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Commencement Exercises Sunday

Approximately 750 graduates will receive degrees, diplomas and special awards at

Annual Spring Commencement exercises scheduled Sunday May 7 at Prairie View A&M

University. The event is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. which represents a

change from the traditional morning services held in the University fieldhouse.



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Waller County Observes Texas History Week

Two historical markers were unveiled and dedicated on the Courthouse lawn in Hempstead on Friday, April 22. Ceremonies were conducted at the site of the markers.

A marker honoring the Freedom Tree, last year's Bicentennial gift to the County from Texas Forestry Service, has been provided by Waller County Bicentennial Committee and was unveiled and dedicated at its place on the east side of the lawn. Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk, vice-chairman of the American Bicentennial Commission of Texas, delivered the dedicatory address.

Following this, the scene shifted to the west side of the lawn where the Texas Historical Commission's marker commemorating Former Waller County Post Offices was unveiled. County Judge Jack Taylor made the dedicatory address.

A plate attached to the reverse side of this marker names and locates the demised post offices of the County and was presented by Waller County Historical Commission. The 18 former offices ranged in dates of service from 1845 to 1969 and are listed as Arnolds (Pennymans, Whitfields, Rock

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PAGEANT WINNER — Tamera Wiley of Houston receives Miss PV crown from President A. I. Thomas.

Home Economics Receives Full Accreditation Status

Dean Flossie M. Byrd has announced that on April 21, 1977 the College of Home Economics was voted full Accreditation by the Council of Professional Development, American Home Economics Association. This notification concludes the chain of events which began with the submission of an application in May, 1976. The Site Team Visit to the Campus was conducted on February 20-23, 1977.

The College of Home Economics, Prairie View A&M University, is the third traditionally Black institution to receive accreditation. The two units previously accredited are the Department of Home Economics, Tennessee State University, Nashville (1973) and the School of Human Ecology, Howard University, Washington, D.C. (1975).

It is pride in the profession and a dedication to excellence that lead the College of Home Economics to seek professional accreditation. Home Economics at Prairie View had a proud history of meaningful events since its inception in 1908 as "the girl's industrial department." The early program included one and two years terminal courses in Dress-making (two years), Cooking (two years), and Housemaids (one year). The current program offers majors in Child Development and Family Relationships; Clothing and Merchandising; Food, Nutrition and Institutional Administration; and Home Economics Education.

A total of \$1,688 baccalaureate and 127 Master's degrees will have been awarded on May

1. Thirty persons have earned baccalaureate degrees and three persons Master's degrees 1976-77. Since 1963, 38 graduates have become registered dietitians. A thorough follow-up study of all alumni will be conducted as part of the Centennial Year activities.

In society where credentialization is plays a prominent role is an essential step toward academic excellence in the profession. That excellence has been recognized and commended by the American Home Economics Association. Accreditation by the American Home Economics Association is an additional accrediting for the College of Home Economics. Prairie View A&M University is accredited by at least four agencies. The College of Home Economics shares in this accreditation. The recently acquired Accreditation leads to greater recognition of the College of Home Economics within the University and nationally and internationally within the profession.

President Thomas has congratulated the faculty, staff and

members upon achievement of another significant milestone in the annals of Home Economics at Prairie View.



SWIMMING TEAM — The group recently presented a synchronized swimming show which has become "the talk of the campus". The group bringing this "First" to PV includes left to right: Karen Thomas, Janet Hutchison, Sylvia Roberts, Melony Johnson, Zetta McClendon, Patricia Harris, Floyd Price, Anthony Bell, Robert Wynn and an unidentified swimmer who participated. Not pictured is Robbie Brown.

The speaker for the occasion is Texas House Speaker Bill Clayton, a native of Spring Lake and representative from District 74. Mr. Clayton will be introduced by Representative Senfronia Thompson of Houston.

President A. I. Thomas will award degrees to over 400 undergraduates and nearly 350 master degrees candidates. A total of 28 graduates will receive commissions, including three young women in the United States Army, Navy and Marines.

The Commissioning officer will be Major General Hugh W. Hardy of Houston.



Rep. William "Bill" Clayton Commencement Speaker

PV Delegates Take Active Part in Economic Seminar

By Panther Staff Reporter

The Prairie View A&M University Students Delegates led by Dr. Carl Seattle and Miss M. Washington to the Seminar sponsored by The Texas Consortium for International Studies and Texas Southern University on T.S.U. Campus over the weekend proved productive in their active participation of the Seminar, the theme of which was 'The New International Economic Order: Cooperation or Confrontation'.

There were various Speakers from different Institution of Higher Learnings and Independent Organizations across the Nation, and each Speaker

focused his Lecture on World Economic Order and Stability.

The Students Delegates from here are Foreign Students from Developing Nations of Africa. They are Matthew Ade. Shoyebo — Nigeria; Sesi Dawodu (Graduate Student) — Nigeria, Miss Melvina Sokan — Liberia and Waheed Ali — Nigeria.

Matthew Ade. Shoyebo, the Leading Spokesman for the Students Delegates emphasized at the Seminar that the speed of change over the last 20 years has relegated all earlier periods to the status of ancient History and there is therefore little point in looking back to

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To Miss Texas Pageant

Tamera Wiley Wins Miss PV Title

Twenty-year-old Tamara Rene Wiley of Houston has been crowned the 44th Miss Prairie View A&M and will advance to the Miss Texas competition this summer.

Wiley, a sophomore mass communications major, received the crown from President A. I. Thomas and the reigning titleholder, Shelly Townsend. Miss Prairie View serves as representative of the university

at official and social functions both on-campus and around the state.

First runner-up in the contest was Gwylen Wright, junior political science major from Houston, and second runner-up was Gwendolyn Hauntz, sophomore business management major from Dallas. Miss Congeniality title went to Ora Raynell Joseph, a sophomore business education student from Galveston.

Winner and runners-up were selected from a field of eight finalists. The new Miss PVAM is the daughter of Mrs. Billye Coverson, 1403 Palm St. in Houston.

Wright is the daughter of

Opportunity for Students to Work During Break

Full Time Work Opportunities available at Prairie View A&M University beginning May 9, 1977, and ending May 31, 1977.

Students desiring to attend summer school at Prairie View A&M University are invited to apply for fall time work positions during the break between the 1977 spring semester and the beginning of the 1977 summer term. Students will have the opportunity to earn over \$800.00 with at least \$415.00 for personal use by working during the break and during the 1977 summer session.

All students should seek more information and applications from the Financial Aid Center.

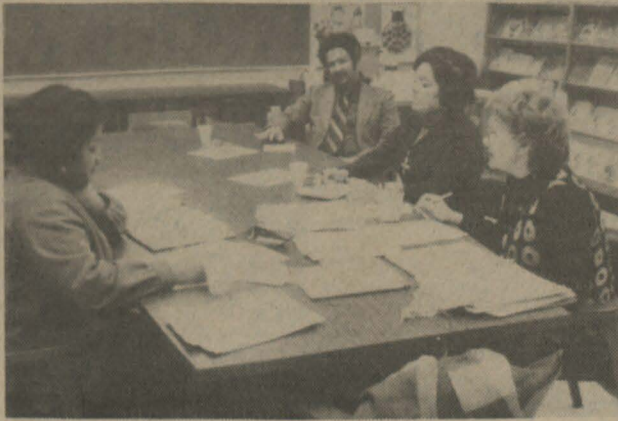
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wright, 4207 Tidewater, Houston. Hauntz' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph A. Hauntz, Jr., 1519 Whispering Trail, Dallas. Joseph is the daughter of Mrs. Johnnie Joseph, 310 Church st., Galveston.

Other participants included Irma Balthazar and Barbara Williams of Houston; Lonnie Smith, San Antonio; and Angela Garrett, of California.

Members of the judging panel included Mrs. Nancy Bankston Carter of Houston (Miss PV 1967-68), Jim McClelland and Lee Reveson of Fort Worth (Representing the Miss Texas Pageant), Pam Noble of Houston's Radio Station KCOH; and Clifton Smith, of KPRC-TV (Channel 2) Houston.



CONFIRMED — Dr. John B. Coleman, Houston physician, was approved 25-4 on April 14 by the Texas Senate to be the first black regent of the Texas A&M University System. Dr. Coleman was nominated by Governor Dolph Briscoe for the post.



PLANNING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS — Pictured from left to right: Dr. Barbara Gray, Prairie View A&M University, Bill Orman, Director of Prairie View A&M Teacher Center, Ms. Delores Ramirez, Houston ISD, and Dr. Joye Thorne, Aldine ISD: The group is planning a series of workshops designed to develop awareness of Women Equality in Education, through the Teacher Center and Aldine ISD Inservice Training Programs.

Business Professor Earns Doctorate at Age Twenty-Five

Willie Minor, Assistant Professor of Business, entered Prairie View A&M University in August 1970. He received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education on May 5, 1973 at Prairie View A&M University graduating "Magna Cum Laude."

On May 6, 1974, he received the Master of Science degree in Business Education with Guidance Certification from Prairie View A&M University while holding a graduate teaching assistantship. His master's thesis was entitled **TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES UTILIZED IN TEACHING GENERAL BUSINESS AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL.**

While attending Prairie View A&M University, Minor was active in Phi Beta Lambda, Delta Mu Delta, and Pi Omega Pi. He was a student assistant

in the Registrar's Office for three years and after graduating, he was awarded a graduate teaching assistantship in the College of Business.

Before coming to Prairie View, Minor attended Navasota High School and spent his last two years at Anderson High School in Anderson, Texas where he graduated in the top ten percent of his graduating class. While in high school, he won numerous awards by participating in the Texas Interscholastic League. Minor comes from a family of ten children and is the only one to have received a college degree.

Minor is the third Prairie View A&M University graduate in business to receive the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Prairie View and go on and receive the doctorate.

Minor did further graduate study at Arizona State University starting August, 1974 where he was a graduate teaching assistant for two years in the Administrative Services Department.

On November 29, 1976, Minor completed all requirements for the doctorate at the age of twenty-five. The degree



Minor

ETA Gamma Wins Top Chapter Award In SW Region

The Easter weekend (April 8-9, 1977) brought Alphas from the States of Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and from the home State of Arkansas to North Little Rock to participate in the 31st Southwest Regional Convention of the Fraternity.

Among prominent members attending the convention were the Brothers of the "Macking" Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., at Prairie View A&M University.

The theme of this year's convention was "Back to Basics." In keeping with this theme, the Fraternity as a whole, has as its major thrust for the next five years to raise 1 Million Dollars to present to three major Black organizations, namely The N.A.A.C.P., The National Urban League and The United Negro College Fund. On hand at the convention to 'kick-off' this fund campaign were members of the National Office which included Bro. James Williams, President and Bro. Thomas Pauley, Vice-President for the Mid-Western Region. Other National Officers in attendance included Bro. William H. Walker, Executive Secretary, and Bro. Albert Holland, Jr., General Counsel.

Closing out the convention was Banquet held at the Camelot Inn in North Little Rock. At this affair the Eta Gamma Chapter was chosen to receive the Outstanding Chapter in the Southwestern Region Award for 1977. Brother Frederick Roberts was announced as a runner-up for the Collegiate Brother of the Year Award. This Award went to Brother Wilbert Powell of Delta Theta at TSU. CONGRATULATIONS Brothers.

Recently, the Chapter also captured the Greek Organization Award for 1977 from what was conferred in December, 1976. His dissertation was entitled **THE STATUS OF BLACKS WITH DOCTORAL DEGREES IN COLLEGIATE BUSINESS EDUCATION.**

Dr. Minor's professional affiliations include membership in Delta Pi Epsilon, National Business Education Association, Pi Omega Pi, Delta Mu Delta, and Phi Beta Lambda.



WORKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH — Pictured (L-R) are Deltas Joyce Jones, Shauntz Tubbs, Carla Page, Sharlette Maney, Valenna Lorder, Viretta Jewell, Shelia Josey, Gwenevere Hauntz, Pamela Cleaver, Juieth Knowles, Cynthia White, Deanne McKenzie, Carolyn Williams, Toni Fitzpatrick, Rose Pugh, Velma Moten, Janet Wright; Rose Freeman and Pavlon Everett (not pictured).

Delta Bellringers Calling

Mental Health is of deep concern to all of us and we should do our best to help those less fortunate than we are. Accordingly, the Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in connection with Prairie View's Alumnae

Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is sponsoring a Bellringing project to raise money for the Texas Mental Health Association. The Bellringers will be collecting money on Sunday, April 24, in Prairie View's community.

Mrs. Rachel Poindexter is local chairman on the Mental Health Drive.

Give so that others can live more productive lives.

Joyce Jones

New Program in Freshman Studies English Scores Significant Gains

By E. P. Williams

In September, 1976, Freshman Studies English fully instituted its competency based program in freshman English, a program requiring students to show a marked degree of mastery of a given skill before

Prairie View A&M University for the group making the most contribution to the University. On the same note of achievement, Brother Roberts received The Prairie View Man Award and the T.K. Lawless Award for the Senior making the greatest contribution to the University.

We can truly say that Alphas are really "Back to Basics", doing things that others won't do. In other words, we realize what we are about — we are doing something and we are going places.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate all fellow PV-ites who will be graduating in the May Commencement Exercises, and it is our hope that you will remember Prairie View when you receive your 'first check.'

Editor-to-Sphinx

proceeding to the next logical step. With heavy emphasis upon achievement in reading and basic writing skills, the program encourages students to assume a greater-than-usual degree of accountability for their own learning and progress.

On the basis of preliminary assessments, the complete switch to competency based procedures has paid handsome dividends. According to Dr. Harold Fillyaw, director of Freshman Studies English, significant gains were registered throughout the program.

Reviewing a mass of statistical data recently compiled, Dr. Fillyaw said that preliminary computations show that there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of students failing to achieve the minimum passing grade of C. He went on to say that the average reading level will be more than two full grade levels

higher than the level achieved in September or in December 1976. The reading instrument used in the highly respected *Nelson-Denny Reading Test.*

Significantly higher scores were also registered on tests measuring knowledge of correct grammatical usage and sound organizational skills. For both the *Essentials of English Test* and the *College Placement Test*, scores were ten per cent higher than they were previously.

Taking note of the part his staff played in making the program a success, Dr. Fillyaw said that the success could have hardly been realized without the many hours of hard work the staff carried out in the special reading and writing laboratories. Because of their importance in upgrading basic reading and writing skills, these laboratories will operate on an even greater scale in months to come.

University Chorale Presents a Requiem

The Prairie View A&M Department of Music presents a performance of "Requiem" by Wolfgang A Mozart Thursday evening April 28, at 8:00 p.m. in Recital Hall.

The program featuring the university chorale, conducted by Robert A. Henry, will commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., martyr, 1968, W. R. Banks, Principal, 1969, E. B. Evans, president, 1976, and H. Edison Anderson, Sr., professor of Music, 1976.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS — Two prominent Houston businessmen presented \$4000 awards to Houston seniors during the Annual Banquet sponsored by the Greater Houston Area Advisory Committee. At top is Mack Hannan, Jr. presenting award to Kathy Smith of Carver High; and below — Judson Robinson, Sr. makes award to Rosalyn McPhail of Jones High.

Sigmas Attend Regional Meet

On the Easter holidays the Brother of Phi Beta Sigma Inc. took a trip to Beaumont, Texas for our Regional Conference. Delta Theta was well represented with 16 brothers there from Prairie View. While we were at the conference, there was an Oratorical Contest, Brother Crosby Walkine who won second place. There was also a Queen contest which Ms. Diana Davis of Prairie View was crown Miss Talent Of the Gulf Coast Region. Delta Theta Chapter also took a couple more trophies for Best Education Program and Bigger and Better Business Program. While we were at the conference we were honored by the presence of our own president at Prairie View A&M University, Dr. A. I. Thomas who was our guest speaker at the regional conference banquet. The conference was a great success and

we enjoyed ourselves and took care of business. "DUCK"

Tri Beta President Thanks Members

Mr. Oswald Johnson, President of the Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, would like to extend a hearty appreciation of thanks to the members for their sincere cooperation which made the 1976-77 school year a very prosperous one. I would also like to acknowledge the sponsors, Dr. J. E. Berry and Dr. R. D. Humphrey, who have inspired the members to strive for academic superiority and leadership quality.

Oswald Johnson, President

Return Winners Mech. Engineers Attend ASME Regional Conference

Twenty-four Mechanical Engineering majors from the Student Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers — Student Section, journeyed to Baton Rouge, La., to attend the Regional Conference of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) held March 24-26.

According to Mr. Eugene D. Hayes, Faculty Advisor of the Prairie View Student Section, "this Section is one of the most active student groups. They demonstrated this by their entry in the Technical Paper Competition and the number of students who actively participated in the conference."

The Prairie View delegation was joined by student representatives and faculty sponsors from all the engineering schools in Region X-ASME which have students Chapters of this national professional society. Among the universities in attendance were, Louisiana State University, Tulane University, Southern University, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lamar University, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Houston. There are twenty-one universities with student sections in Region

X-ASME. These universities are in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Besides those states in the United States of America, the engineering colleges in the central American country, of Mexico, comprise the student membership of Region X.

The students are elated with their victory. An award of \$25.00 was presented to the Prairie View Student Section for having the highest number of active members in attendance.

The students were elated as they supported Floyd Boozer, Junior Mechanical Engineering major in his technical paper presentation. They were doubly elated when they learned that their department chairman, Mr. J. R. Phillips was elected by his peers in the M.E. Engineering Department Heads Committee (MEDHC) to serve as Vice-Chairman of Region X — ME Department Heads Committee. According to the faculty sponsor, Mr. Eugene D. Hayes, "we were well represented, they knew we were there. We continue to be winners and still accomplish even more next year."

There are 62 active members in the Student Section of A.S.M.E. at Prairie View A&M University.

Win Achievement Award Tri-Beta Members Attend District Convention

Eleven members of the Beta Beta Biological Honor Society attended the annual Beta Beta District Convention held from April 15 to April 17, 1977, at Lake Texoma. The members who attended the convention were Oswald Johnson, Gerard Mosby, Verette Wynne, Carolyn Moore, Janette Davis, Earnest Johnson, Don Daniels, Sheila Dixon, Elnora Carroll, Drs. J. E. Berry and Ronald Humphrey. The following papers were presented by the Sigma Chi Chapter of Prairie View A&M University.

1. Earnest H. Johnson (undergraduate), Studies on Hindlimb Regeneration in *Rana pipiens* Tadpoles during Metamorphic Climax.
2. Oswald Johnson (undergraduate), Effect of Heteropolysaccharide of *Typha augustata* on Coagulation of Human Plasma.
3. Sheila Dixon (undergraduate), Carbohydrate Utilization by the Cariogenic Bacterium, *Streptococcus mutans*.

4. Gerard Mosby (undergraduate), The Source of Pollution of Clear Creek and Its Implications.

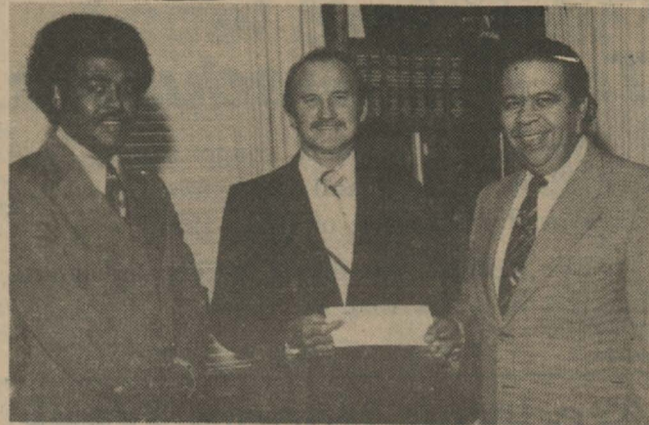
5. Don Daniels (undergraduate), Regenerative Response in Hindlimb of *Rana pipiens* Tadpoles Using Ascorbic Acid and Trauma.

6. Carolyn Moore (graduate), The Influence of Ascorbic Acid and Its Correlational Influence with Cortisone on the Rate of Tail Regeneration in *Rana pipiens* Tadpoles.

The Sigma Chi Chapter won the "Chapter Achievement Award" for being the best chapter in the District for the 1976-77 academic year. The chapter also won second place for having the best scrapbook on activities carried out during the school year. The scrapbook was compiled by Historian Herman Turner.

The next district convention will be hosted at Lake Texoma by this chapter as a part of Prairie View A&M University Centennial Celebration.

Oswald Johnson



UNIVERSITY GIFT — A representative of Dupont Company is shown presenting check to Dr. A. I. Thomas, president and Agriculture dean Dr. Freddie Richards for development activities at the University.



AG VISITORS — Dean Freddie Richards, (left), President A. I. Thomas, Greek U.S. Representative and Mrs. E. de La Garza of San Antonio who were among a group of Federal Officials here to discuss arrangements for a new program in Agriculture.

History Week Observed

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Island), Cody Fenella, Fetzer, Fields Store, Gladish, Harvester, Hegar, Holik, Howth, Joseph, Leslie, Monaville, Prairie View, Slovanville, Sunnyside, Wallers Store and Zadow. Only Zadow could not be located.

Dr. Mildred Abshier, retired education professor, is chairman of the Waller County Historical Survey Committee. Dr. Anne Campbell is chairman of the History Appreciation Committee for the County Historical Commission.

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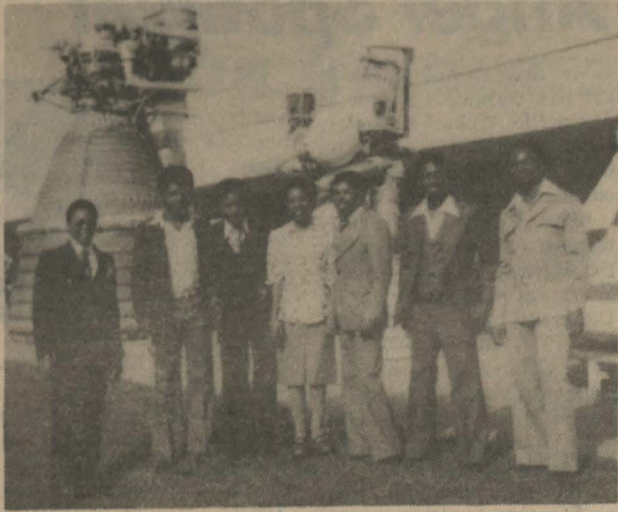
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ATTEND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE — Picture above taken at Johnson Space Center shows The Prairie View Delegates to the Economic Conference: Extreme left is Dr. Carl E. Settles who led the Students to Houston. Others are Waheed Ali, Matthew Ade. Shoyebo, Ms. Melvina Sokan, Sesi Dawodu, and two other participants from Austin — Christopher Ologbon and Nathan Ibenebgu.

Delegates Take Part —

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pre-Independence days of the Developing Nations of Africa. He stressed further that the transformation from Colonies to Independent Sovereign States fired the Leaders of African Nations with great ambition and today, he appealed to all the participants to concentrate on the Issue which dominated and still dominates the Aim and Objective of all African Intellectuals at home and abroad which is the attainment of a high degree of Economic freedom to complement with their political freedom.

Since the focus of the Seminar is upon economic activities in the Developing Nations of the World, especially Africa and Latin-American Nations, Shoyebo argued that events of the recent past have shown that for whatever reason, the African Intellectuals at home and abroad have not been especially prominent in their protests.

In his own contribution,

Mr. Sesi Dawodu called for a rapid industrialization of developing Countries to improve the conditions of their people. Without this, he pointed out, the talk of a new International economic Order would be best result only in an insufficient improvement in the economic position of Developing Countries.

Mr. Waheed Ali, an Agricultural Economics Major from Nigeria made it known to the Seminar Participants that Africa, with its abundant human and Natural Resources in capable of making an important contribution towards peace and progress of mankind.

The Seminar lasted two days and the Students came back as proud and productive Students of the Pantherland.

The Students, however, plan to return to their respective Countries after their successful completion of their Education at Prairie View A&M University, to be involved in the rapid Political and Economic development of their Country.

Navy Holds Dinner

On March 25, 1977, the N.R.O.T.C. contract and scholarship midshipmen sponsored and evening "get acquainted" dinner in Brookshire, Texas. The dinner, held at the Grand Prix Club, had a single purpose; to acquaint the new commanding officer of the unit, Capt. Fred Richardson, with the staff, the various guests, and queens and the N.R.O.T.C. midshipmen. Seated at the head table were: Capt. Richardson, the guest of honor; Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Wright; Midn. Battalion Executive Officer Olcie Greenwood and his guest; and Navy Queen Maxine Porter and her escort. The meal was excellently prepared and served by the member of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service organization. Capt. Richardson delivered a short message following the meal, which in turn was followed by a dance. The N.R.O.T.C. Midshipman Battalion Staff would like to thank the Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega for their cooperation.

Willie A. Lempton, Jr.

Two Receive Navy Scholarships

By Willie A. Tempton, Jr.

Two Prairie View A&M University students have been awarded 3½ year Navy Scholarships. They are Midn. 4/c Hulen M. Davis and Midn. 4/c Robert C. Benford. Midn. Davis a graduate of Waller High School (Waller, Texas), is an electrical engineering student here. He currently holds a 4.0 cumulative average. His hobbies include basketball, table tennis, dancing, and music. Midn. Davis plans to apply for the Navy Nuclear Power program and become a nuclear engineer in the Navy.

Midn. Benford, a graduate of Forest Brook High School of Houston, Texas, is a



VEGETABLE GARDENING — Garland McIlveen, program specialist with the Extension small-farming phase, instructs Extension workers in various techniques for vegetable gardening on the demonstration farm at Prairie View. Below, participants practice methods demonstrated during the training session. The Extension Program conducted a series of vegetable gardening training sessions to assist program aides in working more effectively with families and individuals participating in the "Easy Gardening Program."

PV Omega Head Gets Regional Post

As evidenced in the past Omegadom keeps stepping on. The inspired brothers of Rho Theta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., in keeping with their lofty principles of cardinality have achieved yet a new plateau. The most recent election of Bro. Harold E. Brown, Jr. to the position of 2nd Vice District Representative, Ninth District, of the fraternity, lends new credence to the assertion that we can. Having the third most powerful

post in the district, Bro. Brown's area of operation is inclusive of four states, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana and comprises a total of 146 graduate and undergraduate chapters. Born in Charleston, SC, Bro. Brown is a senior mechanical engineer major and is presently Basileus of Rho Theta Chapter. He is also President of the senior class and Vietnam veteran.

Affectionately known in most circles as the "Old Man" he usually finds himself in a position of meditation. In so doing he has provided us, the brothers, with a position of influence that is sorely needed. And to that we "Keep on Stepping On." Together let us live and if need be together let us die.

Prince Brian Hal, Reporter



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chemistry student here at Prairie View. He currently holds a 3.17 cumulative average. His hobbies include model building and jogging. Midn. Benford plans to join the Marine Corps upon graduation. He states that "While here at Prairie View I plan to contribute all I can to the N.R.O.T.C. unit and to the university."

Both Midn. Davis and Midn. Benford are leaders in the freshman class. They will surely be great assets to the N.R.O.T.C. unit here.



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Awards Highlight Sports Banquet

Joe Mitchell, star centerfielder on the Panther NAIA district 8 Zone Champion baseball team and All American linebacker Ronald "T" Thompson, of the Panther football team were award winners at the 26th annual Prairie View All Sports Banquet held Tuesday, April 26, in Alumni Hall on the campus.

Over 35 awards were presented to Panther athletes in football, baseball women and men basketball, golf, tennis, and men and women track.

Fredrick Newhouse, a 1970 graduate of Prairie View and a

gold and silver medal winner in the 1976 summer olympic was the featured speaker at the affair.

President A. I. Thomas of Prairie View presented Joe Mitchell with the President's award which goes annually to the senior student athlete with the highest academic award.

Ron Thompson, was presented the Dr. I. T. (Ted) Hunter memorial award to the student athlete chosen as the athlete of the year. Vice President George Ragland, a longtime friend of Mrs. I. T. Hunter and her late husband, presented the Hunter award to Thompson.

Awards Presentation

WOMEN BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE: Doris Horace
MOST OUTSTANDING: Argilon Hammond
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Debra Williams
MOST IMPROVED: Dori Demon

GOLF

MOST VALUABLE: Jesse Allen
MOST OUTSTANDING: Rex Conn
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: William Sacks
MOST IMPROVED: Bart Perez

TENNIS

MOST VALUABLE: Ronald Knighton
MOST DEDICATED: Donald Cosey
MOST IMPROVED: Gustavo Batista

MEN TRACK

MOST VALUABLE: James Hunt
MOST OUTSTANDING: Evans White
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Evans White
MOST OUTSTANDING CROSS COUNTRY: Johnnie Myles
MOST IMPROVED: Joe Johnson

WOMEN TRACK

MOST VALUABLE: Mary Ayers
MOST OUTSTANDING: Beverly Day, Shirley Williams
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Arthurine Gainer
MOST IMPROVED: Shelia Pettit

BASEBALL

MOST VALUABLE: Odie Davis
MOST OUTSTANDING: Joe Mitchell
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Mike Quinn
MOST IMPROVED: Marlon Waites

BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE: Marvin Jackson
MOST OUTSTANDING: Robert Armstrong
MOST IMPROVED: David Daniels

FOOTBALL

MOST VALUABLE: Samuel Maxie
MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE: Gregory Austin
MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE: Ronald Thompson
MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN: Bobby Stiggers
MOST IMPROVED OFFENSE: Gerald Holman
MOST IMPROVED DEFENSE: Jesse Horace

SPECIAL AWARDS

John "Bo" Farrington Memorial Award: Develous Weatherspoon
Presenter: Coach Clifton Gilliard
President's Award: Joe Mitchell (Baseball Player)
(Prairie View A&M University Athlete with the highest average for four years)
Presenter: Dr. A. I. Thomas, President
Dr. I. T. (Ted) Hunter Award: Ronald Thompson
(Prairie View Athlete of the Year)
Presenter: Dr. George Ragland, V. President

Intramural Recreation

FIELD EVENTS (Finals)

(Finals)			
10:00 a.m.	High jump women	Long jump women	
	High jump men	Long jump men	
	Shot Put women		
	Shot Put men		

Basketball Im/Rec. 4th Place Team "The Jolly Stompers"
 Coach: Joe Solomon.
 4/5/77
 Lost to the Black Knights 67 to 54.

	FG	FT	F	TP
Johnson	4	4	1	12
Stigers	5	1	0	17
Nelson	0	0	0	0
Tillman	1	0	1	2
Butler	0	0	0	0
Bruitt	0	0	1	0
Walker	0	0	0	0
Baity	0	0	1	0
Byrd	0	0	0	0
Morris	1	0	3	2
Sly	9	1	0	19
Hamp	0	0	0	0
Bowers	0	0	0	0

Softball teams and team roster are being accepted in the office of Intramural Recreation Women Gym 1.

4/22/77 Synchronized Swim Show first show 1:30 and second show 7:30 p.m.

4/22/77 Im/Rec. Track Relays
 Track Events: April 22, 1977

10:00	440 Relay women	
	440 Relay men	
10:15	880 Run women	
	880 Run men	
10:30	440 yd. dash women	
	440 yd. dash men	
10:45	100 yd. dash women	
	100 yd. dash men	
11:00	Fat or Heavy Boys 440 yd. Relay (to be eligible you must be 230 lbs. and over.)	
11:15	220 yd. dash women	
	220 yd. dash men	
11:30	Mile run men (final).	
11:40	Mile relay women	
	Mile relay men	

"Finals on time Saturday April 23, 1977 at 2:00."

*April 12, 1977 Recreation Swimming 7-8:30 Pool student 25 cents, adults 50 cents.

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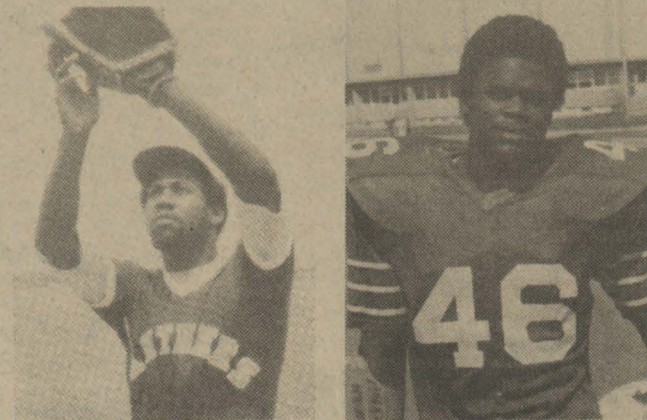
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Joe Mitchell
Star Center Fielder

Ronald T. Thompson
All American Linebacker

Pantherette Basketball Players in The News

The Basketball season is not over for two members of the Prairie View Pantherettes basketball team junior Doris Horace Pantherettes team captain from Tomball, and Freshman Debra Williams of University of San Francisco to Try-Out for the World University Games Women's Basketball team to be held in Sophia, Bulgarian during August, 1977. This tryout session will be held at Johnson Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. The first

session will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 29 and continue until Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. The Prairie View players are making plans to be present for the full three days.

Several projects are in the making during the following weeks. The Women's Project committee are asking support of all projects to assist in defraying expenses of the players.

Congratulations are in Order to the Pantherettes for pushing Doris Horace and Debra to National Competition level.

Jesse H. Hurshy, 857-2413

Sigas Zip Past Grooves

Phi Beta Sigma won its first round game by defeating Groove Phi Groove 49 to 42. Alvin Tyler rejected just about everything that was thrown up inside. Kevin Bulluck, Paul Sweeney, William Toftis and Ronald Thompson kept the Sigma's ahead all night with their Lothal shooting and ball handling.

Coaching like he had been in 10 NAB championships game, Adrian 'Slout' Stewart substituted players at will all night.

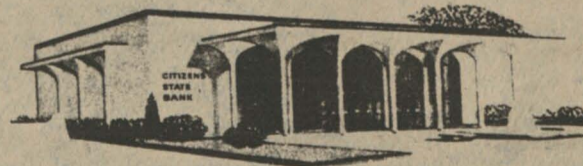
We would like to say thanks to our fans for your support and we will be rapping with you again when the championship roles around.

Reporter, Paul Sweeney

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