accelerated program for engineering students of high ability. By the end of the 1975-76 academic year and in only two years, he had earned 102 semester hours credit with a grade point average of 3.97. He can fulfill

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Scenes from the previous Engineering Student Awards Luncheon held at Prairie View A&M.

SNOWMAN — Horace Alexander Jr., M.E. major from Houston is shown building a snowman during the blizzard that hit South Texas weeks ago.

Construction Begins New Engineering Center Underway

Construction has begun on the addition to the Engineering Center. According to Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A&M University, the Board of Regents for the Texas A&M University System, in its November 23, 1976 meeting, awarded construction contract to Pence Construction Company of Houston, Texas for the construction of the addition to the Engineering Building. "Pence" was the lowest bidder. The company's bid was \$2,661,000. The New Engineering Center is the first major academic structure to be constructed at the North Campus of the University. The total site development will establish the trend for the total North campus plan.

The new Engineering Center is scheduled for completion by the Spring of 1978. It will add 62,000 square feet to the existing Engineering building. It will house offices for the central administration of the College of Engineering, plus

direction to our society.

He states that Prairie View A&M University, through its College of Engineering, welcomes the opportunity to structure this forum "It is pleased to join forces with Region IV-Texas Society of Professional Engineers' in this venture during National Engineers' Week".

Other activities at the University which will focus on National Engineer's Week include a technical paper competition for high school students, engineering seminars and participation with the engineering community in Region IV-T.S.P.E. in the Engineering Exposition and Technical Careers Display at Memorial City Shopping Center, Houston, Texas.

administrative and faculty offices for the departments of Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Architectural Engineering. It will provide new and expanded laboratories for the disciplines listed above. It will also include an Engineering Technical Library and an Engineering Computer Center.

Since engineering students spend a major portion of the total day in Engineering, the expansion was designed to include a Student Commons, A Canteen, study alcoves, a central atrium and exhibit spaces which link the existing building to the new Center.

The major instructional areas will include Civil Engineering laboratories; such as Environmental Engineering laboratories for Air Quality, Solid Waste and Waste Waters and Quality, Mechanics of Materials and Materials Testing Laboratories, Soil Mechanics Laboratory, Concrete Laboratory and Bituminous Laboratory and Geotechnics Laboratory.

The department of Electrical Engineering will move into new electronics laboratories, microwaves and communication laboratories, digital circuits and automatic controls laboratories.

Power Engineering and power systems simulation laboratories, will be housed in the existing facility.

Architecture will receive four new design studios, model-making laboratory, reproduction center, slide library and a Jury-Seminar room.

General Engineering will have a new Engineering Studio with closed circuit television instruction, an Engineering Projects Laboratory.

Mechanical Engineering's

new laboratories are beat transfer, manufacturing processes, physical metallurgy, instrumentation and measurements laboratory. Mechanical Systems laboratory and Machine Design laboratories, Fluid Mechanics and Hydrology laboratories will be expanded in the existing facility.

The building is a two-story structure clad in insulated grey glass in black aluminum frame. Vertical precast concrete solar fins project at a nearly 45 degree angle from the glass skin to provide a rhythmic sculptural look to the 530 feet long reinforced concrete and precast Engineering addition. The 62,000 square feet will increase the gross area for engineering instruction to nearly 100,000 square feet supporting the present engineering curricula. Total development cost will reach nearly \$4,000,000.00.

According to Dean A. E. Greaux of the College of Engineering, Prairie View has made a major commitment to the development of young people for the mainstream professions; by this investment, it has moved to bring on-line facilities of the first order, to support its professional programs in Engineering and Architecture. We will be turning to our friends in industry and the foundations to assist us in providing additionally new equipment for the new laboratories. I am confident they will continue to work with us in this joint-venture of preparing our students for professional careers in Engineering as we continue our expansion program in the College of Engineering and the development of the new Engineering Center.

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Washington, D.C. Alumni Presents \$500 Scholarship

Janet Yvonne Wright, a Sophomore Nursing major from Austin, Texas has received a \$500 scholarship presented by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the PV A&M University Alumni Association. Miss Wright becomes the

first recipient of the Alfred Jesse Banks Memorial Scholarship which has been established by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of The Prairie View A. and M. University Alumni Association to provide financial assistance to a Prairie

View A. and M. University Student and to honor the memory of a loyal alumnus.

Alfred Jesse Banks was a founder of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, and worked tirelessly for the Alumni Association, Prairie View A.

and M. University, and the Washington, D.C. community.

A five hundred dollar (\$500.00) one year scholarship

Student Engineer

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all requirements for graduation by August 1977; however, will extend his studies to further his internship experience in the field of communications.

Hillery is among a selected group of engineering students who have been engaged in an experimental engineering education program, at the University. "We are studying this intensified engineering study program to determine its effectiveness in improving significantly the quality of engineering instruction, the professional maturity of the student participants and the degree of stress imposed by the intensification of the activities

will be given annually to a student enrolled at Prairie View.

Ms. Frieda R. Murray, chairman of the Banks Memorial Fund, congratulated Miss Wright on the good work she is doing at Prairie View. Miss Wright is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.



Janet V. Wright

which are associated with this program", states Dean Greaux of the College of Engineering.

Hillery has been active in both university-wide and engineering activities.

He serves on the Student Engineers' Joint Council which is the student advisory council to the Dean of Engineering. He is the Student Chairman of Project Intercept, the College's tutorial-counseling program in Engineering. He is also participating in the amateur radio club in the department of Electrical Engineering.

Hillery is interested in communications theory. To

support his interest he was assigned last summer to his internship experience at Bell Laboratories in Holmdel, New Jersey. He will continue his internship studies this summer.

Remaining on schedule he will graduate one year ahead of schedule. He then, plans to pursue graduate studies in Electrical Engineering.

Spring BEEP Series to Begin

The School of Business has released its Spring schedule of visiting lecturers. The visiting lecturers or "visiting professors" are secured through the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP).

BEEP is designed to present to students and staff at predominantly Black institutions Black executives engaged in meaningful work in business, industry, and government. Over twenty predominantly Black colleges and universities and several hundred executives have participated in BEEP since its inception in 1968. The School of Business at Prairie View has participated since 1973.

The Prairie View community is invited to share in these

presentations. Interested persons should call the School of Business at ext. 4310 or Mrs. Pauline Bonner at ext. 4516 for the exact times and locations at which each visiting lecturer may be heard.

The Spring BEEP schedule follows:

FEBRUARY 8-9

Mr. Wilbur Crossley, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Fort Worth, Texas.

FEBRUARY 15-16

Mr. Ronald D. Orr, Martin Marietta-Data Systems, Denver, Colorado.

FEBRUARY 22-23

Mr. Ivan L. Mayers, Exxon Company, USA, Houston, Texas.

MARCH 15-16

Mr. Sylvester Johnson, Aetna Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

MARCH 22-23

Ms. Joyce E. Colon, Equitable Life Assurance Co., New York, New York.

MARCH 29-30

Mr. Rufus C. Walker, Jr., Atlantic Richfield Co., Los Angeles, California.

APRIL 19-20

Mr. James S. Cross, The Bendix Corporation, Southfield, Mi.

APRIL 26-27

Mr. William W. Wells, Jr., American Telephone & Telegraph, New York, New York.

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The Old Timer



"Spend \$500 to have your family tree looked up and you might find you're a sap."

Mrs. Mollie Johnson Williams was recently awarded the Doctor of Education degree from Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Williams, a counselor at Mountain View College, Dallas, is married to James L. Williams, (PV graduate in mechanical engineering). The couple has one son, James Khayan.

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Representative Delco Speaks

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are very happy that we are able to learn something about our history, but how many of us thought about the struggle that Mr. Haley had in his twelve years of searching for his real roots." Mrs. Delco continued, "In today's society we have to become 'interested' in helping others. After you've become interested then you would have to gather sufficient 'information' and become deeply 'involved' in the project, so that you would be willing to make a sound 'investment' in your findings." In talking about the new role that women are playing in the "now" society,

she reported that out of the four Black women in the Texas Legislature, three of them were members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She said that she was very proud of this, but she was prouder of the fact that there were women in the mainstream of government today that a few years ago were not considered for certain positions.

In closing, Representative Delco said that she challenged the organizations and all blacks to get involved in the government of this country because the 'Eyes of Texas' are upon us.

Frederick V. Roberts

Happy Valentines Day — From AKA

Cupid pull back your bow and let an arrow fly into the heart I desire. Cupid, the Greek god of love, is famous for bringing love into the hearts of people. Even he fell victim of his own arrow and married Psyche.

This section is dedicated to those whose Cupid has placed an arrow in their hearts. They are:

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What Vets Should Know About the New GI Bill

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- Provide an increase in monthly benefit rates of approximately 8 percent for all programs except flight effective October 1, 1976.
- Full time: no depts., \$292; 1 dep., \$347; 2 depts., \$396 ea. add'l. dep., \$24.
- Three-quarters: no depts. \$219; 1 dep., \$260; 2 depts., \$297; ea. add'l. dep., \$18.
- Half: no depts., \$146; 1 dep., \$174; 2 depts., \$198 ea. add'l. dep., \$12.
- Change the basic entitlement from 36 to 45 months for eligible persons.
- Eliminate prepayment effective June 1, 1977.
- Require that as of June 1, 1977, the individual beneficiary must make a request for advance payment; also, the VA

must find that the school agrees to and can comply with requirements of law.

- Eliminate chapter 34 training for persons entering service after December 31, 1976, with limited exception for delayed entry program.
- Establish chapter 32, Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Act, which is a voluntary contributory plan for persons initially entering service after December 31, 1976.
- Increase the Education Loan to \$1,500.
- Increase tutorial payments.
- Introduce definitive standards of progress provisions.

Several other new provisions were outlined in Public Law 94-502. For more details on the new GI Bill, please contact Willie P. Hunt, VET-REP., or Jerrell M. Jackson, Director, Veterans Affairs, in Room 204, Memorial Student Center.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

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The Movie "Roots"

If the American Negro is to be seen in proper perspective as a part of contemporary American society, it is important to know something of his origins and the peculiar set of circumstances which has marked his pilgrim age from bondsman to responsible citizen. Also, if he is ever to be appreciated as an American, the Negro must be seen in the full context of America's growth and development. American history is his history and his history is part of America's. Any account of what happened in America which does not fully reflect the Negro's presence and activities is to that degree unfaithful to reality.

The Negro expedition begins in Africa, the land of the rootstock of America's Negroes. From West Africa they came as slaves; from Guinea, Calabar, Gambia and from Angola, from a hundred tribes and a thousand villages.

The movie Roots was an

eight-part series that was suggested for matured audiences. The book Roots was written by Alex Haley, a descendent of Kunta Kinte, son of a black ruler in Africa. In Mr. Haley's writings he traces his families background. It took him twelve years to do this. According to television-viewers this has been the best movie on television this season.

Roots in general was a sensational movie now a classic autobiography of our ancestors. It was a piece of film with unforgettable passion, rage and fury. It took us through the channels of the Jim Crow South and all the way back to the capture of America's first black African.

Roots was a great name chosen for the story. The word root means to begin growing by putting out roots. This is exactly what our African fore parents did as they grew they produced roots after they grew, they produced the roots who produced our parents, who produced us.



INTER-GREEK POOL TOURNAMENT — Winner Marco Rolle, an Alpha, is congratulated by John Mosee, Steve Bred, and Freddie Roberts.

NOTICE WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Students who are selected for "Who's Who" are requested to report to the Publication Office and arrange for their Pictures to be taken not later than February 28, 1977.

Business Education on the Move

On January 21, the Business Education Methods Students

Ladies Auxiliary Plans Brunch

Lois Make (Harold C.), President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the San Jacinto Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, announces that the Auxiliary will host a brunch honoring Lucellustine "Lu" Wilson (Claude L.) as the wife of the Engineer-of-the-Year.

The brunch will be at the home of Lorraine Adair (David L.), 11959 Pebble Rock (77) on February 17, 1977. Members wishing to attend should make arrangements with Lynn Moore (Richard S.) at 469-1657.

and two faculty members motored to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas to attend the mid-winter conference for Business Educators. The conference was held in the Lowman Student Center.

The conference included the following sessions:

1. Teaching General Business to Today's Students.
 2. Century 21 Shorthand.
 3. Objectives of High School Accounting.
 4. Teaching Business Machines.
 5. Elements of Transcription; and
 6. Personal Development.
- Many business educators have started making plans to attend the next conference hosted by the Delta Pi Epsilon Symposium February 12, at the University of Houston.

All Campus Retreat

The Texas Conference All Campus Retreat will bring together students from 13 campuses at Lake View Methodist Assembly. The Retreat theme will be: *The Church on Campus in an Evangelistic Age*. Although sponsored by the United Methodist Church, students from other denominations are also welcome.

Lakeview is located near Palestine, Texas. Its two lakes and tall pines provide a very relaxing setting in which to meet a lot of new people and have a lot of fun.

Prairie View Methodist Student Movement has been asked to make its presentation of the Biblical aspects of the theme on Saturday morning, February 12, 1977 at 9:30. Saturday night the PVMSM will be responsible for the Bonfire and Disco Party.

The cost for the entire weekend is \$10.00 per person (includes meals, lodging, transportation, and insurance). You bring: bedding, personal items, musical instruments, sports equipment, and any other items you will need for your comfort State University and Howard

and pleasure. The Registration deadline is set for Noon-time on February 4, 1977.

Contact: Rev. Robert McGee 857-3428 or 3128 or Pamela Jones, 857-4330 or Patricia Henry, 857-4330.

Home Economics —

CONTINUED from Page 1
University have been accredited previously.

Accreditation means that a program has met minimum standards of academic excellence set by the profession. Of primary concern are the undergraduate programs preparing future professionals for careers in business, education, dietetics and food service, extension, and community agencies. A review of activities such as graduate instruction, in-service faculty education and research is also conducted.

The faculty, staff, students and alumni of the College of Home Economics eagerly await the culmination of the final link in the chain of accreditation. Accreditation will lead to greater recognition of home economics in the institution and in the profession.

Some of the smartest black executives work for us.

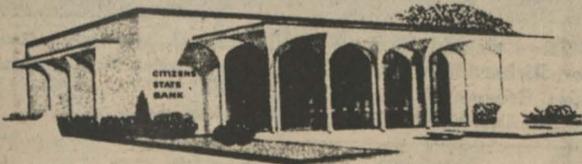


The Navy, though few black college men realize it, can be one of the fastest places for a smart young man to get ahead. Responsibility comes quickly at sea, and it's *real* responsibility. An officer less than a year out of college may be in charge of thirty men; after just two years he may run a division of fifty or more. In four years, a Navy officer can have more managerial experience than most civilians have midway through their careers.

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MOST TOGETHER — ROW 1 — David Allen, Clark Colquitt, Kenneth Council, Claude Cotton, Mitchell Normand, Michael McNeil
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ootout No. 2 -

Panthers Set for TSU

With revenge on their minds the Prairie View Panthers will meet rivalry Texas Southern, Saturday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.

In their first encounter in the Rogers Adams Gym the Panthers lost 85-71. The Panthers played the Tigers loose and appeared as if they could win until several starters were pulled out.

A win for the Panthers could knock the Tigers out of the SWAC picture and JEOPARDIZE THEIR ZONE STANDING.

Although the Panthers record isn't impressive they have played good ball. They

had Jackson State, Southern and Grambling in their wings, but let them slip away.

For most of the season the Panthers have had problems at guard and the center position. Most of the scoring has come from the forward position where Robert Armstrong, Marvin Jackson and David Daniels, are the leaders.

Newcomers Kevin Eli and Carl Pierson, have begun to make adjustments to SWAC's style of play. Pierson had his best game of the season against Southern when he poured in 23 points.

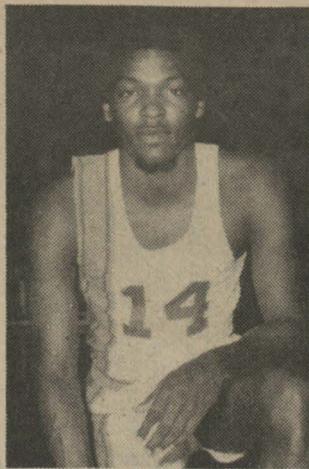
Injuries to guard Johnny Miles and forward Kermit

McAdory, created problems for the Panthers, also.

The PVU-TSU game will be the last game for 10 Panther seniors.

Marvin Jackson, Robert Armstrong, Kermit McAdory, Johnny Miles, James Gray, David Daniels, James Beal, Ceasor Holmes, Willie Davis and Walter Kemper, are Panther seniors.

Panther forward Marvin Jackson went into the Bishop game Wednesday night with a career high of 1365 points to move into sixth place ahead of Lawrence Johnson who scored 1361. Jackson also went into the contest needing 18



Carl Pierson - scored 23 points against Southern.

rebounds to pass Ray Reynolds for tenth place. Reynolds had pulled down 909 rebounds and Jackson went into the game with 892.

Panther forward Robert Armstrong went into the Bishop game as PVU's eighth all time scorer with 1204, passing former PV All American guard James Gamble, who scored 1198.

MOST FRIENDLY FEMALES - ROW 1 - Naomi Barrett, Garolynne Greene, June V. Joseph, Charlotte Lewis, Sylvia Roberts

ROW 2 - Renees Robinson, Julia Sanders, Rosalind Washington, Theresa Williams, Paula Thomas

NOT PICTURED - Florice Adams, Cynthia Collins, Lenore Edmon, Sandra Frazier, Linda Hall, Martha Thomas, Sharon Williams, Kim Washington Ruth Washington, Cynthia Walker, Mary Tempton, Cheryl Jackson

MOST FRIENDLY MALES ROW 1 - Demorris Cox, David Faggett, Donald Gamble, Sly Jones (Player), Wesley Hardenah (Player)

ROW 2 - Kenneth W. Austin, Lynnbyrd Wilson, Adrian R. Stewart, Robert Thomas, William B. Whiteside

NOT PICTURED - Anthony Albert, Timmy Brown, Darold Cuba, Kevin Bullock, Kenneth Edmonson, Ronald Gamble, Tommie Coleman, Kenneth King, Ronald Thompson, Michael McNeil, Eddie Washington, Carol Strayhorn, Jeffery Jones (Player), Ralph Andrews

Basketball Tournament Set

The Prairie View Extension Community Recreation Program is taking applications for entrants in its annual basketball tournament to be held March 5, 1977, in the Women's Gym.

Any sorority, fraternity, club or organization who would like to participate in the tournament should contact Margie Boler, Vernell Jackson, or Brenda Agnes at 857-2027, 857-2022, or come by the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program office.

Entrance fee is \$5. The

1977 Baseball

DATE	Opponents
Feb. 19 - Sat.	Moody College
25 - Fri.	Texas College
26 - Sat.	Wiley College
March 5 - Sat.	San Jacinto Jr. C
11 - Fri.	Paul Quinn**
12 - Sat.	Huston-Tillotson
13 - Sun.	Wisconsin Univer
14 - Mon.	Wisconsin Univer
16 - Wed.	Wiley College
19 - Sat.	Jarvis Christian C
25 - Fri.	Paul Quinn Colleg
26 - Sat.	Huston Tillotson
29 - Tue.	San Jacinto
April 1 - Fri.	Dallas Baptist Co
2 - Sat.	Suno (Southern U
6 - Wed.	Jarvis Christian C
7 - Thur.	Suno (Southern U
8 - Fri.	Southern Univer
9 - Sat.	Southern Univer
15 - Fri.	Grambling Univer
18 - Mon.	Moody College
16 - Sat.	Grambling Univer
22 - Fri.	Texas Southern U
23 - Sat.	Texas Southern U
30 - May 1 -	Southwestern Athl

** Denotes - N.A.I.A.

Womens Basketball

The Pantherettes continue to hold their own. Coming off their first real road trip playing a tough Wiley College, Jackson State and Southern University. The Pantherettes managed to win one and dropped two.

The Wiley game was a complete effort on the entire team with every one on the team hitting at least a basket. Prairie view won 81-72.

The Jackson State game was one of David versus the Goliath. Jackson came out on top by a score of 66-40. Leading all around ball players were Dori Demon, Pam Taylor, Loretta Unce, Argilon Hammond and Doris Horace.

On February 6, 1977, the Pantherettes continued their journey to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to contest the Southern University women's team. In the early goings things looked as if the Pantherettes would be in the thick of things. A couple of very costly turn overs in the second quarter game Southern a commanding upper hand. Southern also received a boost when tough rebounding Debra Williams fouled out with 12 minutes left

Extension See For Summer Y

By Jo Ann Spencer

According to Mr. Hoover Carden, Director of the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program, applications for the annual youth camp located at the H.S. Estelle campsite in Huntsville, Texas will be taken during the latter part of this month.

Applications will be taken for camp counselors, instructors, a registered nurse, and deadline to enter is February 21, 1977. Officials are also needed for the tournament. Interested persons should contact Margie Boler at 857-2027.

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WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and administration of the College of Engineering have created a climate of professionalism and a high level of academic life and scholarship at Prairie View A&M University; and

WHEREAS, the College of Engineering at Prairie View A&M University has achieved an outstanding leadership role in the profession for the education of minorities, especially Black Americans, thereby enabling them to enter the mainstream of professional life; and

WHEREAS, The College of Engineering is committed to supporting the University philosophy of OPERATION SUCCESS and has organized all human material resources in the College of Engineering into systems that maximize the academic, personal-social-cultural and career awareness and vocational attainment of each student enrolled, and

WHEREAS, The College of Engineering proposes to sensitize the university community to the role of the profession and the contributions which have been made by the profession of Engineering to society; and

WHEREAS, The College of Engineering hopes to apprise the university community as well as the external communities of the valuable contributions made by Prairie View A&M University to the development of engineering and through the profession to the improvement of the quality of society's life; and

WHEREAS, The Prairie View A&M University College of Engineering strives to project the future directions of the College of Engineering and to seek support from its several publics in accomplishing these goals; and

WHEREAS, The College of Engineering desires to give public recognition to those persons and corporations who have supported the development of the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, The College of Engineering at Prairie View A&M University is dedicated to joining in the activities of National Engineer's Week and to exploring the national theme: KEY TO THE FUTURE — ENGINEERING, now, therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the week of February 13-19, 1977 shall be proclaimed as NATIONAL ENGINEERS' WEEK at Prairie View A&M University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all faculty, students, and administrators give full support to the College of Engineering in their pursuit of excellence.

Issued at Prairie View, Texas
February 13, 1977



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvin I. Thomas".

Alvin I. Thomas
President

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- 4th ROW — Queen Montgomery, Stephanie Swain
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