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# February is Black History Month

Prairie View A&M University has joined the entire nation in the February observance of Black History Month. The theme for 1978 is "Roots, Achievements and Projections."

This year's observance coincides with the university's centennial observance in February

which focuses in February on "Religion and Moral Values." A major presentation of the month is the 20th Annual Ministers Conference which was held on February 7-8. The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, a former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered a rousing address

before the conference and campus community which will long be remembered.

Activities are scheduled throughout the month by most schools and departments including social lectures, book reviews, film presentations, and exhibits. The W. R. Banks

Library will feature exhibits and displays throughout the month.

Discussion on contemporary problems facing Black Americans include the following:

February 2, 1978 12 noon,

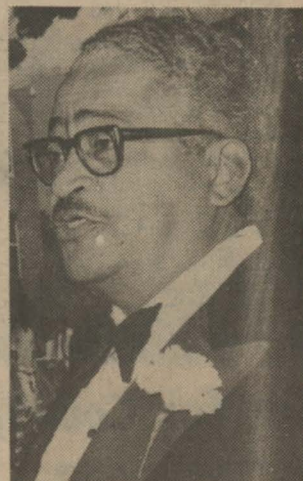
Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, "Black America: The Politics of Disarray," Mr. William Walker, Department of Political Science. February 9, 1978 12 noon Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, "Unique Problems of Handicapped Black Americans," Dr. Juanita Carter, Special Education Department.

February 16, 1978, 12 noon. Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, "The Black Family in 1978," Ms. Jimmie Poindexter, Coordinator, Sociology Department. February 23, 1978, 12 noon. Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, "The Psychology of Being Black," Dr. Allen Carter, Department of Psychology.

## ALUMNI PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Singer Dorceal Duckens of Washington, DC



Educator Herbert Melton of Houston

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## Services Held for Former President Drew

Dr. Jesse M. Drew, who served in several top academic positions and for a short time as president of the Prairie View A&M University, died of pneumonia on January 30 in Edwardsville, Ill., following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held for the retired Prairie View official at Woodlawn Chapel in Edwardsville on February 2.

A Harvard University graduate, Dr. Drew was named President at Prairie View when Dr. E. B. Evans retired in 1966. He became ill shortly after his appointment and found it necessary to resign after a brief period in office. His wife, Mrs. Alice Drew, (for whom Drew

Hall, women's dormitory is named) was ill at the time and preceded him in death.

Dr. Drew joined the Prairie View staff in 1943 as a member of the Department of Education. He served as director and later as dean of the school of Arts and Sciences, dean of the Graduate School and Dean of the College before his elevation to the presidency. He was closely associated with the administration of Dr. Evans, serving as its chief academic officer and adviser.

A 1929 graduate of Lincoln University (MO), Dr. Drew earned the Master of Science degree at Kansas University

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Dr. J. M. Drew

## Annual Event — Career Festival Slated Tuesday In Houston

Prairie View A&M University is inviting college bound high school juniors and seniors to the "University Career Festival" scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, at the Houston Shamrock Hilton at 6:00 p.m.

The carnival, which is sponsored by the Greater Houston Area Advisory Council and Prairie View A&M, is one of several special events that have been slated for the University's Centennial Celebration.

According to Dr. George H. See CAREER FESTIVAL, Page 2

## "Making Greater Distance Through Doors That Are Open"

By: Matthew Ade. Shoyebo  
Panther Staff Writer

In his warming message to us last week at Prairie View A&M University's 20th Annual Ministers' Conference, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, President of Operation PUSH, and Prairie View A&M University Professor-For-A-Day as honorably described by President A. I. Thomas, counselled us on how we can build up a new self-esteem and good spirit within ourselves. He aptly reviewed some of the problems facing us as Blacks, and Young People of this Nation, and beseeched us to take advantage of the opportunities that are now available to us as Blacks. "Progress is not just having more doors open, progress is making greater distance through doors that are open. So the door is open and you are too drunk to stagger through, it is to no avail" emphasized Rev. Jackson.

Rev. Jackson warned of Racism which is still in existence in our Society today and which is still the number one impediment for achievement in America today. "Racism has split our society. Racism has split our Church. Racism leaves many schools inadequately funded. Racism brings negative publicity to our Schools," said Rev. Jackson.

Prairie View A&M University must be protected because we have a special mission. This mission according to Rev. Jesse Jackson is to develop our People who will go back home and develop our People. To reach to the rejected and to raise the level of the average Black family. "If major universities by law accept us, but by spirit will not develop and graduate us, this does not constitute major progress," he said. Prairie View A&M University has an accomplishment, proved. "We must preserve the fundamental ethnic character and mission of this University," he stated further that one must not construe of us as being mostly black and strive for separation. He said that we are most black,

because the condition are mostly black. "Prairie View A&M has a greater capacity and greater will be reach back in the rural area of Texas and to receive the rejected in the so-called major University of this State. And if the mission of this University is to raise and save the rejected, this University is having a justification for being," added Rev. Jackson. Rev. Jackson went further to observe the objectivity and philosophy of this Administration and lauded President A. I. Thomas' notion of OPERATION SUCCESS program and his commitment to raise forth a fundamental problem in American Education and as well fulfill a solemn proposition.

Rev. Jackson did not ask us to take anything on trust. It will be useless. We are much too cynical for that. What he did ask us, however, is to give all what he said to us a trial-on a purely pragmatic basis. When he advised us as young adults to look clean, smell clean and act clean and to learn manners and take off the hats in the building and act divine for economic reasons, he was purely showing us the way to success. "The

Labor Market is owned by people who repent hard enough, to give us a little bit share of the national cake. "So why add to the trauma of the unemployment by looking crude and dangerous?" asked Rev. Jackson.

This message was in essence, a repeat of most of the injunction which have come out of the Administration of this Institution in the past. It was in part an echo of Rev. Van Johnson's popular sermon here at Prairie View — "Down with Dope and Up with Hope" and President Thomas' regular appeal to Students to be self-confident and development their potentialities for a successful life.

We will be doing ourselves good, if we think well of ourselves, as we appreciate that life has left us with a jaundiced view of ourselves, we can begin to change the picture and pick out the brighter colors.

WE ARE SOMEBODY. We have gifts and infinite possibilities. We may have lots of handicaps, but all these can be turned to good effect as we

See JESSE JACKSON, Page 2

## PV Students Accepted in Texas University Medical Schools

The following students have been accepted to Medical School in the University of Texas System for the fall of 1978: Larry D. Brown, UT Medical, San Antonio; Paul K. Minifie, UT Medical Branch at Galveston; Don J. Daniels, Ronald Salmond, and Arthur R. Wilson, UT Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. Each of them had to make a decision

as to what medical school to attend since each had more than one choice. Larry Brown also received a \$1000.00 merit scholarship from the medical school at San Antonio. These young men are to be commended for meeting the challenge of competition for the coveted positions in these schools.

## CENTENNIAL BANQUET SPEAKERS



Chairman Clyde Wells Texas A&M System Board of Regents



State Representative Senfronia Thompson of Houston



Dr. Jack Williams Texas A&M System Chancellor



CITY OF HOUSTON PROCLAMATION — Mayor Jim McConn's representative Palmer Bowser presents proclamation designating January 27 Prairie View A&M University Day in Houston.



## ABC TV Network Producer Lectures at PV in February

Ann Stewart Hayward, Associate Producer/Director with ABC TV Network News in New York City, is visiting Prairie View A&M February 13-14 to guest-lecture in a Mass Communications course.

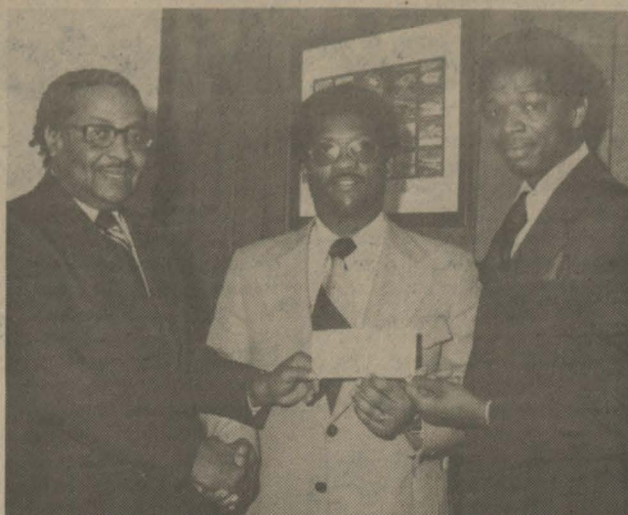
Hayward is serving as a "visiting professor" in the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP). This Spring 1978 semester, over 200 black professional and business persons are serving as guest-lecturers in a variety of BEEP credit-bearing courses at thirty traditionally black colleges and universities. Since 1969, BEEP visiting professors have supplemented academic theory with practical, applied know-how as utilized in the work world, in order to prepare students for

embarking on professional careers after graduation.

Participating firms and government agencies support BEEP by donating the time, expertise, and expenses of their black executives.

At ABC-TV, Hayward produces, directs and writes a series of mini-documentaries reflecting the contributions of minorities to the fabric of American society. She is also Associate Producer for one-hour news documentaries in a series of investigative reports.

An American History and Government graduate of Simmons College, Hayward earned her DPA in Urban Administration at New York University. She has also studied at the American Film Institute in California.



**UNIVERSITY GIFT** — City Services Company representative Leonard S. Lytle presents \$3,500 check to Prairie View A&M College of Engineering (Dean A. E. Greaux left) and Placement Office represented by Alonza Sargent, Jr., Division of Cooperative Education.

## Jesse Jackson at PV —

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believe in ourselves and know we are worthwhile.

formation of Subarea Councils, local advisory groups that will identify health care problems and needs in their communities.

Statement by citizens will be considered in developing long and short range goals for health service delivery in this area.

The public is urged to attend this initial and very important part of the planning process.

WE ARE UNIQUE. We are fabulous. And we have greater contribution to make to life and the world.

"I AM SOMEBODY" is very important, said Rev. Jackson. He adds that if one really feels he is somebody, he acts as somebody, he should also be able to treat other people as somebody. Truly, this is a living message that we should always carry with us, as we are moving on into the Second Century of this dynamic University.

## Campus Safety and Security Department

The Campus Safety and Security Department wishes to express sincere appreciation for the cooperation received from the student body and fans during an altercation that occurred at the basketball game between Prairie View A&M University and Southern University, Friday, February 13, 1978.

For the most part, students and fans maintained positive behavior and obeyed instructions to remain in the stands. Unfortunately, we had a few individuals to display behavior incompatible with the Success Philosophy of the University, e.g., being rowdy, going on to the playing court and throwing items of debris on the playing court.

Students and fans are reminded that throwing debris and other articles on the playing court will not be condoned. Not only is this in violation of Article 11463 of the Texas Penal Code and the rules and regulations of Prairie View A&M University; it presents a tremendous danger to players of Prairie View, players of the visiting team and to students and visiting fans. Consequently, this matter is being investigated with hopes of

identifying these persons involved so that proper disciplinary action may be taken.

It is good to see our students and our supporters get emotionally involved during athletic events at Prairie View. However, we expect emotional involvement to reflect positive behavior, such as, cheering the team on to victory or even showing sadness in cases of defeat, but Never do we expect, now will we tolerate any behavior that is not in support of the policies and regulations of the University. Disputed calls or player altercations should first of all be dealt with by the coaches and officials and not by students and fans.

The Campus Safety and Security Department feels certain that you will agree that it is the responsibility of each of us to represent Prairie View A&M University in a positive fashion at all times, whether at home or away. Whether on our basketball court, football field, baseball field or at some other university; the success philosophy of Prairie View A&M University *MUST* be a constant companion and our behavior *must* reflect this companionship.

## Health Planning Meeting Set for County Courthouse

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Court House Assembly Room to discuss citizen participation in health planning.

The meeting will be sponsored by the H-GAC Health Systems Agency, the

health planning agency for the thirteen county region that includes Waller County.

The Health Systems Agency will develop a plan based on the health needs of the region's population. Staff from the Health Systems Agency will meet with citizens to discuss the

## Biology Seminar Given by PV Grad Now on Faculty

Dr. Wendell Baker, Veterinarian, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture, presented a seminar to the faculty and students of the Biology Department on February 1, 1978 on "Careers in Veterinary Medicine."

Private practice, surgery, research, federal disease control, zoos and exotic animals, are some of the areas of specialty. His interests are in equine (horse) practice, especially, reproductive physiology. His presentation stimulated considerable discussion.

Dr. Baker received the B.S. degree in Biology in 1969 and the DVM from Tuskegee Institute School of Veterinary Medicine in 1973, after which he served as a Veterinarian in

the US Army. He is currently involved in research and teaching in the Department of Animal Science in the College of Agriculture.

### Dr. Drew —

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in 1939, and the Doctor of Education at Harvard in 1944. He served as a high school teacher and principal in his native Missouri before coming to Prairie View.

Leadership in the establishment and the development of the graduate program at the University and a constant push for scholarship improvement are areas for which the former dean and president will be best remembered.

## Career Festival —

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Stafford, director of admissions, the main purpose of the career carnival is to provide students the opportunity to confer face-to-face with deans and school and department heads about future educational plans and opportunities. University representatives will be able to inform students about admissions, advanced placement, financial aid, tuition and fees, housing, academic programs, student activities, ROTC programs, Operation Success, and other areas of interest. In addition, each student will be able to mingle with other students from the Houston area as well as be entertained by a diversity of Prairie View talent.

Dr. Stafford said a student may be admitted to the University at this time if he or she can secure a letter from the high school counselor showing grade point average, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Office of Admissions at (713) 857-2118.

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# Science Division To Hold Institute

The Division of Natural Science will host its twenty-third Annual Science Institute on March 15, 1978. The keynote speaker for this year's Institute is Mrs. Juanita P. Cooke, Coordinator for Minority Affairs, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute within the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Maryland. The theme of the Science Institute is "Science Education for Youth — Key to Human Survival."

Science hosts the Annual Science Institute so that faculty and students within the University and from regional high schools can meet and discuss aspects of Science.

All interested persons are invited to attend the 23rd Annual Science Institute. Registration for the Institute will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Lobby of Harrington Science Building on Wednesday, March 15th. The opening session begins at 9:00 a.m. in Auditorium B, Harrington Science.

The Division of Natural

## CALLING ALL CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS - - -

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# "I am Somebody"

By Jo Ann Alderson

"I am somebody," that was the keynote address delivered by the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson at the twentieth Annual Ministers conference held at Prairie View University on February 8th. The convocation represented Prairie View's centennial year.

Rev. Jackson was a protege of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and National Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), but in 1971 Jackson resigned as National Director of Operation Breadbasket and formed a new black liberation movement. Jackson's organization People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) was the beginning of a new era. This era of course was to help save black communities and help blacks master self desire and the challenge of success.

When Rev. Jackson spoke at Prairie View's convocation the crowd cheered with anticipation. Not only did Rev. Jackson place emphasis upon education but he placed emphasis upon Economics, Employment, Unemployment, Reverse Dis-

crimination and a host of other things dealing with the lack of educational value for the black people.

Rev. Jackson has focused his attention on the American schools, he has emerged in school auditoriums across the country for the last two years, for his brand of educational excellence.

Rev. Jackson has his own style, he is no carbon copy of the late Dr. King neither is he a branch of the late Marcus Garvey, what Rev. Jackson holds inside is self respect, he's guiding his audience toward a more open foundation for self-desire and strong educational value.

What we black college students had better do, is forget about the sensational values and try to capture and complete the educational values, because after all the doors to opportunities are closing.

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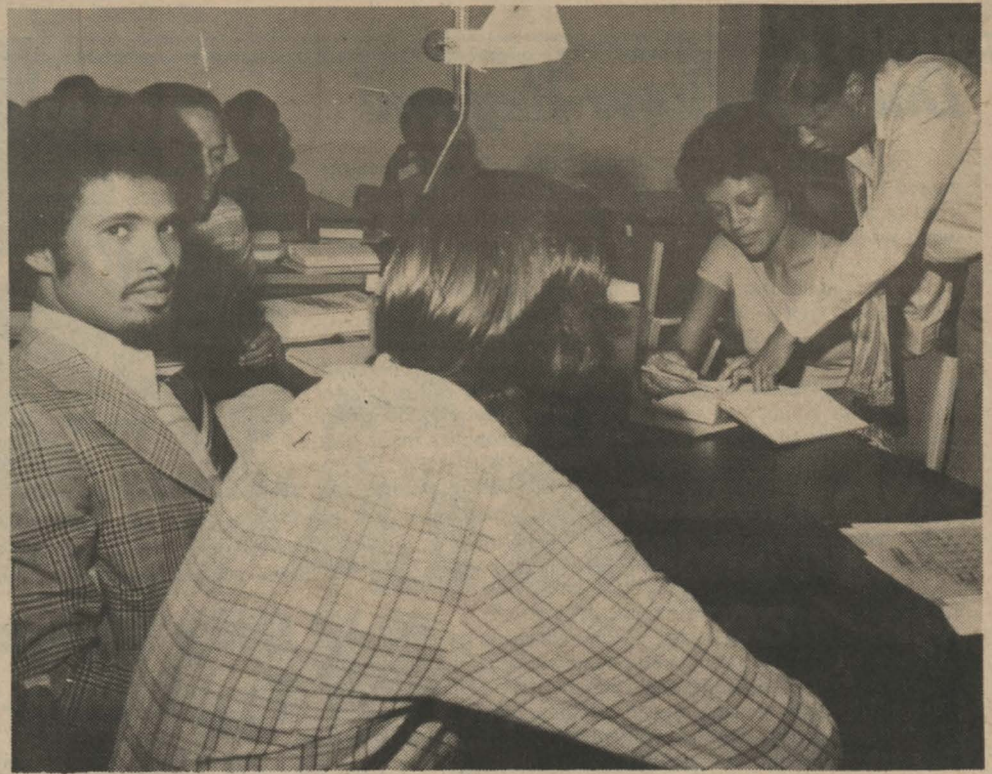
## Membership Drive Sponsored by Student Council

The Student Council for Exceptional Children has designated the month of February as Membership Drive Month. During this period educators from all disciplines are invited to join the organization.

For additional information, please call the Department of Special Education at 857-4312.

## Notice on GED Testing Date

February testing dates for the Prairie View A&M University GED Center have been changed from February 18-19 to February 15-16. For further information contact: Dr. Carl Settles, Chief Examiner, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas 77445, (713) 857-2118 or 2116.



VISITING BEEP LECTURER Sandra Mitchell is pictured working with a class in Business under Mr. Wossene. She is an advertising executive with Bristol-Myers Company in New York City.

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In Memory —

# Doctors Drew-Ragland

Two of Prairie View's well-known and well-liked educators passed from the scene during the past weeks. Dr. J. M. Drew lived to a ripe age of 73 after a lengthy illness. Dr. Ragland's death was sudden and somewhat premature at only 61 years of age.

Both served the university in high positions — in the instructional area — and both were very fond of teaching.

Dr. George Ragland possessed many attributes of the sociologist he was. He liked students and young people and enjoyed being around them. He also had the knack of fitting into position and giving the kind of dedication desired and often expected by his superiors. His easy-going personality made him acceptable on both sides of many issues.

While Dr. Ragland finally earned a considerable knitch for himself as an administrator, it should be remembered that in earlier years he distinguished himself as a part of a faculty research team that turned out what was the only consistent effort on record aimed and studying and improving the social and economic life in black communities of this state.

Dr. Drew was also a part of the education awakening for blacks of the fifties and was acknowledged leader in the development of graduate teaching programs on campus. He was quiet, easy-going, unassuming in personal life, but somewhat determined when it came to academic matters. He was widely accepted as a scholar and a gentleman.

Both men leave legacies of long deduated services to the institution they loved and cherished (CAW)

## Plans Set for National Engineers Week

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers are celebrating National Engineer's Week February 12th thru February 18th. The Ladies Auxiliary of the San Jacinto Chapter of T.S.P.E. are celebration three important occasions during the same week.

On Tuesday, February 14th, the student Award Luncheon will be held at the University of Houston in the Zodiac Room of the Hilton Continuing Education Center, 4800 Calhoun. The San Jacinto Auxiliary will honor their sponsored Engineering Students, Ginger Sunde and Janice Bohn. Mrs. Sunde is a senior and Mrs. Bohn a Junior at U of H. Both are Civil Engineering Students.

On Thursday, February 16th at 11 a.m., the San Jacinto Chapter Auxiliary joins with the members of the Auxiliaries of the Sam Houston and the Northwest chapters of T.S.P.E. at a luncheon to honor the wife of the Engineer of the Year. This special occasion will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley J. Lewis. Invitations will be extended.

On Friday, February 17th, the San Jacinto Chapter of T.S.P.E. will honor the Engineer of the Year at a Dinner Dance. The name of the Engineer of the Year will be announced Engineer's Week. The Astro Village Hotel is the scene of the closing Engineer's Week festivities.

Reservations: Mrs. Louis Koehn, Jr., 462-4831; Mrs. Harold Mercer, 462-2285; membership chmn. Mrs. William Avery, 723-9308; submitted by Mrs. Gerald L. Hutchins, publicity chmn., 493-9308.

## Ideas Wanted

The Centennial yearbook is underway and they are calling meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. The meetings are held in the Teachers Center of the Publications Building in room 107.

This years' yearbook editors are Robert Thomas and Matthew Shoyebo. Everyone is welcome to the meeting so they can express their ideas with the editors.

## THE PRAIRIE VIEW PANTHER

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PANTHER PHOTOGRAPHER caught this dining hall scene while aiming at attractive young ladies on campus. Pity the poor lensman with such a job.

## General "Charlie" James First Black 4-Star General

During Black History Month it is a time of awareness of past and present contribution and accomplishments of Black people. therefore we recognize General Daniel "Chappie" James, the highest ranking Black in the U.S. military.

Gen. James joined the military as an air cadet in 1943 during the time of segregation. After the war Gen. James and other military men protested against separate facilities, they were arrested for demonstrating against segregation but was

latter acquitted and all charges removed from his military records. Segregation was soon changed during the time of Pres. Eisenhower.

Gen. "Chappie" James rose to become an air defense squadron commander and higer to become a four-star general. Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James is now retired at age 57 after a 34 year military career, but he has shown a way for other Black military men.

Jerri Kemp Barnes

## Student Government What, When, Where?

There has been some controversy lately here at Prairie View dealing with our Student Government. This controversy has been brewing for some time but was recently brought to a head by the inspiring words of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson here February 8.

A survey was taken dealing with this controversy and several students on campus were asked this one question: "Have you ever heard about the student government and anything it does?"

The replies were:  
1. No. I didn't know we had a student government.

Yolanda M.

2. No. I've never heard of anything the student government does.

Carolyn S.

3. No. I wasn't aware we had one.

Terrance R.

4. No. They seem to be lost around here.

Belinda P.

5. No. I was not aware of the student government.

Marilyn B.

6. I heard that the movies that the students go see on Wednesday and Sundays are obtained by the student government.

Tilmon K.

7. No. I've seen no examples of Student Government at work nor have I heard of any projects they have accomplished.

Byron L.

8. No. I have not heard of

Student Government. "What exactly are they supposed to do?"

Robert M.

9. Yes. I've heard of the Student Government but I haven't seen or heard of any worthy contributions.

Julius S.

10. No. I haven't heard anything of the student government or anything about it.

Artheretta P.

11. No. I haven't heard of a student government here. Maybe they should be a lot more open than they are to let people know students are running some of the show.

Cheryl B.

12. Unfortunately I haven't heard of the student government so how can I possibly say I've heard what it does.

Linda T.

13. No. I have not heard of the student government at Prairie View.

Vanessa D.

As you see the majority of these students never even knew we had a student government.

Some of the questions asked by these students were: How are these students selected to represent the student body? When do they meet? Who are the officers? What are they doing for the students?

We as students would like to know this information so that we can work with you in bettering Prairie View. As

## Important Message

All students selected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges at Prairie View A&M University are requested to register their names at the publication office and have their pictures taken for 1978 yearbook publication.

All Who's Who students at Houston clinic and those doing their student teaching outside Waller County may send their black and white photographs to the editor, 1978 Yearbook, Publication and Information Office, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas 77445, not later than March 10, 1978.

## Black History Month Symposiums

ROOTS: BRIDGING THE GAP TO THE MOTHERLAND, February 7, 1978, 12 noon Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, Small group discussions centering on Kenja, Mrs. Luke Ongudu, Coordinator.

February 14, 1978, 12 noon, Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, Aspects of Nigerian Culture, Mr. Ifeanyi Okoro and Mr. Tijjani Ahmad Umar, Coordinators.

February 21, 1978, 12 noon, Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, Comparative Cultural Traditions (Small group discussions), Mr. Obiora Benedict Ifejoku, coordinator.

February 28, 1978, 12 noon, Banks Library 2nd Fl. lobby, Aspects of Liberian Culture, Mr. Frank Seimavula, coordinator. (Sponsored by Afro-American History (463) Classes).

## What is a Valentine?

We always think of Valentines As Cards with a cherryart With sentimental phrases

And a message heart to heart But Valentines can always be The smiles we give away, The words of praise, sincerely meant

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## NROTC Plans

### Soul Food Dinner

The Navy ROTC unit at Prairie View A&M is sponsoring its Annual Soul Food Dinner on Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Newman Center, Prairie View, Texas.

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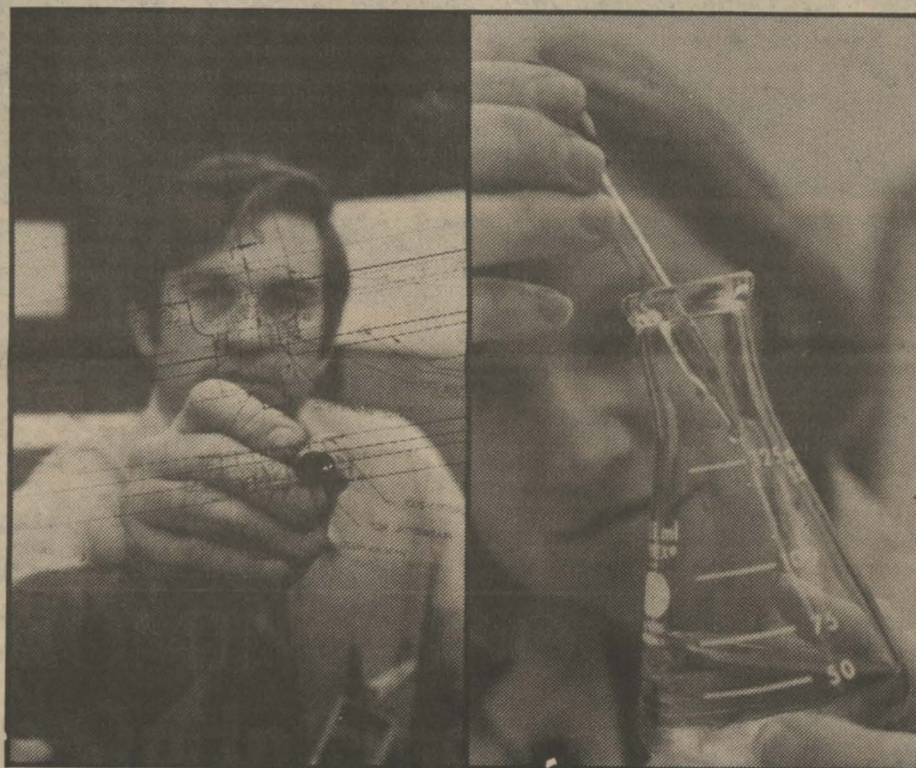
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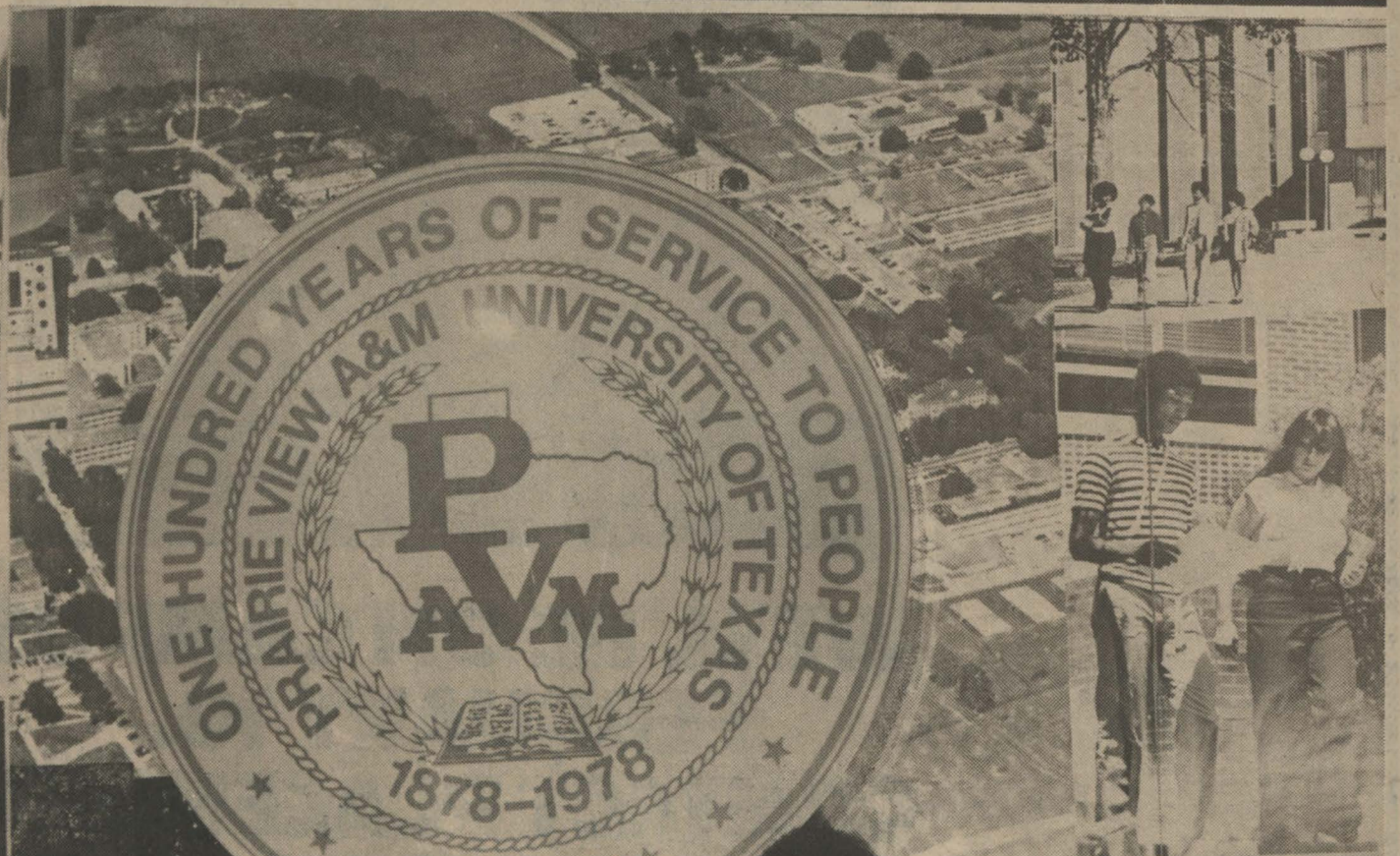
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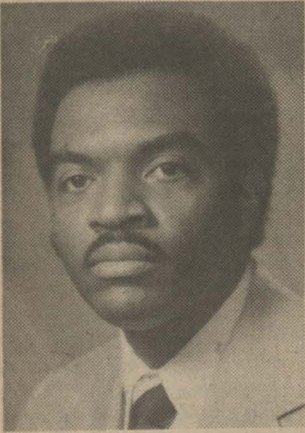
# SCENES FROM CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF BANQUET





# ALUMNI NEWS

# Business Instructor Has CPA Dream Fulfilled



## Thompson Promoted To General Supt.

Fred L. Thompson, Distribution Superintendent at Monsanto's Chocolate Bayou Plant, was recently promoted to General Superintendent, Plant Services.

Thompson assumes responsibility for the major engineering and technical support efforts for the plant. His primary responsibilities include the Materials Technology Section; Major Capital Project Coordination; Energy, Utilities Technology and Site Development; Plant Mechanical Technical Support; Project Engineering Section; and a newly created Instrument and Electrical Technical Support Section.

Thompson is a 1966 graduate of Prairie View A&M with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a 1974 graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla with a M.S. in Engineering Management. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

## Bryant Named To Hospital Post

Dr. Frank Bryant, Jr., prominent physician, is chief of staff-elect of Santa Rosa Medical Center for 1978. He will assume the title of chief of staff in 1979 for a one-year period.

"It's the greatest honor you can have on a hospital staff," the 46-year-old physician said. "I'll be running the affairs of the hospital as far as the physicians are concerned."

Dr. Bryant was selected by a secret ballot taken from all active hospital staff.

He is the first black staff chief at Santa Rosa and the second in the city. Dr. R. L. M. Hilliard is the chief of staff at Lutheran General hospital.

Dr. Bryant was awarded the degree of Fellow in October at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Family  
*See BRYANT, Page 10*

## PV Grad Receives Promotion

Champlin Petroleum Co. has promoted Edward L. Sample to the newly-created position of community and public affairs director of its local refinery.

Sample, who joined Champlin in 1973, has been chief mechanical engineer here.

Leon Shelton, manager of Champlin's Corpus Christi refinery, said Sample will assist him in various civil, welfare and public affairs activities.

Sample, who is serving his second term as a Corpus Christi city councilman, received his engineering degree from Prairie View A&M and his MBA from Texas A&I University at Kingsville.



## Vaughn Named Austin Texans Rep. and Scout

Johnny Ray Vaughn, a 1960 graduate of Prairie View, has been involved in professional football as a trainer coach and has received a promotion for the 1978-79 season as Team Representative and Scout with the Austin Texans, a newly formed team in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Vaughn played varsity baseball and football during his career at PV in 1956-60. He majored in physical education and received a B.S. degree in August 1960. Vaughn earned a Masters Degree in counseling in August 1973 at PVAM and is presently working on a PhD in Psychology at the University of Texas in Austin.

He is married to the former Mattie P. Harris of Bryan who is a teacher at Lamar High School. They have two children.

## PV-ites Seek Public Office

John Paul Davis of Beaumont became the first black candidate for a judgeship position in the history of Jefferson County.

Davis, 39, announced Tuesday morning that he will run on the Democratic ticket for judge of Jefferson County Court at Law No. 2.

That bench had been filled by Judge James Farris, who has been promoted to a district court bench. The commissioners court appointed Jimmy Sparks of Beaumont to fill the position until the voters select a new judge, at which time Sparks will resign.

Davis said he is the first black to run for judge in Jefferson County and if elected, he would be the first black to hold a bench in the county.

Lawrence E. Johnson, a 29-year-old black Waco attorney, said Monday he will be a candidate for the Waco City Council from District 1 in East Waco.

"I want to be a spokesman for the black people of Waco," he said. "The present representative is not representing the people. It's time for a change and the people here want a change."

Johnson said he is a 1967 graduate of Carver High School. He holds an engineering degree from Prairie View A&M and received his law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in 1975. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association, Waco-McLennan County Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

If Andreas Wossene (pronounced Wah'se-na') could have his way here, he would have an article informing blacks about the rewarding careers they could have as certified public accountants, rather than one about his new status. But when space is limited and a young instructor had made his way through academic and professional circles so deftly that he's lost track of his conferred degree, the feature story gets the nod in this business. He'll probably understand.

"Was your first degree a B.S. or a B.A.?" a reporter asked.

"I can find out," he answered, thumbing through one of his files. "Yes, B.S." He begins to muse. "Frankly I don't even know where my degrees are. But when I get my (CPA) certificate, it will go right here!" he assures, laughing as he thumps on a designated place on his office wall.

At 26, Mr. Wossene has become a certified public accountant, a distinction that makes him an elitist among the elite. And it was a personal milestone — a dream come true — for a former student who, though competent, had at times felt slightly abashed during his days at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"That grueling test . . . I couldn't believe I passed. People asked me after I finished, 'How was your test?' but I don't want to talk about it. I didn't want to get my hopes up high. You think you know it, and then, boop! . . . I worked so hard . . . unbelievable."

Wossene spent some 12-16 hours a day in the final two weeks studying for the 2½-day Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination, which is administered in May

and November by the accountancy board in every state. Candidates are tested for thorough knowledge and professional competence in four areas: practice, theory, auditing, and business law.

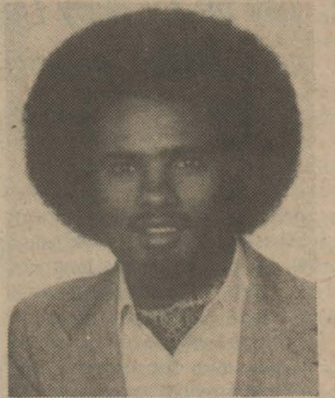
Acute and urbane, the Prairie View accounting instructor was successful in his first sitting, a performance very few CPAs can boast of. Applicants generally take the test four or five times — and still only 15 per cent manage to pass it.

Born in Ethiopia, Wossene graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Plateville and received the Master of Professional Accounting degree from the University of El Paso.

He is one of approximately 500 black CPAs, who comprise only three-tenths per cent of the total. To the surprise of some, black female CPAs outnumber black males with the coveted title. Too, black females on the average become CPAs at age 29, compared to an average 34 years for black males. Ironically, black male CPAs have salaries substantially higher than those of their female counterparts. In 1974, black male CPAs averaged \$25,000 per year while black female CPAs had a mean annual income of \$18,000.

Though he has a reservation about equating his new status with that of a medical doctor, he is quick to place himself on the level of the attorney.

"The high degree of selectivity by medical schools, the time spent on intense learning, the internship — all these factors make medical school a rigorous course of study. But as for lawyers, 96 per cent pass the bar examination while 85 per cent of the CPA candidates fail."



Wossene

He goes on to qualify his statement.

"Society has a lot to do with status. A janitor, for instance, might work hard and do his work well. But society still gives him low status."

Wossene says that in addition to the interdisciplinary scope of accounting (in effect, the CPA is an economist, auditor, and a tax specialist) a major complexity for the CPA is keeping abreast the changing trends.

"You must constantly update yourself. Enroll in classes like the doctor. Last year's income tax laws are now obsolete."

He says the public as a misconception about the role of the CPA.

"When there is exposure of fraud and irregularities in big corporations, people hold the CPAs accountable. After auditors check the books, they should be expected to present the financial statements fairly rather than accurately . . . It is like saying the doctor who cannot find the cure is not a good doctor."

There is a searching look  
*See CPA DREAM, Page 8*

## POEMS

### Set My Spirit Free

Bound by the chains of white men  
We came across the river,  
Just the thought of being sold  
Used to make shiver.

I use to dream of my free land  
And loving someone I knew,  
Now the ones that I still love  
Are narrowed down to few.

I use to have 6 chilluns  
As black as they could be,  
Then one day on massa came  
And took them all from me.

If before I'd die I'd have one wish  
You know what that would be?  
Take my soul to Africa  
And set my Spirit free.

### Ghetto Life

I don't go to school no more  
I ain't got no job,  
All I got is a record  
That says I'm known to rob.


Daddy don't come around no more,  
Mama's on relief,  
So how do you expect me  
Not to be a thief.

Welfare worker come around  
To see what he can find,  
Just the thought of her  
Keeps hatred on my mind.

Sister comes home one day  
Walking with a limp,  
Her face all bruised and swollen  
Beaten by her pimp.

None of this surprises me  
It happens everyday,  
I guess it's just the ghetto life  
Or just the ghetto way.

Robbie Largard, Upwad Bound Project



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# Up and Coming

**Eleanor Hill: Childhood sewing, designing pay off for Navy Lieutenant; she's designed new, stylish, practical uniforms for women**

(Reprint from Houston Post)

By Garylyn McGee  
Post Reporter

Think of all the years spent practicing a hobby simply because your mother told you it would pay off in the long run.

All those hours spent, say at the piano, and here you are an adult and no one has asked you to play even the simplest tune. "Time wasted," you say, and nearly every adult who had a similar experience will agree.

Except perhaps for Eleanor Hill, who waited and waited for the payoff, until finally it came in a most unusual way.

Since her childhood, Navy Lt. Eleanor Hill, from nearby Prairie View, spent hours sewing and designing clothes for herself and others.

In College she majored in clothing and merchandising. And once in the Navy, she tried for a spot as Supply Corps officer, which would give her a chance to put her skills to use.

Several years passed and finally the Navy, faced with a unique problem, called on the bright lieutenant from Texas to solve its problem.

Women naval officers needed new uniforms, officials said, and a civilian designer was unable to come up with what the women wanted.

Hill's assignment: To come up with a smart, yet practical uniform for all the enlisted women and the women enrolled in the Naval Academy.

She talked to the women officers, got an idea of what they wanted and set out to design "a totally flexible" uniform, which can be worn comfortably in any weather.



Eleanor Hill

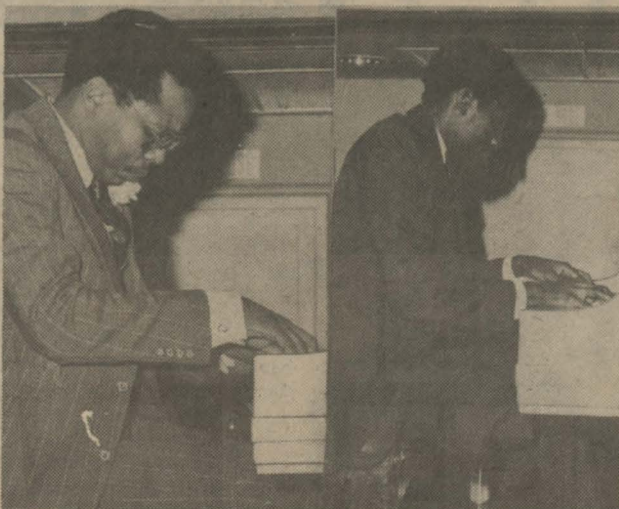
There were a number of problems with the old-style uniforms which Navy women had been wearing since 1959.

The uniform didn't present a smart military appearance for one thing, Hill said. The light blue uniforms were made of a lightweight fabric, which meant donning a sweater in cool offices or cool weather.

Hill says her design eliminated problems. The smart, tailored uniform now comes in a comfortable cotton fabric, but still is in keeping with the traditional military styling.

"Women aren't hard to please," Hill said in defense of fashion-conscious women. "You can please them if you will listen to what they want."

Hill bought the material and sewed the first uniform herself so that she could pinpoint any



**BANQUET MUSIC** — Dr. Danny Kelly, Alumnus of Baltimore MD is pictured at left. Jeffery Stirrup, music major at the university is at right. The occasion was the Centennial Kickoff Banquet on January 27.

## Food Service Programs For Children Available

The Summer Food Service Program for Children assists States through grants-in-aid and other means to initiate,

problems before they were sent to the manufacturer.

The women liked them because they were consistent with what the men were wearing, and they were convertible and flexible. And for the first time in over a decade Navy women were fashionable.

For her efforts, Hill was presented the Navy Commendation Medal and, of course, the pleasure of seeing her designs worn by all Navy women.

She owes a debt of gratitude to her father, a retired professor in tailoring and design at Prairie View A&M University, who coached her during those years when designing and sewing was little more than a hobby.

maintain and expand nonprofit food service programs for children during the summer months and at other approved times. The food service to be provided under this program is intended to serve as a substitute for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, for children who are on school vacation, except that it is primarily directed toward children from needy areas.

Participating sponsors may contact with a food service management company to operate its entire food service or for the preparation of meals to be served under this program. However, P.L. 95-166, enacted November 10, 1977, requires that beginning with the 1978 Summer Food Service Program for Children, all food service management companies must register with a State as a prerequisite to participation in that Program in that State.

Companies desiring information concerning this program and/or an application for registration should write to the appropriate State agency or Regional Office of the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture as indicated below:

(f) In the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: Southwest Regional Office, FNS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 5-C-30, Dallas, Texas 75242.

### CPA Dream

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in the eyes as he tries to think of more to tell the reporter.

"Oh yes, I'm a bachelor," he chuckles.

The handsome and diminutive instructor has a serenity and balance of temperament that would make the most diffident person comfortable around him. And he carries with him a mien that instantly reveals his integrity.

He slowly shakes his head as a modest grin develops.

"What can I say?" he asks, reflecting on his new achievement.

For starters, he could say that he is now a brilliant symbol that cannot be tarnished by any people of the world; that, at such a tender age, he is an epitome of scholarship and professionalism.

Or, he could make an equally pithy statement by merely saying that he is Andreas Wossene.

Enough would be said.

# Scabbard and Blade

Following a period of inactivity several Cadets and Midshipmen embarked upon the reactivation of H-12 Company of Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society at Prairie View A&M University. After a three week pledge period 19 privates were enlisted into the ranks of Scabbard and Blade by members of I-13 Company, University of Houston, on December 3, 1977 at 1330 hrs. The new members are: N. L. Allen, Anthony Bell, Lafayette Carroll, James Christopher, Don Daniels, Lawrence Fryer, Michael Gildon, Smith Jackson, Kelvin Kirby, Waymon Lemon, Oscar Minter, Bobby McKnight, Terry Price, Darrell Rector, Donald Sanders, Calvin Thompson, Shaune Tubbs, Debra Williams, Norris Williams.

Following the initiation ceremonies four officials were elected and installed into their offices for the spring semester. They are: Captain, Don Daniels; 1st Lt. Waymon Lemon; 2nd Lt. Anthony Bell, 1st Sgt. N. L. Allen.

The National Society of Scabbard and Blade was

founded at the University of Wisconsin in 1905 by five Senior Cadet in the Cadet Corps. The Society's purposes and ideals is to raise the standard of military education, to encourage and foster the essential qualities of good and efficient officers, and to promote friendship and good fellowship among cadet officers.

Active members are chosen from outstanding cadet officers in the advanced course of Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs who demonstrate good scholastic standing, both academic and military, and excellent leadership qualities.

We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to LCDR Wright, our Company Advisor whose advise and diligent efforts paved the way for the reactivation of Company H-12. We would also like to thank C/Capt. Gibson, C/Cpt. Rodriguez, C/Maj. Tindall, and C/Lt. Rochon from the University of Houston for devoting their time and energy towards the initiation of 19 fine men and women.

## Newspaper Scholarship Awards Announced

May 1st is the deadline for aspiring young Southern newspapermen and women to submit applications for Ralph McGill Scholarships.

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to \$1,500 each to students who have completed at least two years of college, and who have demonstrated a long-time interest in the news and editorial phase of newspapering. Jack Tarver, Chairman of the fund's advisory committee, said scholarships are limited to those young men and women whose roots lie in the South. Applicants must also convince the Awards Committee that they firmly intend to pursue a career in daily or weekly newspapering. Tarver said the

Awards Committee wants to give scholarships to those who are likely to become leaders in the newspaper field.

Successful applicants will be required to maintain a "B" average in order to keep the scholarship.

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4. There are no restrictions on form or theme. Length of poems up to fourteen lines. Each poem must have a separate title. (Avoid "Untitled"!)
5. The judges' decision will be final. No info. by phone!
6. Entrants should keep a copy of all entries as they cannot be returned. Prize winners and all authors awarded free publication will be notified immediately after deadline. I.P. will retain first publication rights for accepted poems. Foreign language poems welcome.
7. There is an initial one dollar registration fee for the first entry and a fee of fifty cents for each additional poem. It is requested to submit no more than ten poems per entrant.
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# Tribute To a Man

Death is truly one of the most mysterious phenomena with which man has always and shall always be plagued. The Bible tells us that we should rejoice at the departure of our loved ones' soul from our midst, for they are gone to eternal rest. No more will they be exposed to a life of struggle, conflict and indecision as they had known in their mortal lives. But when death comes to someone that we are constantly in contact with, someone that we scarcely miss a day seeing, the impact is decidedly more pronounced. When the goodness and charity that the person showed to us is cut short by death, we are temporarily dumbfounded. Grief embellished us like an endless gulf.

Such traits were seen in the short but memorable life of Kenneth Wayne Tryels. An ever present smile and an always encouraging word were a part of the good works and carity of the "Keebler" we all

knew and loved. I thank God for having had the chance to have known him better than many, from our freshman years as suite mates to one year ago as Junior Fellows in Fuller Hall to come to realize that Keebler was a perfect tab for an almost perfect guy. Always (appearing) happy and trying to make you happy — this was a man.

The Brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., take this time to extend belated words of condolence to Keeblers' family, his brothers and sisters of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta and his numerous friends. Although he is physically no longer with us, the spirit in which he worked, prayed, stepped, but most importantly the spirit in which he lived will never die. So let us learn from the example of his life to love your fellow man.

Stanton E. Lawrence, Asst. Editor to Sphinx



ALMA MATER COMPOSER Dr. O. A. Fuller, former Music Department Head presented very dramatic remarks and led in singing "Dear Prairie View" during Centennial Banquet.

## Auditions Scheduled for "Oklahoma/Petticoats"

Auditions for Discoveryland's Outdoor Musical Drama's 1978 productions of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" and Kermit Hunter's "Dust On Her Petticoats" have been scheduled.

For Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas residents, auditions will be held in Tulsa on Sunday, February 19 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Theatre Tulsa, 1511 S. Delaware. Oklahoma Regional Outdoor Theatre Auditions are February 18 in Dallas, Texas; Southeastern Theatre Conference Auditions March 2-4 in Lexington, Kentucky; and Institute of Outdoor Drama Auditions March 18 at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Recommended temperatures are 38 to 40 degrees F. for the fresh food compartment and 5 degrees F. for the freezer section.

## 1978 Humanities Seminar For The Professionals

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced details of its 1978 Summer Humanities Seminars for members of professions outside of teaching, including business, journalism, labor, law, medicine, public administration, and school administration. The program brings leaders from these and other professions together for a month of full-time study in seminars

directed by distinguished historians, philosophers, social scientists, and other scholars at selected colleges and universities throughout the country. Its purpose is to help improve the quality of leadership in the nation by giving men and women with practical responsibilities the opportunity to stand back from their work and explore the humanistic dimensions of their professional interests and of important questions of the day. Twenty-two Professional Seminars, divided among the seven professions listed above, are open only to members of a single profession. In addition, five Interprofessional Seminars are open to members of various professions, including the above.

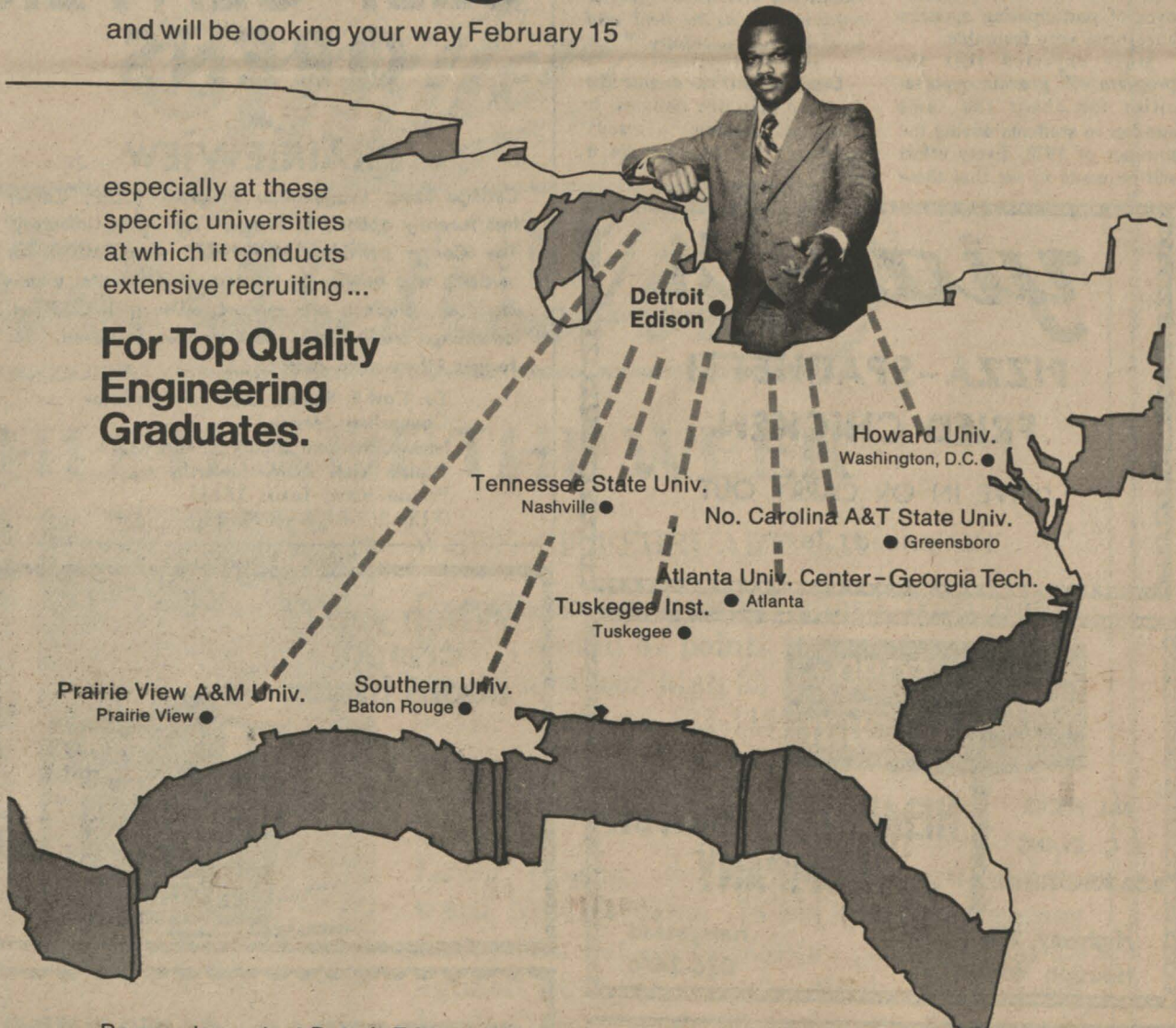
From 12 to 15 persons attend each seminar tuition-free, receiving a stipend of up to \$1,200 plus reimbursement for travel. The application deadline is April 17, 1978. For applications and further information write: Professions Program, Fellowships Division, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506.

### Prairie View Needs Energy Program Aide

The Prairie View A&M University cooperative Extension Service is pleased to announce the creation of a new position entitled Energy Program Aide. Interview and applications for this position will be accepted for two weeks or til position is filled. Arrangements for interviews and more information concerning this position can be received by contacting the County Extension Office in Groesbeck (729-5314). It is open to all persons regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin.

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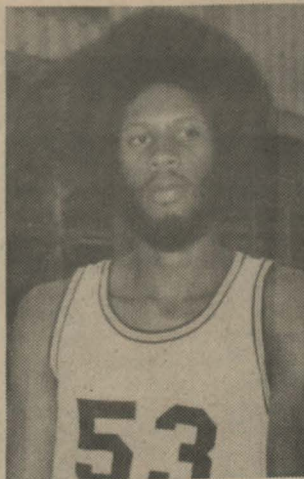
## Alpha Kappa Alpha Plans Founders Day Observance

The Zeta Gamma Omega, together with the Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will observe the twenty-fifth year of the chartering of Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter at the Founders' Day Observance on Sunday, February 26, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Hobart Taylor Building at Prairie View A&M University.

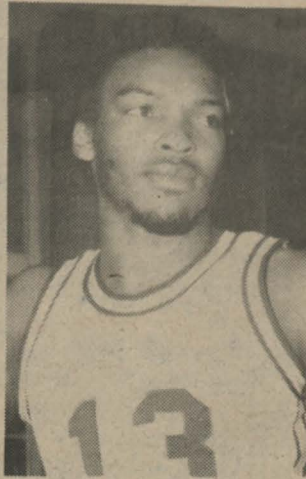
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first sorority founded by

Black College women had its genesis seventy years ago at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Zeta Gamma Omega has shared the last twenty-five of those years here at Prairie View.

The public is invited to come share with us in this historic moment of our existence. The speaker for this occasion will be Soror Faye Bryant of Houston, former Regional Director of South Central Region.



Roland Williams



Carl Pierson

Kansas City on Their Minds -

## PV Participates in 1978

### Federal Summer Intern Program

Prairie View A&M University will participate in the 1978 Federal Summer Intern Program sponsored by the US Civil Service Commission, Dr. A. I. Thomas, PV president announced.

Brutus Jackson, director of Career Education and placement services will serve as contact person for the program.

This past summer, the Federal Government employed 764 outstanding students from colleges and universities throughout the country as interns. Approximately two-thirds of these students received assignments in the Washington, D.C. area. The others were assigned to Federal offices throughout the country. Comments from interns, college officials, and representatives of participating agencies have been very favorable.

It is expected that the program will provide opportunities for about the same number of students during the summer of 1978. Every effort will be made to see that these

students receive assignment related to their career goals and that they have an opportunity to make a contribution to the missions of Federal departments and agencies.

#### General Requirements

Basic eligibility for the 1978 Federal Summer Internships:

1. Completion of at least 2 years, or 60 semester hours, of college study by June 30, 1978, or graduate status.
2. Rank in the upper one-third of class for undergraduates, and upper one-half of class for graduate students.
3. Leadership characteristics, as indicated by extracurricular activities.
4. Intention to return to school in the fall.

In addition, individual agency vacancies will have specific requirements as to field and level of study necessary.

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## Prairie View Eyes NAIA Tournament

By Joe Booker

Even though the nations number one scoring Prairie View Panthers of coach Elwood Plummer has a Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament opponent, the Panthers have Kansas City on their minds.

The Panthers will participate in the annual SWAC tournament in Baton Rouge, February 23-25. The Panthers would like to bring the SWAC championship trophy home, but in the back of their minds is the NAIA National tournament

held in Kansas City, MO., March 12-18.

The NAIA went into the Dunkel rating system. A team is rated according to its record, number of division I schools it plays and how well it does.

As of this writing, the top rated teams in Prairie View's district are Prairie View, Midwestern, Texas Wesleyan, Wiley and Dallas Baptist.

At the end of the regular season the top four teams in district 8 will have a playoff beginning March 8. The

## Honors Week to Be Observed March 13-18

Prairie View A&M University will observe its Annual Honors Week on March 13-18, president A. I. Thomas announced.

The purpose of Honors Week is to focus the entire student body and faculty on the joys and pleasures of scholastic and academic achievement.

A joint student faculty project, Honors Week will involve everyone at the university. A major feature of the week will be the Academic Convocation on Thursday, March 26. The faculty will pay tribute to those students who earned a place on the Honor Roll for the First Semester 1977-78.

## Ag Secretary Cites Black History Week

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, in a memorandum of department heads commemorating Black History Month, noted the "significant achievements and contributions of Blacks to America's growth and development."

The memo said in part: "We, in the Department of Agriculture, should recognize and take pride in the many important achievements of Blacks to this nation's development, including the very significant contributions that Black citizens have made over the years to agricultural

programs and other related fields.

"I encourage (USDA) agencies to plan activities, both at headquarters and field locations during this special month. I strongly urge my fellow employees to be mindful of, pay tribute to, and participate in community-sponsored observances during this Black History Month."

February has been designated as Black History Month by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, a non-profit historical association with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## Hempstead-PV Lions Club Sets Basketball Clash

The Sixth Annual Basketball Kick Off, between the Hempstead-P.V. Lions and the Hempstead School Faculty Bobcats will be held February 28, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hempstead High School Gymnasium. Children tickets 50 cents, adults \$1.00.

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### Bryant —

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Physicians in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was one of 900 initiates from the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada to be so honored.

Dr. Bryant is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. He was the first black physician to intern at a local hospital when he went to Robert B. Green Memorial hospital in 1956.

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# Head Baseball Coach Talks About Baseball Team Outlook

By Tamra Wiley

John W. Tankersley, Prairie View's head baseball coach has produced outstanding players who now share their talents in the major and minor leagues.

Although, the team has an outstanding record of winning, the coach feels that this year will be even better. "We have a group of men who are conscientious of what they are doing," said coach Tankersley. "They have a lot of pride, desire and determination along with a winning attitude."

Nevertheless, some of the key players this year will be 6'1 Marlon Waites, the team's captain. He is a native of Dallas and plays first base. "Marlon is the most consistent player we have," said Coach Tankersley. Donald Hardeman, a senior and native of Houston will be returning as cocaptain and second baseman. In the catching area, is Michael Quinn another co-captain who is a senior from Los Angeles. "Johnny Ervin, a junior from Crockett is an outstanding pitcher," the coach continued. "We feel that pitching will be one of our strongest points this year. "Other pitchers include: Rodney Macon, a left hander from Gary, Idiana, Kenneth Lyles a native of Houston, converted from third base to pitcher, and Melvin Labat, who throws very hard, from New Orleans.



Coach John Tankersley

Titus Edwards a junior from San Antonio, Texas will be playing third base.

Kenny Malone a junior from Houston, Texas has been observed by the pros for two years. The coach said, "Kenny plays centerfield and is the 'fastest on the team.'" "In rightfield id Stephenson Johnson, a junior from Houston, Texas. "It's a toss up between Eli Aldridge and football captain Travis Weatherspoon for leftfield," coach Tankersley commented. Charles Weatherspoon is a junior from Pineland, Texas, who is a catcher. Both he and his cousin Travis come from a baseball family. Dewitt Williams will be playing short stop. He will be taking Odie Davis' spot, who is now playing with the Texas Rangers.

According to the coach, the new players to assist the team

will be freshmen from California; Adolph Crump, a catcher; Earl Williams second base; Alfonso Gomez, Pitcher; and Manuel Dominguez. Short stop and Kenneth (J. J.) Jones from Florida who made H.S. All America at shortstop.

The coach perceives that Southern University has dominated the S.W.A.C. "They have a fine program with numerous scholarships. This is one of our problems; continued coach Tankersley. "THOUGH WE ARE NOT ABLE TO COMPETE AS A SCHOLARSHIPS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE AS A COMPETITION. "Coach Tankersley explained that this year the conference is divided into divisions. The Eastern and Western divisions. Prairie View is in the Western division, along with Southern and Texas Southern. The Eastern division is Jackson State, Grambling, Alcorn and Mississippi Valley. The winners of each division will play for the championship.

However, after producing players like Sinnet, Davis, and Henderson, the head coach still feels confident in this year's team, the coach concluded, "What I like about this team is that THEY WANT TO WIN. The teams goal is to win and make this accomplishment a part of the 100 years. Prairie View has produced Proud and Productive People.

PANTHER CHEERLEADERS whip up spirit during basketball contest in "Little Dome."

## Hagan Rides Shot Gun For Running Gunning PV

By Joe Booker

His name is Hagan, but you can call him Larry. But you don't have to call him Larry. You can really call him Larry Hagan . . .

Larry Hagan, the Prairie View A&M University 6-4 sophomore marksman from New Orleans, rides shot gun for Coach Elwood Plummer's running and gunning Panthers.

Hagan, who became eligible at the beginning of the second team wasted no time living up to past praise. In his first game he scored 27 points. In the 11 games he has played he has scored 246 points to lead the Panthers with a 22.3 game average.

In the Panthers last three games Hagan has gone on a scoring rampage. He has scored 86 points for a 28.6 game average. He had pulled down 39 rebounds for an average of 13 per outing and has hit 39 of 61 field goals for an amazing 63.9 percent. His best efforts thus far was against Mississippi Valley last Saturday night when he hit 15 of 25 for 35 points and pulled down 18 rebounds. He also had six steals and eight assists. He is currently the third leading scorer in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Panther head coach Elwood Plummer had high praise for his prize performer after the Mississippi Valley game. "Larry is a complete player," said Plummer. "He shoots well, takes good shots, good rebounder, excellent ballhandler and team man. He follows his shots, something most

players don't do," continued Plummer.

"That Hagan is one of the best players in the conference," said Mississippi Valley's head coach William "Pop" Gaines.

The Panthers as a team are doing well, also. They have regained their national scoring lead with a game average of 95.9. In their last two games over the weekend they scored 236 points for a 118.00 game average.

Five Panthers are scoring in double figures. Dennis Wayne, 6-6 senior forward is averaging 20.4. George Walker, a junior 6-2 guard is pouring them in at a 18.0 rate. George "Stretch" Campbell is averaging 17 per contest and guard Carl Pierson is averaging 13.0. Pierson has scored 57 points in his last two games. He poured in a career high 35 against Paul Quinn.

The Panthers who are 13-8 for the season and 3-5 in SWAC have won four of their last five games.

The Panthers meet TSU in Shoot Out III in Adams Gym Saturday night.

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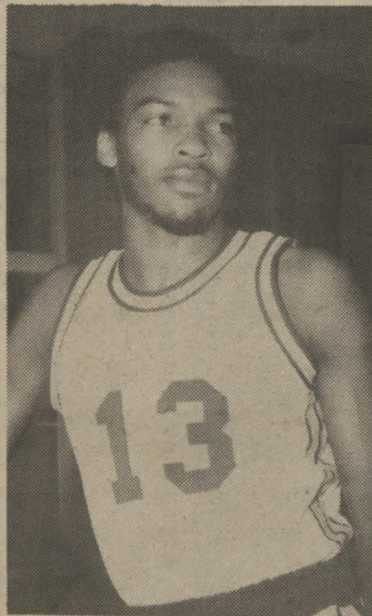
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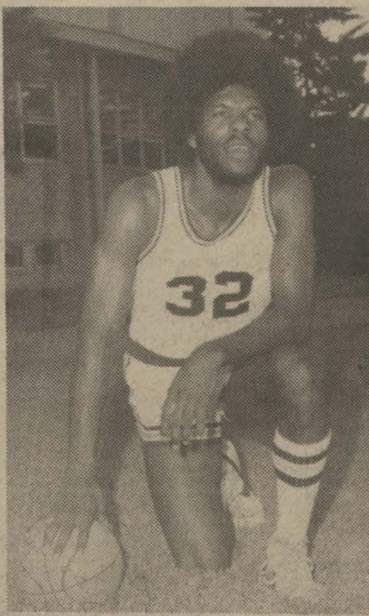


## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Carl Pierson



Larry Hagan

Carl Pierson, 6-2 senior guard from Baton Rouge, scored 57 points in two games. Carl scored a career high 35 against Paul Quinn in the Panthers 131-116 win. Against Mississippi Valley, Carl scored 22 points in the Panthers 105-99 win.

Larry Hagan, 6-4 sophomore guard-forward, New Orleans. In his last three games Larry has scored 86 points . . . he scored 28 against Arkansas-Little Rock, 22 against Paul Quinn and 35 against Mississippi Valley. He had 39 rebounds in those three games and 21 assists and seven steals.

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

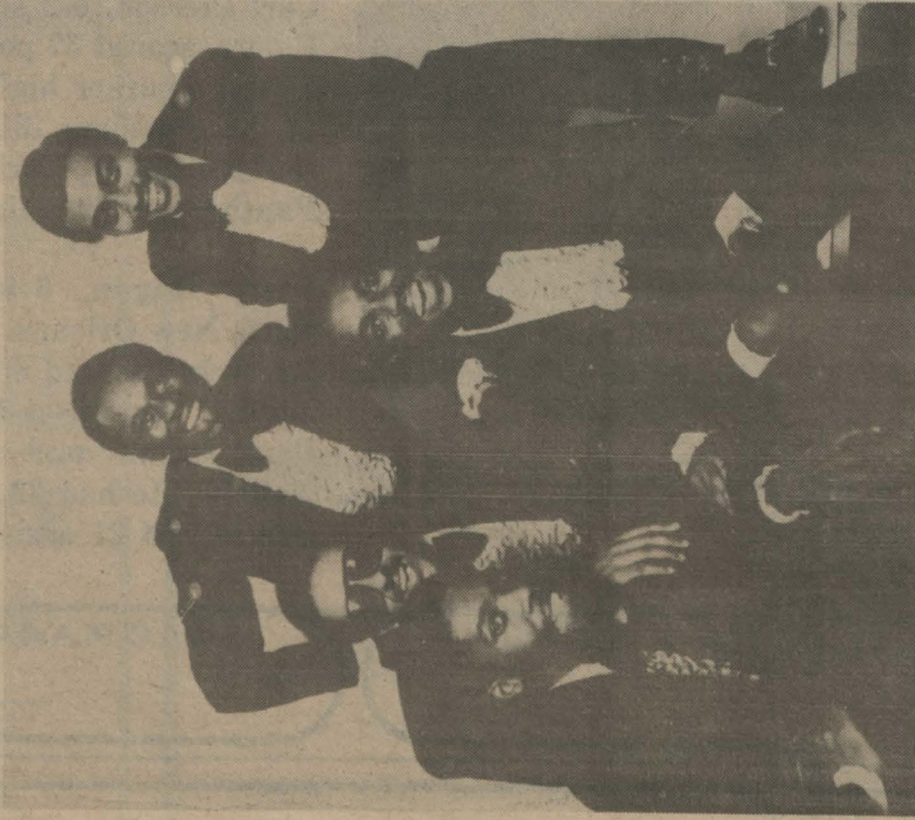
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