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Regents Authorize Funds—

Physical Plant Improvements Continue

Appropriations totaling more than \$100,000 were authorized here by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents as part of a continuing program to upgrade physical plant facilities at Prairie View A&M University.

An appropriation of \$80,000 was approved to purchase a

350,000-gallon tank for Prairie View's fuel storage facilities.

Earlier this year, the regents awarded contracts totaling nearly \$3 million to upgrade the campus water, electrical and lighting systems, pave additional streets and made

A second appropriation, for \$25,836, will be used to complete an addition to the

university's sewage treatment plant.

sidewalk repairs, and renovate the Harrington Science Building. Additionally, funds were appropriated for a development plan for a motor pool, design work to enhance the university's main entrance, and initial planning for construction of four new tennis courts and

renovation of four existing courts.

Valuation of the Prairie View campus, now estimated at \$70 million, has more than doubled in the past 10 years. A new arts and science building and a health center were opened last fall, and a major addition to the engineering building is under construction.

Music Department To Present Christmas Concerts

The Prairie View A&M University Department of Music will present its brass ensemble in a Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 7, 1977 at 7:30 in the recital hall of the Hobert Taylor Arts & Science Building.

This will be a premiere performance for the brass ensemble, which is under the direction of Nathaniel Brickens, a first year instructor at Prairie View. Prior to joining the Prairie View faculty, Mr. Brickens taught lower brass and directed the brass ensemble at Alabama State University. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mr. Brickens received his formal training at Southern University and the

University of Michigan. At Michigan, he was principal trombonist in the University Philharmonic and Opera Orchestras. He was also principal trombonist with the Ann Arbor Summer Symphony and the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra.

The ensemble's gala performance will range from Renaissance and Baroque music for brass to traditional European carols scored for brass, organ and percussion. The program will conclude with *The Nativity* performed in narration with brass ensemble interludes.

This marks the first of two Christmas concerts to be

presented by the Music department. On December 11th, the University Choir, under the direction of Dr.

Robert Henry will present *The Messiah* by G. F. Handel.

The program are free and the public is invited to attend.

PV Students Win Awards At Speech Festival

There was an Invitational Speech Festival held in San Marcos on November 18 and 19. Twelve students from PVAMU entered various events. Ten awards were received by these students.

Among those winning awards of Excellent ratings were Ken Edmonson in Poetry Interpretation and Dramatic Literature, Phyllis Wallace in Poetry Interpretation, Yolanda Williams in Open Category and Jack Thompson in Persuasive Speaking.

Those winning Excellent ratings were Henrietta Easley and Bernard Shanks in Dramatic Literature, Henderson Williams and Debra Carter in Poetry Interpretation, and Henderson Williams in Open Category.

Carolyn Jordon and Freddie Perkins made good showing with original poetry. They entered two poems each. The students in these individual events were coached by Mr. Wilson Curtis, Asst. Prof. of English. Mr. Curtis was assisted by Dr. Joahanne Thomas, Head Dept. of English and Dr. Millard Eiland, Asst. Prof. of English.

Dr. Eiland and Mr. William Chapman accompanied the students to Southwest Texas State University for the tournament. Dr. Eiland assisted in judging the events, as two of his students, Rosalyn Bryles and Tony Jones were participating in the novice debate section of the tournament.

Jo Ann Alderson

PV African Students Organization Inaugurated

By Matthew Ade. SHoyebo

Our Brothers and Sisters from Africa gathered together over the week-end to inaugurate their new Organization known as African Students Organization - PVA&MU, and described their gathering as a reunion of sundered fragments of the same body.

"In this type of society that we live and study, and in which every African is challenged, day by day, to vindicate his or her social and political capacities, there is a crying need for a bold and dramatic assertion of the Africans' humanity and our contribution to civilizations" says Mr. Waheed Sina Alli, an Agricultural Economics major from Nigeria - Africa, who is the newly elected General Secretary of the African Organization.

In my conversation with Mr. Alli, he made it known to me that a powerful idea has been reasserted by few of the Africans here who brought the idea of the need for a strong African body here at Prairie

View A&M University Campus. "As Africans, explained by Mr. Alli, we know that we share not only a tradition of customs, but also of ethical values. And it is these values that demand that we exert ourselves here on this Campus, not only in the realm of education, but also in the

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WAHEED SINA ALLI - General Secretary African Students Organization



NAVY COLOR GUARD in one of several presentations throughout the Fall season.

Christmas on Campus?

Campus Services to Be Available During Holidays

Students who remain on campus during the coming Christmas holidays to catch up on much needed study, rest or other needs will find that the University is making recreation facilities, eating and sleeping facilities available to those who desire to remain on campus.

A wide range of work opportunities will also be available. Any student who wished to work during the Christmas holidays should contact his present employer, his junior fellow, senior, department head and dean.

PV Joins In Training Students From Developing Countries

"A good education is perhaps the most important component in the development process in poor nations," AID Administrator John J. Gilligan today told representatives from Prairie View A&M and 27 other institutions of higher learning.

During a meeting at the State Department, Gilligan announced that the Agency for International Development is supporting a new program that will provide improved academic training in U.S. colleges and universities for AID-sponsored students from developing countries through a newly-established consortium.

The South-East Consortium

for International Development consists of Prairie View A&M and 27 other colleges and universities from 17 states, including 16 land grant colleges, as well as state universities and two institutes.

"By helping to provide the means for a good education to the people of developing nations," Gilligan said, "we are not only contributing to the prospects for progress in those nations, we are also insuring progress and security here at home. For these nations are vital trading partners and many are important allies. It is in our interest as well that they achieve equitable growth and progress.

Alphas Founders Day Program Set Dec. 11

Eta Gamma (undergraduate) and Epsilon Tau Lambda, graduate chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will observe Founders Day on December 11, 1977.

A 28-page Souvenir booklet featuring historical and present day activities of Alpha Phi Alpha is a special project for the Silver Anniversary Celebration.

The occasion will mark the 25th Anniversary observance for Epsilon Tau Lambda, the graduate Alpha Chapter which began as Houston-Prairie View chapter in 1927 and split into two organizations in 1952.

National Alpha President James R. Williams will be on hand for the historical occasion and will address the joint Founders Day program. Several other visiting Alphas are expected for the Sunday events. Highlights of activities of the two groups will be presented by John Asby, president of Eta Gamma and by Dr. T. R. Solomon, historian for Epsilon Tau Lambda.



JAMES R. WILLIAMS - National Alpha Fraternity President to speak at PV



LOOKING GOOD - The vivacious PV Foxes, failed to take the spotlight away from Drum Major Lance Alexander at the PV-TSU outing in Houston. The PV junior student is from Port Arthur.

PV Mental Health Fund Drive Chairman Commended

"Rachael Poindexter of Prairie View received a certificate of commendation for her outstanding work on behalf

of Mental Health," announce Shirley K. Camfield, President of the Mental Health Association in Texas.

As Chairperson for the May Mental Health drive in Prairie View, Ms. Poindexter raised the 2nd largest amount of money, \$337.00 for communities with a population between 5,000 and 6,000.

The drive benefited the Mental Health Association, a voluntary citizens' advocacy group dedicated to informing the public about mental health and mental illness, while helping the mentally disturbed and their families.

A member of the Mental Health Association, Rosalynn



WASHINGTON, D.C. - AID Administrator John J. Gilligan (right) talks about the newly formed South-East Consortium for International Development with Dr. Ivory Nelson, Vice President for Research and Special Programs at Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, Texas. (AID photo by Clyde McNair) 11/15/77

Carter, is presently the President's Commission on Honorary Chair of the Mental Health.

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Biologists Tour Marine Science Laboratory

Members of the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society toured the facilities of the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, Marine Science Laboratory in Port Aransas, Texas on October 21 through 23. The president of the Tri-Beta Club, Verette Wynne, together with 4 other students, Elnors Carroll, Jeanette Davis, McKinley Bain and Cleveland Green and co-sponsor Drs. J. E. Berry and R. D. Humphrey went on a field trip to the laboratories. While at the Marine Science Laboratory, they enjoyed fishing, had a fish fry, and had fun at the beach.

Dr. J. S. Holland, Associate Research Scientist, gave the group a guided tour of the area and his research laboratories. He discussed his research and explained the significance of his work. The Tri-Beta group enjoyed this phase of their field trip very much. While with Dr. Holland, the group walked aboard the *Longhorn*, an 83 foot long marine research vessel. This ship periodically

goes out into the Gulf of Mexico to collect marine bottom and water samples. Each of these samples is examined in the laboratory upon the ship's return to the facilities.

The Biology Honor Society members also visited the Padre Island National Seashore where they viewed displays and hiked over the sand dunes. The National Seashore is administered by the National Park Service and is kept in a natural state for preserving the natural wildlife and plants.

The students and faculty members also toured the Aransas Wildlife Refuge. This refuge is one of the nesting areas for the endangered whooping cranes. Other wild animals such as alligators and deer were also seen.

The Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society members who went on this field trip felt that it was very beneficial and enjoyed it very much. Each one is looking forward to future excursions to other sites of biological interest.



CIVIL ENGINEERING CLASS - Picture above shows the Student Group and their professor, Dr. Rao, and the Bureau of Reclamation. Officials in Edna, Texas taken after their visit to the Palmetto Bend Dam Project.

Diamond Club

The Diamond Club sponsored a Halloween Party for the children at Prairie View Nursery last week. There was fun, games and treats for the children.

Also the Diamond Club is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Fund Drive for needy residents of Waller County. One or more families will be selected as recipient for the funds, depending on the amount of money raised.

The organization raising the most money will be given a trophy by the Diamond Club in recognition of their meaningful contribution to the Waller County Area.

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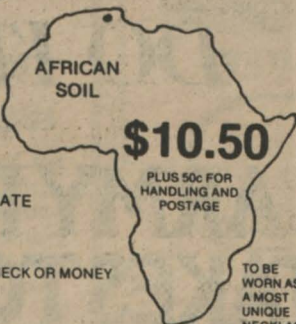


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(Memo: From President A. I. Thomas)

Christmas is a season, a spirit, a time for joy and happiness. Christmas is also a time when you can make a meaningful and positive contribution to yourself and others through the beauty, cheerfulness and gaiety which is a part of the season.

It is in the spirit of Christmas that I encourage and endorse a program of increased personal and public beautification and decoration from December 1 through December 30. Individuals are encouraged to wear Christmas pins and adornments. Of course, that special Christmas smile and gay spirit of persons are much in vogue right now.

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms, doors, windows, halls, the lobby, the lawns of their residence halls, bulletin boards, and departmental areas should also be a part of students' efforts.

Staff and administrators are encouraged to decorate the offices, desks, counters, lobbies, etc. Don't forget to pick out some goodies for students and visitors. We also encourage staff members to decorate their homes in the community. Let us make the City of Prairie View glow with the spirit of Christmas.

In addition to the external manifestation of Christmas, let us be sure to remember the real meaning. It is a season of joy, unselfishness and happiness.

Christmas 1977 gives each of us another opportunity to bring peace to our inner-self, the spirit of brotherhood, and to our friends, joy and happiness.

Pre-Christmas Fellowship

The Wesley Foundation Student Fellowship (MCM) will host a pre-Christmas fellowship in the Auditorium of the Student Memorial Center Wednesday, December 14, 1977; 7:30 p.m. All persons are invited to come and share in the fellowship. If you have special talents which you are willing to share with others, please come and share such. In order that there be some special organization, we would appreciate advance notice of your number to be shared. You may contact: Ms. Katherine Hunter 4240 or 2098, Ms. Carrie Moore 4784, Mr. Charles Mason 2861, or the Director the Reverend Darnell L. Walker, 202B Holley Hall, 3128. But, please come and share in the fellowship as you break to relax a few minutes in preparation for the completion of your final examinations. Refreshments will be served and all are invited and welcomed.

Darnell L. Walker, Director

Chancellor Williams To Serve On Merit Scholarship Board

Texas A&M University System Chancellor Jack K. Williams has been asked to serve on the board of directors of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Announcement of the appointment, which became effective with formal nomination at the corporation's annual meeting in Chicago November 29, was made by Robert C. Guinness, NMSC board chairman.

NMSC is the non-profit organization which conducts the nation's two best-known scholarship competitions, the National Merit Scholarship

Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

"The National Merit Scholarship Program is the nation's primary device for honoring demonstrated academic excellence among our high school students," Guinness noted in notifying Dr. Williams of his selection.

Texas A&M has for several years been among the nation's top 20 institutions in enrollment of National Merit Scholars. It has 171 of the high-achieving students this year.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is described by the NMSC chairman as the country's premier minority group scholarship activity.

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CAMPUS QUEEN—Miss Cecelia Adams, a sophomore Marketing Research Major, was recently selected as queen of Epsilon Pi Tau, the honor society for Industrial Education, for the 77-78 school year. Miss Adams is from Carthage, Texas, and is a graduate of Carthage High School. Upon entering Prairie View in the summer of 1976, Cecelia was a participant in the Experiment in Living Program, and she is a member of the E.I.L. Society. She is an honor student, and a current member of (B.S.O.) Business Student Organization. Her interests include sewing, listening to music, reading and bike riding.

Hymn Festival Scheduled

The First United Methodist Church of Prairie View will celebrate its Sixth Anniversary Sunday, December 4, 1977; 4:00 p.m. in the Waller Junior High School (formerly, Prairie View Training School) here in Prairie View. The celebration will be in the form of a Hymn (Musical) Festival. All persons are invited to come and share in the inspiration to be gained. There will be many group (choirs) from distant areas as well as local areas participating in the service. So, come on out and enjoy yourself in songs.

First United Methodist Church seeks to serve the community, students of the University, and vicinity. The church is located about 3/4 miles east of the Freeze King on the PV-Waller road. Each Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. and morning worship 11:00 a.m. Youth fellowship is held each Sunday afternoon. Those students interested in attending and need transporta-

tion are advised to contact the pastor and Director of the Wesley Foundation, the Reverend Darnell L. Walker, 202B Holley Hall (3128) or residence 857-3307.

Mrs. Daisy Lee Walker, Publicity Chairperson

Students —

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realm of cooperative spirit". Mr. Alli stated further that the main purposes of this Organization is to project the dynamic ethical values that we traditionally possess as Africans, and to promote Unity and understanding among African Students at Prairie View A&M University, to project the good name and image of our University and to assist in carrying out the Aims, Objectives and Ideals of Prairie View A&M University in which we are very proud of".

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Glory to God In The Highest

By The Rev. Richard D. Hayes

The Shepherds were abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. The angel said unto them, "Fear not, I bring you good tidings of great joy." "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Ye shall find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger; and suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the Heavenly host praise God and saying Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Christmas still lives . . . once again a babe is King, once again faith and love are abroad in the Lord. Life is a flame which is always burning itself out, but it catches fire again every time a child is born. Each child is a channel of God's love. Jesus grew up to create a revolution of the spirit, to bring to men a realization of their oneness with God.

When a baby is born, a new possibility of something wonderful is born with him. We celebrate new dreams, new

ideals, new hope, new horizons for mankind. Christmas 1977 invites us to think about the age old vision of Micah and other Prophets who broke open one truth after another to give the picture of God's Peace among mankind. Christmas recall Handel's Messiah which is used of Isaiah's Prince of Peace; Malachi's Refiner Fire; Job's, I know that my redemmer liveth. Christmas 1977 urges us to use our energies in plans that work and keep on working to produce the things that make for peace.

God's purpose in the incarnation was to manifest the hidden glories of His nature and to reconcile men to each other and to Himself. The incarnation of Jesus is an infinite and eternal benefit. Heaven and earth partake of the fruits of it and through it. Angels and men become one family. The carnal mind is enmity against God. When men become reconciled to God, through the death of his son. They love one another, they have peace with God, peace in their consciences and peace with their neighbor. God will dwell among them, speak through them and work by them. Glory to God in the Highest.

Science Division Hears Public Health-Industry Interface

Mr. John K. Holman, American Iron and Steel Institute, Settle Fellows program and Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Houston, Texas presented a seminar to the Sigma XI Club, faculty, and the students of the Division of Natural Sciences on October 26, 1977. He spoke on "The Responsibilities and Regulation of the Steel Industry in the Environment"

He emphasized the economic consequences of regulations to ensure a quality environment. The demand for clean air and water has enhanced the living and working conditions for those persons in and near steel mills and has had a positive effect on their health and well-being. Each improvement has cost additional money which must be made up in the selling price of the steel product.

Mr. Hilman said that the lack of investment capital is currently causing cut-backs in employment by the steel industry, but the future looks brighter as the economy begins to improve.

There were numerous questions from the members of the audience. There was a considerable amount of discussion on every aspect of what Mr. Holman discussed. Both the Division of Natural Sciences and Sigma XI Club are devoted to encouraging research on campus. There are fertile research areas in the public health — industry interface.

TACT Exec. Sect'y Speaks on Campus

The local chapter of the Texas Association of College Teachers held a rap session with Frank Wright, Executive Secretary, in Harrington Science Building, on Tuesday, November 29.

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A SCENE from Student Leadership Workshop held recently on campus. Over 100 student leaders involved.

Biology Dept Hosts Plant Science Seminar

Dr. Marvin Burns, Head, Department of Plant Science, College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University, presented a seminar on his research to the faculty and students of the Biology Department on October 12, 1977. The title of his talk was "Inheritance of an Underscribed Root Disease in Grain Sorghum."

Dr. Burns introduced the concept of inheritance from two strains of corn which yield seeds that grow into corn plants superior to either parental types. This is defined as hybrid strain. Certain strains of corn are genetically male sterile and are grown in fields with normal

fertile corn, so that the developing seeds on the male sterile plants are all hybrids of both strains. If disease, such as corn blight, attack these male sterile types of corn then no hybrid seed is produced and the corn farmer suffers the economic consequences.

He indicated that in grain sorghum similar genetic manipulations are used to obtain hybrid sorghum. He told of a root disease which infects these male sterile strains and, as with the case of corn, the sorghum farmer suffers the economic consequences. His research dealt with the susceptible and resistant genetic strains of this grain sorghum.

Century-21 Seminar Held

The Department of Office Administration and Business Education sponsored a Seminar on Thursday, November 17, 1977, at 1:30 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Building. The seminar was designed primarily for prospective business student teachers relative to

innovations in teaching short-hand in public school.

The Seminar was well attended by both business teachers and prospective business teachers.

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S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

Grambling — September 17, 1977

S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ROBERT HARDY

JSU — September 24, 1977



Elaine Ward (left), program specialist with Extension's Family Resource Development Program (youth phase) presents a certificate of honor to Azell Conyers of Silsbee, Texas who recently completed training to work as a youth aide with the Family Resource Development Program in Hardin County. Mrs. Conyers will instruct 9 to 12 year-old youths from limited income families in 4-H like projects.

Extension Program Employs New Aide

By Peggy D. Archer
Mrs. Azell Conyers, a native of Silsbee, Texas is the new youth aide for Extension's Family Resource Development Youth Program in Hardin County. Mrs. Conyers is the mother of three children and a graduate of George Washington Carter High School, De Ridder, Louisiana. She attended San Francisco Junior College in California and North Western State University in Louisiana majoring in elementary education with a business minor. The new aide received her certificate from the Prairie

View A&M Cooperative Extension Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service after completing all requirements through an intensified training session conducted by Program Specialist, Elaine A. Ward. Mrs. Conyers will continue to receive subject matter training periodically from Mrs. Ward and will work under the supervision of Hardin County Extension Agent, Toy Smith. Presentations were given by Assistant Director, Mr. Hoover Carden and a hardy welcome aboard was given by the entire Extension staff.

Edwards Presides At NAIT Regional Meet in Arizona

Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr., Assistant Dean of the College of Industrial Education and Technology, attended the Tenth Annual Conference of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) held on the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. The conference opened on October 26 and continued until noon October 28, 1977.

As the elected Regional Director for Region IV, Edwards presided over the Regional Caucus on Thursday and attended all board meetings where policies of the association were established. Dr. Edwards is also on the Standards and Accreditation Committee, and is serving two more terms in this position. He is also the visitation chairman for accreditation visits made in California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii.

The highlight of the conference was the presentation of an overview of activities covering the ten years, and projections for the future. All ten presidents were on hand at the conference. Also attending were several of the founders. Members of the Prairie View faculty has participated in all of the conferences and in 1966 they voted on the constitution to establish the National Association of Industrial Technology.

Also attending the conference was Mr. Arthur L. Foston who is now a full professor at Fresno State University, Fresno, California. Mr. Foston is also a Regional Director and has served on several committees. Foston was the chairman of Industrial Technology in 1967-68 before toaking the position at Fresno. He sends his regards to Dr. Thomas, Dr. Collins and many of his friends and associates.

TACT —

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education has lost its "favored status" with the legislature as evidenced by the last Appropriations Bill. If you have any questions or suggestions, you are encouraged to attend this important seminar.



SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES - From Left to Right - Mr. Carl Hanks, Mr. Maurice Blanks, Dr. S. R. Collins, Mr. Damuel Sauls, Mr. L. A. Mack and Mr. James Grays (photo by C. T. Edwards, Jr.)

I. T. Department Seminar: A Success

The Industrial Technology Division of The College of Industrial Education and Technology held a departmental success seminar on October 24, 1977 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center. Five Industrial Technology graduates were invited to return to the

campus during purple and gold week to speak with I. T. majors and visit with former teachers.

Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr. coordinated the program and his I. E. class of 78 freshmen attended the seminar. Upper classmen I. T. majors also were asked to attend. Dr. S. R.

Collins, Dean, and Dr. David Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Industrial Technology Division, welcomed the graduates. Also attending the seminar were industrial technology faculty members: Mr. Albert Hearn and Mr. Bobby Kennard, Drafting; Mr. D. Fontenot, Automotive; Mr. H. Jones, Metals; Mr. O. Thompkins, Building Construction; and Mr. W. Maddox, Electronics.

The graduates were asked to speak to the students on patters of success and growth with their companies and suggestion on how students can become successful while in school.

Graduates on program were: Mr. L. A. Mack, Field Service Manager, IBM Inc., Houston, Tx.; Mr. James Grays, Auto-Trol Operator, Pullman Kellogg Company, Houston, Tx.; Mr. Maurice Blanks, Line Foreman, Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Tx.; Mr. Carl Hanks, Senior Designer Electrical Group, H. K. Ferguson Company, Houston, Tx.; and Mr. Samuel E. Sauls, Jr., Director of Seaway International Manufacturing Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

The faculty of the College of Industrial Education and Technology are making plans for additional seminars during the University Centennial Celebrations.

greek (that surely doesn't deserve to be capatilized) organization — Do your mothers know you're embarrassing the very dignity of Black Womanhood? We think not.

The members of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc. est. 1962

Grooves Speak Out

We, the members of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Incorporated, would like to present our opinion on a subject which leaves us both perplexed and, indeed, awestruck.

Recently, very recently, in fact, members of a certain well-known fraternity "performed," for the student body, in front of Alumni Hall; and perform they did! These young men, the pride and joy, we suppose, of their organization, can take the prize for tastelessness, insipidness, and just down right vulgarity. As their "sisters" looked on with obvious approving amusement (and who knows what else), these young Black Men whose supposed purposes are finer manhood, perseverance, scholarship, and overall human excellence, "entertained" the crowd with their stomps and singing, which, if you like that sort of thing, were very good. But, to include such tasteless, hardly subtle body movements, and to allude to certain parts of the anatomy was hardly

"Silent Night" was written on Christmas Eve, 1818 by the Rev. Joseph Mohr, a priest at cathedral near Salzburg, Austria.

needed. We ask you, in such explicit reference to certain parts of the body really necessary? Afterall, everybody has them, and knows what they are for (we assume).

An article written in a May 1970 issue of the Panther, by a member of a greek organization which was newly chartered, on this campus (you greeks are fairly young. Afterall, another totally different organization was the first one here at good ol' PVAMU. Right on Crescendo.) said, "we, as greeks, must unite and take our places as the Malcom Xs and Huey Newtons and Martin Luther Kings, and unite our students. Sure, we may have some non-greeks capable of such leadership, but we can't wait until they decide to act. It may be too late. Thus, we, as greeks, must take the leading roles, as we have done on other capuses."

What the young man said is unequivocally true. They can't wait for members of "non-greek" (it doesn't even deserve to be capatilized) organizations to move, not in that asanine direction anyway.

Oh, and one more question for you "intelligent," "morally strong," young men of this

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Five Panthers On All SWAC Teams

James Cowans, 6-3, 234 pound junior defensive end for the Prairie View Panther football team was named to the Southwestern Athletic Conference Coaches All Conference First Team.

Cowans who led the Panthers with 137 tackles, 12 quarterback sacks, six covered fumbles and four blocked punts, is the only member of the Panther team to crack the first unit. Jesse Horace a senior linebacker and Adrian Thomas, junior defensive unit.

Gerald Holan, the Panthers junior offensive guard and fullback Charle Weatherspoon, were named to the offensive second unit. Charles was the top rusher with 114 yard in the Panthers controversy 29-28 lost to TSU. Charles finished the season with 518 yards despite missing most of the season with an injury. His best game was 140 yards against the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He was named the SWAC Player of the Week for his efforts against TSU.

ALL SWAC FIRST TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Position	Name	HT.	WT.	Class	School
Split End	Carlos Pennywell	6-4	190	Sr.	Grambling
Left Tackle	Louis Bullard	6-6	282	Sr.	Jackson St.
Left Guard	Wayne Price	6-3	243	Sr.	Grambling
Center	Clarence McMichael	6-2	240	Sr.	TSU
Right Guard	Gregory Labot	5-11	250	Sr.	Southern
Right Tackle	James Williams	6-3	260	So.	MVSU
Tight End	Mike Moore	6-0	215	Sr.	Grambling
Flk.	Robert Woods	5-9	164	Sr.	Grambling
Quarterback	Doug Williams	6-4	214	Sr.	Grambling
Running Back	Ricky Patton	5-11	187	Sr.	Jackson St.
Fullback	Don Colquit	6-2	225	So.	TSU
Punter	John Stanified	5-9	165	Jr.	MVSU

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Split End	Ralph Staten	6-2	180	Sr.	MVSU
Left Tackle	Kevin Hardy	6-3	263	Sr.	Jackson St.
Left Guard	Gerald Holman	6-2	250	Jr.	Prairie View
Center	Jeffrey Hudson	6-2	263	So.	Grambling
Right Guard	Norris Jernigan	5-11	238	Jr.	Jackson
Right Tackle	Scott Seifert	6-3	250	Jr.	TSU
Tight End	Ron Steele	6-4½	195	Sr.	Southern
Flk.	Issac Betts	6-1	175	Sr.	Southern
Quarterback	Melvin Williams	6-2½	190	So.	MVSU
Running Back	Lennis Lightfoot	6-0	180	So.	Alcorn
Fullback	Charles Weatherspoon	5-11	195	Jr.	Prairie View

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

End	Russell Hall	6-8	231	Sr.	Grambling
Tackle	William Kinnard	6-6	260	Jr.	MVSU
Tackle	Nathaniel Besant	6-5	265	Sr.	Southern
End	James Cowans	6-3	234	Jr.	Prairie View
Linebacker	Jessie Griffin	6-3	222	Sr.	Jackson St.
Linebacker	John Thomas	6-1	230	Sr.	Alcorn
Linebacker	Calvin Bates	5-11	227	Sr.	Grambling
Back	Charles Williams	6-1	183	Sr.	Jackson
Back	Derrick Battle	5-11	180	Sr.	MVSU
Back	Jacque Johnson	6-3	218	Sr.	TSU
Back	Charles Stewart	6-0	195	Sr.	Southern

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

End	Robert Brown	6-3	250	Jr.	Jackson St.
Tackle	Oliver Barrett	6-2	250	Sr.	TSU
Tackle	Cecil Cleveland	6-4	230	Jr.	Southern
End	Henry Bradley	6-3	265	Sr.	Alcorn
Linebacker	McKinley Barnes	6-2	220	Sr.	TSU
Linebacker	Jesse Horace	6-3	225	Sr.	Prairie View
Linebacker	Ruful Newsome	6-1	205	Jr.	MVSU
Back	Leroy Paul	5-10	180	So.	TSU
Back	Charles Johnson	6-0	170	Jr.	Grambling
Back	Adrain Thomas	5-11	180	Jr.	Prairie View
Back	Ricky Cameron	6-1	175	Sr.	Jackson St.

SWAC COACH OF THE YEAR: Eddie Robinson — Grambling
 SWAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Doug Williams — Quarterback — Grambling
 SWAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jessie Griffin — Linebacker — Jackson St.

of Soul got set to leak through a hole after the Black Foxes and PV Marching Band creamed Rice's crop as to who is top in TEXAS LAND. Although the record of 3-8 does not totally indicate the kind of team we had the season is now over for the gridiron. Excluding the fumbles, timely

Panthers Brilliant In Narrow 29-28 Loss to TSU

Richard Warfield scored for Prairie View A&M with 1:55 to play on a 4-yard run to put the Panthers within one point of a tie and 2 points to move ahead of the TSU Tigers.

With the score at 29-28, the Panthers elected to try for two points but failed.

Texas Southern had moved ahead of the Panthers when Tiger quarterback Keith Baker pushed over one yard for a score with 3:55 left. It was the final game of the season for both clubs and was played at Rice Stadium in Houston.

The victory finished Texas Southern's season at 6-4-1 and with a Southwestern Athletic

mistakes and crummy calls we were in all but two of our game this year. Coach Wright says, "Next year we will try not to have close scores as to remove all doubt." Special thanks should be given to the players, the coaches, staff, administration, alumni and all involved in efforts of trying to make this season a success. A very special thanks goes to YOU the student body for supporting the Panthers. It is nice to hear and see crowds like the one we had at Rice Stadium so let's keep up the good ole school spirit. The Panthers only lost six starters from this years team so OH YE the Panthers will be back.

Conference record of 3-2-1 while Prairie View finished 3-8 for the year and 1-5 in conference.

WARNING:

This Month's Issue of the NATIONAL LAMPOON

Contains Printed Material That May Be Found Hilarious by Texans.



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Our Season Finale

By G.C. Pope, Sports Editor

The Texas Shootout had plenty of firepower but I believe that some illegal bullets from extra firearms were used to critically wound our Panthers. Contrary to belief the T.S.U. Tigers did anything but blow us out of Rice Stadium. From the first kick-off to the halftime performances to the final tick of the tock, the Prairie View Panthers really won that game.

It is in the record book and the game is over but I have to say one last thing about the score. My press box seat was beautiful, my binoculars were fine and my eyeglasses were clean but I just did not see two of Texas Southern's touch-downs. Neither did I see a costly so-called pass interference call on us in the fourth quarter and a personal foul on us with our ball carrier doggedly tackled by five opponents. Yet we get penalized as our man gets hurt. In the aftermath of the game I witnessed both teams locker-rooms and believe me TSU knows who really won that game too! Well now that all of the bad gas has leaked out because it hurts to lose like that, heck we have a lot to be proud of and look up to after that game. Anybody from PV would feel proud from watching an exciting game like that. Shucks we even passed

the ball to compliment our running attack plus did the PV WORM when we sacked Keith Baker, TSU's elusive quarterback, for a loss. Our Panthers capitalized on the Tigers mistakes and without further ado all who witnessed can say TSU's Majorettes and Ocean

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Prairie View A&M University is participating in the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program for the 1977-78 School year.

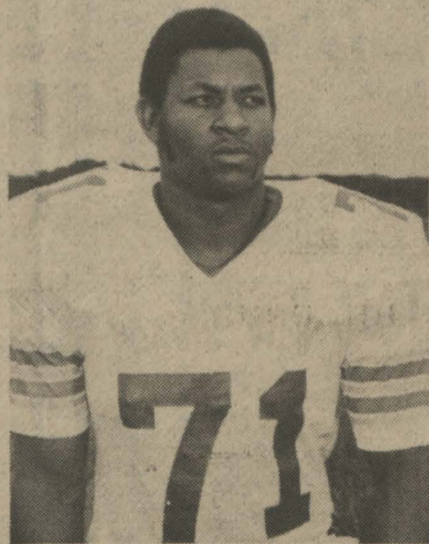
Each Scholarship covers tuition fees, books and room and board, to a maximum of 5,000 annually.

The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit to students who will be College Juniors in the forthcoming academic year, who have an outstanding potential for leadership in Government Service.

Interested students should contact Mr. R. E. Carreathers, assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, room 5 Alta Vista Hall or phone 857-2217



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



RICHARD BENNETT

PRAIRIE VIEW PLAYER OF THE WEEK

October 1 and 8, 1977

RICHARD BENNETT

Defensive Tackle

Junior from Monticello, Texas

S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BILL KINNARD

MVSC — October 1, 1977

S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KEITH BAKER

TSU — October 8, 1977

Final Examination Schedule-First Semester, 1977-78

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

English 123 classes Examination will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For classes beginning at -
7:30 MWF
11:30 MWF
4:30 MWF

Examination will be given from -
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

English 223 classes Examination will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For classes beginning at -
8:30 MWF
10:30 TTh
3:30 MWF

Examination will be given from -
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Chemistry 124 classes Examination will be given from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

English 113 Classes Examination will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For classes beginning at -
9:00 TTh
1:30 MWF
9:30 MWF
12:00 TTh

Examination will be given from -
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Chemistry 114 classes Examination will be given from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

English 213 classes Examination will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For classes beginning at -
1:30 TTh
7:30 TTh
3:00 TTh
2:30 MWF

Examination will be given from -
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

For classes beginning at -

10:30 MWF
12:30 MWF
4:30 TTh

Examination will be given from -
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Examination for graduate classes will be given at the regular class meeting time.

All NROTC and AROTC Examinations will be scheduled by the Professor of NROTC and AROTC during the week of December 12-17.

FRESHMAN STUDIES MATHEMATICS 173 and 183 PLEASE CHECK WITH THE DEPT. HEAD OF MATHEMATICS FRESHMAN STUDIES FOR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND TIME.

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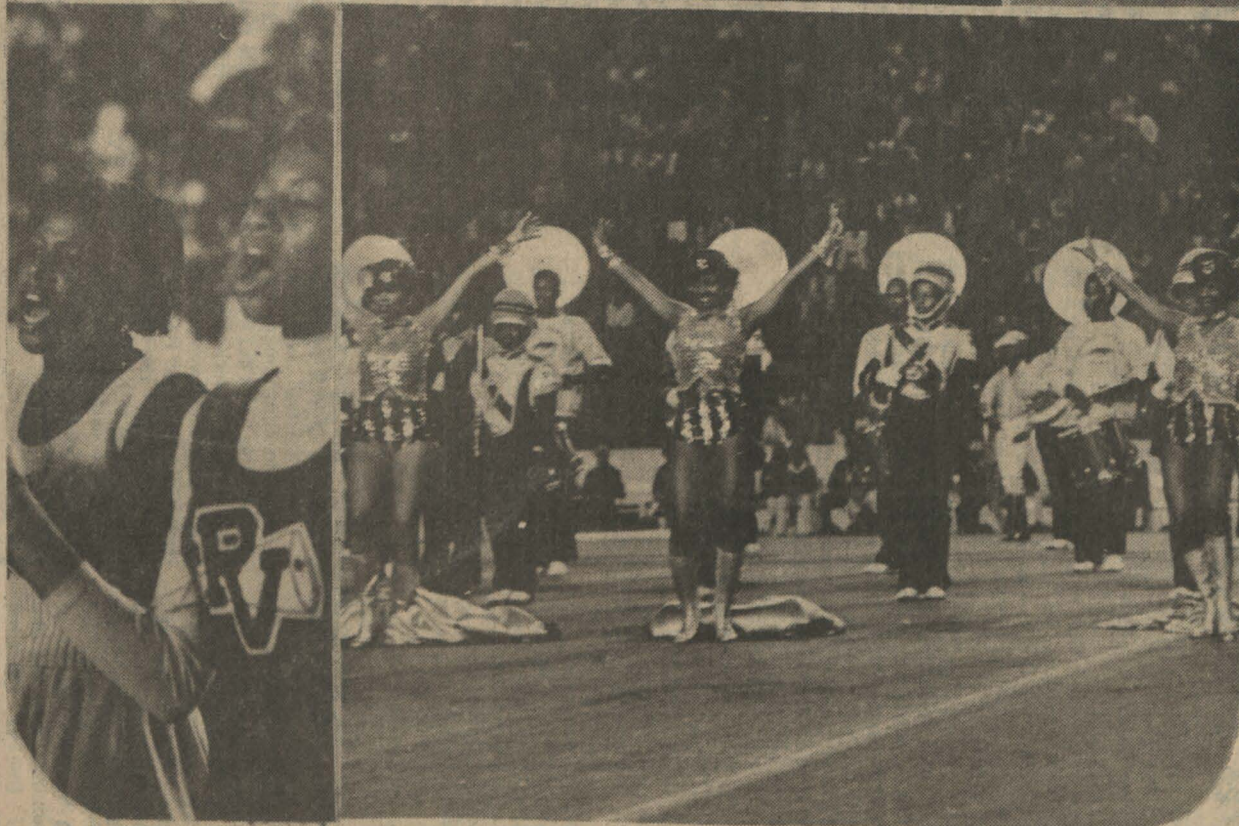


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... a grand season ends



PV-TSU IN RICE STADIUM - a fitting finale. Both performed well. Panthers and Tigers came ready to battle...and they did.