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REV. JESSE JACKSON gets pinned by PV senior Pamela Jones following the National Civil rights leaders' rousing speech recently before a packed crowd in the fieldhouse.



HAPPY DAYS — Campus co-eds present big smiles along with wintry dress in this casual shot by a roving student photographer.

Tribute to Black Leader — State Officials Slated For Unveiling Program

Black legislators and other dignitaries are planning to be at Prairie View A&M Tuesday for the marker unveiling ceremony for Norris Wright Cuney, a prominent black politician during the post-Reconstruction era.

Legislators expected to be present are the Honorable Wilhelmina Delco, the Honorable Anthony Hall, the Honorable Samuel W. Hudson, III, the Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, the Honorable Mickey Leland, the Honorable Paul B. Ragsdale, the Honorable Lou Nelle Sutton, the Honorable Craig A. Washington, and the Honorable Senfronia Thompson.

The guest speaker are I. C. Clayborn, Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of

Texas; Reuben Wheatly, District Vice President, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of ILA; and Ray Barnhart, State Leader of Republic Parties of Texas. Judge Wells Stewart of the 303 District Court of Houston is to make remarks at the marker site located on his ranch, a few miles southwest of Monaville.

A native of Waller County, Cuney was, according to Prairie View A&M history Professor George R. Woolfolk the most powerful black in Texas history.

His political savvy allowed him to have positions during the 1870's and 1880's that would be most noteworthy for blacks to have even today. He was alderman, inspector of
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Court Upholds Vote Rights for PV Students

Students at Prairie View A&M University have the right to register as Waller County voters, a three-judge federal court says.

Black History Month Activities Now Underway

A large number of activities are presently in progress at the entire University campus continues its celebration of Black History Month.

February 12-18 was designated Black History Week. The one week's observance was a special segment of 1978 National Afro-American (Black) History Month. The theme for the annual observance is "Roots, Achievements and Projections."

A major feature of the campus observance was the Annual Ministers Conference and this year's presentation of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, National Civil rights advocate from Chicago.

Scheduled Tuesday, February 28 is a special ceremony for Norris W. Cuney, a historical figure who was prominent in the political life of Hempstead and Waller County. Dr. George R. Woolfolk members of the History Department and others are involved in the promotion of this activity.

University-wide activities during the month have included special convocations, visiting lectures, drama, special student entertainment, exhibits and educational demonstrations.

The judges ruled last week that a residency questionnaire being used by Leroy Symm, Waller County Tax assessor-collector and voter registrar, to determine voter qualification has already been declared unconstitutional.

Therefore, the Prairie View students are entitled to an injunction barring Symm from such practices, the judges said.

The opinion, written by U.S. Dist. Judge Finis Cowan, said Symm still presumes that persons applying to register to vote are non-residents of Waller County. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared in 1973 that such a presumption is unconstitutional, the opinion said.

The present case, brought by the federal government in 1976, challenged Symm's use of a long questionnaire to determine whether persons are permanent residents of Waller County, calling it part of "a more pervasive pattern of conduct" to deprive students living in Prairie View's dormitories of their right to vote.

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Perry Named Outstanding Engineering Student of Year

Roy Glenn Perry, Senior, Electrical Engineering major was elected "Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year" for the 1977-78 academic year. His selection comes at an important time in the history of Prairie View A&M University as it celebrates 100 years of distinguished and productive service to Texas, the nation and some . . . Roy Perry is an outstanding student. He has been elected by his peers as the student who best exemplifies the "Prairie View Man." He has been elected to the "President's Honor Roll" for seven semesters; thus, joining those students at the University who earned semester grade point averages of 3.00 to 4.00 and having no grade less than "C" in any course which he has undertaken.

Roy is a very active and most diligent person. He is Vice Chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He is President of Eta Kappa Nu National Honorary Society in Electrical Engineering. He is Vice President of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Society in Engineering. He is also Vice President of Alpha Kappa Mu, National

Honorary Fraternity and he holds membership in Beta Kappa Chi and Pi Mu Epsilon.

Roy was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities in 1976 and the 1977-78 academic years. He is also elected to the Dean's List of Distinguished Engineering Students.

Roy enrolled in the Engineering Concepts Institute, called E.C.I. during the Engineering Summer 1974, and soon distinguished himself as a seriously dedicated student. He continued to be a positive force among students and soon became one of the best-linked student in Engineering; for he was never to busy to assist his fellow students.

Roy has gained industrial experience through the Engineering Internship program. He has interned with Marlin Offshore Drilling Company and has interned with Hercules, Inc. during the past two summers.

According to Dean A. E. Greaux, of the College of Engineering, "it was not an easy decision. We had many outstanding engineering students who were recommended.

They had impeccable credentials. For this we are very proud but Roy Perry, in each category was just a notch above. I am very pleased that Roy has received the highest honor of distinction which this College and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers bestow upon a student. We salute Roy Glenn Perry. We commend him and we congratulate him on this achievement; for he is truly representative of the engineering student at Prairie View A&M University."



Roy Glenn Perry



NEWS CONFERENCE — Houston's major TV and Radio Stations and other press representatives were on hand for the News Conference held during the Annual Ministers Conference this month. President Thomas and the Rev. Jesse Jackson are being questioned above.

National Engineers Week —

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College of Engineering here at Prairie View A&M and last year "Engineer of the Year," was also present at the luncheon.

Mr. Schwand reiterated at the luncheon about the ignorance of the public towards the duty of engineers "The agricultural advancement of the South was accomplished through Engineering Technology," he said. Schwand further said that a student engineer is the one who is going to carry out what he or she has started. "The state of humanity is in him or her." He added that young men and young women has a challenging career ahead of them.

As activities were organized and initiated on our campus and throughout the nation, it

seems only proper to reflect upon the goals and objectives of College of Engineering here at Prairie View in this our Centennial Year.

According to Dean A. E. Greaux, Dean of College of Engineering here, the school of Engineering is a community of students, faculty and administrators dedicated to the advancement and communication of knowledge in the field of engineering. The central activity of the school of Engineering is learning. This is compatible with the official concept and practice of the university. It offers undergraduate programs which are structured for discovery, interpretation and communications of knowledge which are focused upon the development of the potential capabilities and insights in the individual via a mutually shared activity between students and faculty.

"The basic philosophy of the school of Engineering is embodied in the commitment of the university to an educational policy in which the complete development of the student as a person is regarded as paramount," said Dan Greaux. "What the students know and what he is and he can do by virtue of his capabilities, both tangible and intangible, are regarded as the controlling view points in the educational process," he said.

There is a definable job market for Black Engineers. The doors of opportunity in the engineering industry for the blacks are wide open as evidenced by numerous representatives of Industrial companies and Government agents flooding the Placement Center on our campus in search for bright and dedicated engineering grads. We need to seize this opportunity and make greater distance through these doors that are open as declared to us a couple of weeks ago by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

There is a projection of new technical challenges generated by practicing black engineers, there is a severe shortage of black engineers. Hence, the tasks in our educational institution are not without structure. For the skeptic and verdant, the definable job market and the new technical challenges will be grounded in the same materials and skills



Outstanding Senior Named in Agronomy

Bobby McKnight, a senior majoring in Soil and Plant Science has been selected as the outstanding senior in Agronomy at Prairie View A&M University. The organization offering this recognition is the American Society of Agronomy in Madison, Wisconsin. The criteria for his selection was Scholarship-50%, Leadership-35% and Personal Traits-15%. Bobby will receive an embossed plaque and he along with other such outstanding seniors in the United States will appear in the next issue of the Agronomy News, the National Newsletter.

After graduating from Crockett High in 1974, Bobby matriculated to Prairie View A&M University. Since being at Prairie View, he has been actively involved with the Agronomy Club, Soil Conservation Club, the FFA Chapter and the Soil Judging Team. During the summers, Bobby enhanced his training and financial situation by working with the USDA/Soil Conservation Service as a student trainee.

He is a Cadet Commander of the AROTC Crop of Cadets for the 1977-78 school year. Bobby has also completed training in Ft. Benning Georgia to qualify as an Airborne Paratrooper.

The College of Agriculture expects Bobby to do well in his chosen endeavor.

as that of the majority of the practicing engineers. Rev. Jesse Jackson has acknowledge here on our campus that this university has a greater capacity and greater will to reach back in the rural area of Texas and to receive the rejected in the so-called major

Oliver Wins Civil Engineering Paper Contest

After winning the Paper Contest here at Prairie View A&M on February 15, 1978, Robert Oliver, Senior and Civil Engineering Major from Houston, Texas proceeded to Houston on February 21, 1978 to compete with Students from Rice University and University of Houston in the annual Paper Contest organized by Houston Branch of American Society of Civil Engineers. Oliver, who is one of the productive, imaginative and highly motivated engineering Students here at Prairie View A&M University's College of Engineering, proved to the Judges, Professional Engineers, Engineering Professors, Administrators and many Students that were present at the contest, the potential capabilities in him as in many of individual Engineering Students enrolled here at Prairie View, by beating his counterparts from Rice University and University of Houston.

Oliver's paper focused on "Railroads, Truss Bridges and the Rise of the Civil Engineer." Within the limited time granted each participant in the contest, Oliver was able to cover much of his topic which is technical in nature, and at the same time delved into the History of Engineering in the United States and briefly touched on Prairie View's Centennial Celebration.

Oliver received a cash price of \$50.00 for winning the First Price at the Houston contest and will move further to represent both Prairie View and Houston Branch of ASCE at the State Level of Civil Engineering Paper Contest coming up at El Paso, Texas, during March, 1978.

By Matthew Ade. Shoyebo
ASCE Reporter

university of this state. This capacity has been strengthened here at the College of Engineering and justified by the kind of attention lavished on engineering students here by the deeply committed professors working under Dean A. E. Greaux. Unlike the other so-called major universities where instructors are apathetic or just don't have the ability to aid students.

Safety and Security Department

This series is concerning incidents involving violence against females at other Universities, as related to Prairie View A&M University. These articles are not intended to alarm anyone, but to make young ladies aware of the importance of exercising precautions and/or protective measures from day to day.

Officers from the Department of Safety and Campus Security observe from time to time female students walking to and from their residence halls, late at night un-escorted. Fortunately we have not had a tragic incident, as befell a Coed at Florida State University under similar circumstances.

This is an excerpt of what happened: "Linda Sue Thompson, a 20 year old Chi Omega Sorority member had walked toward her Dorman Hall Dormitory across Jefferson

street from the Sorority house. Someone had waited for Linda Sue's fraternity man date to turn and stroll off and then had struck her four times on the head with a club. The attacker on May 1 had dragged Linda Sue to an Automobile, taken her to woods beyond the 22 story slab-and-glass State Capitol and beaten her severely. Two boys found her the next morning. Doctors said it is a medical miracle she lived!" (end of excerpt.)

Residence hall Coeds here at Prairie View A&M University are encouraged to exert every effort possible to get to your respective residence halls prior to the closing hour and remain there-in. However if for any reason you are unable to do so, be sure that your date walk you to the door and see you safely inside.

(To be continued)

PV Students Attend Editors Conference

On February 17-19 three students from Prairie View A&M were invited to Wimberly Texas to the 1978 Student Editors Conference which was sponsored by Exxon Company, U.S.A. and Texas Press Association.

The Conference was designed to help the campus editors meet conflicting needs by providing a unique learning experience, led by people in the professional newspaper world.

The Conference also combined discussions by noted working newsmen on professionally related subjects with up-to-date topical discussions on the key issues of politics and energy led by recognized experts in these fields.

The Students Editors Conference was a weekend educational experience which provided the campus editors' with classroom instruction and practical experience for tomorrow's professional newspaper editors.

The students who were invited to the Student Editors Conference were Joan Harris, English major, Franklin Donelson, English major and Jo Ann Alderson Mass Communications major. Mr. William Chapman, prof. of English, served as the students advisor.

On Trail Riders Camp at PV

The Prairie View Trail Riders rode into Prairie View

A&M University campus Sunday, February 19, 1978 horse and wagon style, to camp out for a day. Following the parade through the streets of the University the Trail riders set up camp for a barbecue that lasted from noon till evening.

Prairie View students seemed to enjoy the invitation to go galloping into the sunset, for some students it was their first horse ride.

The Prairie View Trail riders have been riding the trail for 20 years. They began in 1958. The Trailriders are on their way to Houston where they will participate in the annual Fat Sock Show and Rodeo scheduled all next week in the Astrodome.

Jerry Kemp Barnes

Tribute —

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customs, revenue inspector, special customs inspector, and collector of the port of Galveston. He was later to hold the lofty position of Republican Boss of Texas.

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Alpha Phi Alpha News -

Eta Gamma Named No. 1 in Texas

Over the past years, the brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Prairie View A&M University have striven to not only uphold, but to excel at performing the functions expected of true Alpha men. Our purposes include mainly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind. In Eta Gamma, the brothers keep close to their hearts, the purpose and duties of Alpha and try to let these convictions become prominent in their lives. The year 1977 saw Eta Gamma named the most outstanding college chapter in the state of Texas. The Southwestern Region (composed of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas) and finally in August (Atlanta, GA National Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha), the most outstanding college chapter in the nation.

This past weekend, the state convention of the Texas State

Council of Alpha Chapters (TSCAC) was held in Waco, TX. The convention will long be remembered by the Prairie View Alpha since they were awarded six of the eight awards offered for excellence in various endeavors. The trophies and plaques won include:

— *W.E.B. Dubois Academic Award* — Eta Gamma was presented this award for being the chapter with the highest G.P.A. in the state of Texas.

— *Henry Arthur Callis Academic Award* — This award went to Brother Marco "Fugi" Rolle for having attained the highest G.P.A. of all Alphas in the state of Texas.

— *Most Outstanding Scrapbook Award* — Presented on a competitive bases of style, content and originality.

— *1st place stomp competition winners* — In a style that was uniquely Et Gamma and undisputedly Alpha, the Alpha from Prairie View claimed this trophy for the third consecutive year.

— *Most Outstanding College Brother (State of Texas)* — Eta Gamma is known for producing outstanding, articulate, debonair Alpha men. The most outstanding Alpha man (undergraduate) in the state of Texas is none other than brother Marco "Fugi" Rolle. Brother Rolle has been a very active member of Eta Gamma since the fall of 1975. Congratulations are in order to him.

— *Most Outstanding College Chapter (State of Texas)* — For the second consecutive year, the "Macking" Eta Gamma Chapter was recognized as #1 chapter in the state.

Eta Gamma's being recognized as strong, hard working Alphas who constantly strive to the "first of all," rest primarily upon their recognition as "servants of all." Besides earning the numerous awards already mentioned, we would like to congratulate brother Elliott Kerl upon his being elected state vice-president of the Texas State Council of Alpha Chapters. His well-versed, distinct speech, along with his deep insight into matters at hand were instrumental in his acquiring the post.

What can we say, besides ATA forever and a day!!! To all who were helpful and supportive of the brothers in their past week of preparation, we extend a hearty — thanks!!! Particularly, the dynamite Alpha Angels (who accompanied the brothers to Waco) and our beautiful sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. We, the brothers of the "Macking" Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. "shall transcend all." For the love of Alpha

"Mr. Majestic" Stan E. Lawrence, Assistant Editor-To-Sphinx



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — Representatives from Detroit Edison Light Company present certificate to PV student Satrice Jackson during at the University Placement Office. Technical placement officer Jerome Pinkston, Jr. is pictured at right.

PV Symphonic Band Presents Houston-Brookshire Concerts

The Prairie View A&M University Symphonic Band directed by Dr. Lucius R. Wyatt presented concerts at the Royal Primary School in

Chancellor Williams Named to Nat'l Merit Scholarship Board

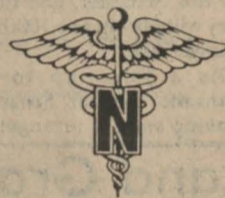
Dr. Jack K. Williams, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, announced Robert C. Guinness, NMSC board chairman.

NMSC, based in Evanston, Ill., is the nation's largest independently financed scholarship organization. Established in 1955, the non-profit organization conducts two nationwide scholarship competitions annually, the National Merit Scholarship Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

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Brookshire on February 17th, and at the M. C. Williams High School in Houston on February 23rd. Both concerts were well-received by the audiences. Musical selections performed in these concerts include: "America, The Beautiful" by Ward-Dramgon; "Music for a Summer Night" by Glenn Osser; "Horse and Buggy" by Leroy Anderson; Music from the TV Series "Roots;" "Lyric Dance" by Frank Bencriscutto; and "The Sinfonians, Symphonic March," by Clifton Williams.

The newly-elected officers of the Symphonic Band are: Darry Curtis, President; Walter Jackson, Vice-President; Mary Bohannon, Secretary-Treasurer; Michael Burleson, Reporter; and Raymond Ward, Chaplain. Section Leaders in the Symphonic Band are: Cheryl Malone, flutes; Wilma LeBlanc and Annette Crutchfield, B-fat Clarinets; Ruby Anderson, lower clarinets; Michael Burleson, saxophones; Brenda Kirby, bassoons; Gregory Guillory and Robert Washington, trumpets; Clarence Bouyer, French horns; Simon Pruitt, trombones; Ronald Nelson, euphoniums; Raymond Ward, tubas; and Darry Curtis, percussion.



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The purpose of the event is to provide interested students with information about both the University and the College of Nursing.

Activities planned include a presentation on the University and the College of Nursing, a visit to the Fundamentals of Nursing laboratory, and a tour of the building.

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Mental Health Fund Drive Set for Month of May

Rachael Poindexter and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Prairie View will lead Bellingranger workers in a house-to-house drive during May, Mental Health Month.

"Proceeds will benefit the Mental Health Association in Texas," said Shirley K. Camfield, state President of the voluntary citizens' association.

As a non-governmental agency the association can and does speak for the consumer — the person who needs professional help for an emotional disturbance.

"The association is a moving

force to get services established where there are none. It also serves as a monitoring agency to see that treatment services are doing what they were set up to do," said Camfield.

The Mental Health Association strongly promotes more community-based care as well as more research into the causes and prevention of mental illness.

For free information about mental health topics, such as depression, contact the Mental Health Association in Texas, 103 Lantern Lane, Austin, Texas 78731.

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Student Senate Planning Another Big Show on Campus

By Matthew A. Shoyebo

Having fulfilled one of their plans for 1977-78 year, the Student Senate felt so much proud for their efforts in inviting Rev. Jesse L. Jackson to our Campus to be our mentor for a day in highlighting our Centennial celebration.

Before the Senate adjourned last year for Christmas Holidays, the Student Senate met at President A. I. Thomas' Official Residence on Campus to examine their problems and an examination of the policies of education with a prognostication of future needs and ideals on our Campus. The Senate's meeting which was well represented by all the Student Leaders on our Campus that consist of the Student Senate also discussed on priority for accomplishment for this Semester, and the role they will play in our 100th Year Anniversary.

As a follow-up to their plans, the Student Senate are making another arrangement to

invite a Black Cultural Group to our Campus to entertain the entire Pantherland Family. This was disclosed to the Senate by Mr. Kenneth Edmondson, the well-known Student Senate President, at their bi-weekly meeting held two weeks ago.

In my conversation with the President of the Student Senate, Mr. Kenneth acknowledged to me that the common goal of this present Senate in this rapidly developing Institution of ours would be to further the young Black People's educability, a trait characteristics of mature persons.

An overview of the problems and an examination of the policies of education are presented with a prognostication of future needs and ideals. There is no doubt whatsoever that the present Student Senate is now working towards challenging the idea of the intrinsic value of higher education.

Land Grant Extension Conference Held

By Brenda D. Agnes

Tuskegee Institute was the setting for the 1890 Land-Grant Extension and Research Conference conducted February 13-14. The meeting focused on "Exploring Opportunities for Expansion of 1890 Extension Programs. The 1890 colleges are the predominantly black institutions funded through the 2nd Morrill Act of 1890.

Donnie Pennywell, Recreation Specialist, represented the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program at the conference. Ms. Pennywell presented an overview of the Youth Development and Outdoor Education Program emanating from the 1890

Extension Program at Prairie View. The Youth Development and Outdoor Education Program in Texas is highly recognized by other land-grant colleges for service and its unique program structure.

Another highlight of the conference was a discussion and clarification of the new Farm Bill 95-113 by Dr. Russell McGregor, Public Relations Officer for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Washington, D.C. Farm Bill 95-113 provides for continuing funding for research and Extension at 1890 land-grant colleges and universities and Tuskegee Institute.

PV Grad Serves as BEEP Visiting Lecturer

Caesar Roy, Deputy Director with Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., visits Prairie View A&M

February 22-23 to guest-lecture in Contribution of Black Scientists course. Roy is serving as a "visiting

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The Centennial and Success

By Angela Denise Greaux
Feature Editor

One Hundred years ago eight students enrolled in Prairie View. It was a dramatic beginning. It was the first major step of a nation, whether knowingly, or not in recognizing the need for full education of its citizens; that is, all of its citizens, even the recently liberated ones, who just a few years earlier were considered property and were held in bondage. Today there are nearly 6000 students sharing these sacred grounds, where the famous eight of 1878 once stood.

I believe that the burning ambitions, the fierce pride and the determination to succeed, which engulfed those famous eight, still permeate the Prairie View student. It is indeed a strong part of our heritage. It is the well-spring of our pride at this, the second oldest university of higher education in the State of Texas.

I saw that pride stretched to the ceilings of the Grand Ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel on Friday, January 27, 1978. That was the day that was: for that was the day when Prairie View A&M University launched its new year; namely the ushering in of the 100th year of its life. Yes, that pride was reflected in the

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 college 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 Food and Drug Administration, Roy assists in the management of a unit which serves as the focal point for all regulatory activities relating to foods and cosmetics.

A Chemistry graduate of Prairie View A&M himself, Roy was an instructor with the University prior to joining Food and Drug Administration.

He presently resides in Woodbridge, Virginia. He is a native of Jacksonville, Texas.

gaiety, the thrill of excitement, the artistic renditions by the accomplished artists who had their roots in the education process which is unique to Prairie View but so valuable to those whom have been touched by this process. I saw that pride swelling with each breath of merriment taken by each of the nearly 1200 students, faculty, administrators, alumni and friends who came together, in this great banquet hall, to give praise to this university and to its accomplishments throughout the first 100 years and to join in the festive occasion of welcoming its new year, it's 100th year.

I also saw a companion element which also permeated this atmosphere; for it came from the voices who spoke. That companion element which haunted me then and now, is one hundred years of struggle; one hundred years of toil, one hundred years of a dream co-mingled with pride and commitment which kept us alive and led us to success within the century.

I heard it read from the minutes of an earlier "Board of Directors" meeting and it has \$14,000 for the operation of Prairie View then, and I thought, what this University has to do then and what it must do now with extremely limited funds. Yet, it moved its students to heights undreamed, and I said to myself "Only Prairie View with its pride, its determination, its undying faith in its people, could achieve this impossible feat."

I heard it in the strains of physical plant improvement. And I felt good, because there was indeed evidence of substantial progress. But, there still remains nearly 100 years of deliberate neglect and the strains of a "separate but equal" philosophy, which blighted our university and strangled our opportunity for equal or at least equitable development, are still evident and my thoughts cried out "how long before these stains and its physical plant be transformed into an environment of the first class which is reflective of its true status; namely a university of the first-class."

Soon the sounds of that great night were like staccato notes punctuating my thoughts; for I was living the history of a people and their struggles, their desperate search for their rights to be human; their rights to determine their destiny; their right to achieve, their right to

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PV Salutes Black Roots

By George C. Pope

Prairie View A&M University in conjunction with the rest of our nation tips its hat off this month. The tip is to Afro-American History Month. This entire month of February will be in honor of the culture and heritage of Blacks in America of yesterday to today.

The theme for this year is Roots: Achievements and Projection. Roots traces from whence we come to where we are to go, how we got here and why are we still here now. The questions previously stated have been analogically and analytically dealt with resulting in bizzaare, sometimes amazing but factual truths of Blacks as a unit in the American system. The roots are really shocking. (I'm thankful God Almighty for our past and present existence).

Achievements for Blacks in America are countless, yet a lot of times very underpublicized if publicized at all. There would be no America if not for the achievements or results of Blacks. Better still and in all fairness, the word Black (its full meaning) should be replaced with colored in denoting economic, social and entertainment factors of basic achievements in American society. Heck on a mass basis of one were to study the results of the clothing industry, car industry, dope industry and most all of "what-ever-a-Nigger-wants-then-here-it-is" INDUSTRIES which are not black owned then, if one were studying the results one would find the achievement of coloreds resulting in economic power willfully taken from colored people's pockets and given to the hands of someone elses cause.

In projection of Blacks based on our current status it would seem the future is bleak. The trend is not what you are, but who you are which can and does (on occasion) represent anything as opposed to something. There is a disease of extreme individualism which castrates unity and togetherness. Being "together" now seems to be a symbolism of materialism as opposed to humanism and realism. Nothing is wrong with living comfortably and eating but now there is constant repeating of one outdoing the other rather than one sharing, caring and living harmoniously with one another.

If there would be a projection

of one (blacks especially) standing on their own feet with weary legged ones getting a temporary assistance then Black Project '78 will be great (when one is knocked down he or she might have to get somebody's hand to get up after absorbing some of the blows in this universe). In continuing projection of Blacks, hopefully money will be put back into the community rather than taken from the community constituting growth of that particular community rather than someone else's community. With money being the tool to get what one wants, then the "want" must be dealt with on a value and priority scale for what is good for us alongside ourselves. Never ever will there be equality without unity. If every niggah gave a dollar to Black Project '78 and we took the fund to Jimmy and congress or better still WE took it amongst ourselves to upgrade our communities and very underprivileged lesser communities, then I think that would be a very positive step for us. Hopefully EDUCATION can be upgraded enough to upgrade US to see that with approximately 23 million Blacks in America today, we should get together and do SOMETHING as opposed to passive doing NOTHING as a PEOPLE.

We are our enemy until we really start being true friends to ourselves and with ourselves. God created this EARTH, and can DESTROY it WHENEVER, so HIS WILL with or without us will be done. However, God helps those who help themselves, not so much one who helps HIMSELF. If we realize WE are ONE, we breathe the same air, have beautiful natural tans, been through HELL and back before there ever was a CADIALLAC, then maybe, just maybe, we can, God bless, get TOGETHER. QUADRUPLE demand must be made for JOBS with JUSTIFIABLE pay because realization will demand qualification, not being Super "Niggah," but just being competent, very competent as one can be. EQUALITY will never be if life is spent on being better than he or she instead of naturally just being HAPPY. PEOPLE POWER must be the projection of the HOUR.

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The season of Lent, the forty week-days and six Sundays prior to Easter Day, gives us a task which is essential for all Christians. It asks us to examine our lives. The spirit of this period in the Christian year is one of seriousness and thus it urges us strongly to make a serious and deliberate effort to examine our lives, to look at who we are, and what we believe about God, and how our belief in God is reflected (or not reflected) in our lives.

One major word that comes up again and again in this season is the word "sin." It is a hard word, a rough and abrasive word, yet it is one we have to deal with. It is a hard word because we have made it hard. We have made it a word of separation to distinguish the good person from the bad person when in reality the word was meant for all people, to show that we are all in the same situation. None of us are perfect.

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. This is true, but when the words sin is mentioned I believe that almost a thousand pictures can come into our minds. Most of us have a concept that sin has to do with definite acts and so we conceive of sin as breaking the Ten Commandments or of doing something wrong that is evil in God's sight. It may be that we do not break the Ten Commandments or get drunk or do anything we call sin and so feel that sin does not touch us.

There is a Greek word that St. Paul used over sixty times in his letters. It is the word "hamartia" which is translated into English as "sin." It has very little to do with definite acts. Its basic meaning is to "miss the mark." Let me draw a picture using this word hamartia. An archer wants to shoot an arrow and hit a target. His goal is to hit the bull's-eye on the target. He takes aim and lets the arrow fly. He hits the target, but he misses the bull's-eye. The

By
Robert Moore,
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archer has committed hamartia, he has missed his mark.

When Paul talks about hamartia he uses the idea of a state of Sin and thus the S on Sin should be capitalized. Sin is something in which we all have a part. None of us are perfect and all of us miss the mark. Sin does not separate the good from the bad it is a condition under which all men live. It is the law which teaches us what sin is and until sin is defined a man cannot know what it is. Remember sin with a small s is the defined act and Sin with a capital S is state which we all live.

Jesus gave us the command "be ye perfect" and we are always missing the mark in so many ways, but we are trying, we are at least aiming at the bull's-eye and attempting to hit the mark. Under our own power we shall always miss the mark, but God did not mean to frustrate us. He gave us His Son, Jesus, "The Christ."

Jesus came to show men the way, the way to hit the mark. He came also to forgive men for all past offenses. There is no book more struck by the horrors of "Sin" than the New Testament. It tells both about hamartia, the State of Sin common to all men, and of the definite acts of sin. Both separate us from God, yet the New Testament is equally sure that the cure and the remedy have been found.

If we aim at the target (a oneness with God) let us pray that our efforts be guided by the Spirit of God, and if we examine ourselves let us turn to Jesus who defeated hamartia, the State of Sin, and prepared for us "The Way."

Words in Everlasting Memory Of Brother Kenneth Tryles

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PV Represented at All Campus Retreat

Prairie View A&M University was represented at an all-campus retreat held at Lakeview Methodist Assembly February 3-5, 1978. The retreat was composed of students and directors of Wesley Foundations from thirteen colleges and universities within the bounds of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. From the Wesley Foundation on the campus of Prairie View there were two students: Ms. Carrie Moore, and Mr. Charles Mason, and the director: the Reverend Darnell L. Walker.

The theme of the retreat was: "Developing A Christian Lifestyle." Topics for study around the development of the theme dealt with: values, ethics, male/female relationships, future expectations, and worship and social experiences, with a bit of time for individual and group interactions.

The student fellowship of Wesley Foundation of the campus of Prairie View (MCM)

would like to involve as many of the members of the university family as possible. In conjunction with several recent exposures of convocations, retreats, and conferences, we wish to explore the reality of "Wholeness" for the spring semester. We meet in a fellowship each Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. usually from

the Memorial Student Center complex or sometimes from the lobby of one of the dormitories. Please look for the place of meeting, and come and get involved.

Only you can seek your own reality of wholeness. We will provide a fellowship and a support group, but you must provide your own input for your

personal growth. We plan to spend some time with understanding Transitional Analysis data (TA) and potential growth patterns. We are looking to see you; so that, through our relationships all of us may grow and our university may become a change agent as it continues to produce productive people.



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Black History Communications Commemorates 25th Anniversary of KCOH Contributing to Historical Black Progress

By Carolyn Jordan
 Comm. Major

In the observance of Black History Celebration, it is an historical significance that Black colleges and universities recognize the fact that KCOH, a Black owned radio station, in their 25th anniversary celebration, has immensely contributed to the history of Black progress.

Communications salutes to the history and public service of one the fastest growing communication industries ever.

In 1953 KCOH changed from a classical all white formatted station to a black rhythm and blues format programming. First black radio announcers, Vernon Chambers, with the Chamber of Commerce, Clifton Smith with Channel 2 in Houston, Tx., Harrell Tillman, lawyer in Houston, Perry King, and Gladis G. G. Hill. KCOH is Black owned by Board of Directors, just to name a few, President, John B. Coleman, M.D. Michael P. Petrizzo, General Manager, and Judson Robinson Junior, treasurer.

Public service programs provided by KCOH has been a benefactor for the education of minority students. Serving the minority population through educational programs, KCOH radio station sponsors the United Negro College Fund Radiothon fund-raising drive. (UNCF-KCOH). Beginning in 1974-77 KCOH has held UNCF Radiothons for the purpose of raising funds for predominately Black colleges and universities.

In 1974 their first year of fund-raising for the UNCF, \$26,500.00 was raised in cash and pledges. In 1975, it was \$55,000. Within that same year \$77,397.49 dollars was raised with the support of thousands of KCOH listeners and friends. On May 7-9 KCOH held their UNCF-KCOH Radiothon, and exceeded in an historical effort to raise \$75,504.96, it was the largest amount of money raised in the black community in that period of time.

Without the responsibility of

this growing communication industry recognizing the necessity and significance of people getting an education, colleges and universities might suffer. Without contributions, we as a functioning university might diminish. We as educators might cease to educate, and we as Prairie View's Productive Products might be disappointed because of lack of funds.

Community involvement and serving the public's interest is the basic on which KCOH's foundation is built. It is because of this foundation and the philosophy to project a positive image on the Black community that job opportunities have been available to the public, colleges and universities.

With a growing need for college funds from public service support, we should recognize that KCOH is playing a vital roll in the further development of Black progress and educational achievement.

Club Chic

Chick is proud to present the following officers and the new "1978" spring line. Club president, Carolyn Woodard; asst. president, Dianna Greenleaf; secretary, Debra Dibbles; treasurer, Brenda McClendon; dean of pledges, Hattie Taylor; asst. dean of pledges, Debra Mills; chaplain, Wanda McCloud.

The 1978 spring line pledges are as following:

Earnetta Jewell Moore, 18, sophomore, civil engineering, from San Antonio, Texas; Linda Tezena, 18, sophomore, Mechanical engineer from Port Arthur, Tx.; Rosalind Kay McPhail, 19, Advance Freshman, Civil engineering, Houston Tx.; and last Vanessa Johnson, 18, sophomore, mechanical engineering, from Wichita Falls, Tx. . . . We are proud to have these young ladies to pledge, and do hope they will go over.

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H. M. Smith, Director

February 14 first day of competition in the IM/Rec. basketball tournament. Kool's All Stars number one seeded in the tournament down the Shadows 73-37.

All Stars coached by Jerome Scott, the Shadows coached by Hal Lewis.

Second game played between Engineering Cowboys coached by Joe Lewis defeated Omega Psi Phi 44-33.

Teams and Coaches in the 1977-78

Intramural Recreational Tournament

Teams	Coaches
1 Jolly Stompers	Ray Hartsfield
2 The Shadows	Hal Lewis
3 Creative Chorography	Earl Marshall-Thomas Gates
4 Kool's All Stars	Jerome Scott
5 Murray's Gang	Elvis Murray
6 F.B.I.	Van Tennell, Franklin Simmons
7 Vet Jets	Clarence Bolden-Michael Stanley
8 Solomon Raiders	James Johnson
9 Phi Beta Sigma	Kevin Bullock-Adrain Stewart
10 Panther Club	Monte Lee
11 Engineering Cowboys	Joe Lewis
12 Mind Grabbers	E. Jackson
13 Counter Guerrillas	Michael Houston
14 Super Stars	Bennie Brown
15 Omega Psi Phi	R. A. Sanders
16 Black Nights	Wendell Whitfield

Cage Tournament Set

By Brenda Agnes

The Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program Youth Development phase will sponsor its annual basketball

tournament March 11, 1978, at 8:00 a.m. in the Women's gym.

Various organizations and clubs will be competing in the tournament. Both men and women teams will participate.

Deadline to enter is February 28. Entrance fee is \$5.

Spectator admission is fifty cents. Everyone is invited to come out and view the action.

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security. Yes, I was living this history of a people, through this University as each speaker launched his verbal praises through which the embilical cord tied this university to these people, the neglected, the forgotten people of this land whom we call today, minority.

Prairie View has a rich heritage steeped in the true meaning of its land-grant beginnings, for it has never neglected or foresaken the common man. It has truly been the university of the people, for the people.

This was the day that was. It was a day in the memoirs of a great university and we came to this sacred oracle to act out, upon this new stage, the triumph of a century of service. Lest we forget, that day indeed "was."

Tomorrow is the dawning of a second century and we must make plans for achieving greater heights in a period which speaks of a philosophy called "compliance with one's civil rights." Let us move this University into its second century on its strengths of serving man and reinforcing man's dignity through meaningful productivity.

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Cowan Named Outstanding PV Athlete

James Cowans, Prairie Views 6-3, 234 pound Junior defensive end on the 1977 Panther football team was named Prairie View's Most Outstanding Athlete by the Houston Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.

Cowans, who spent his 60 minutes on Saturdays decking opposing quarterbacks, was named to the SWAC Coaches All SWAC team and to several honorable mention All America teams.

Dennis Wayne, basketball and Marlon Waites, baseball were runnerups.

Cowans was presented a plaque at the annual Houston Sportswriters and Sportscasters Roast & Toast banquet at the Shamrock Hilton, February 13.

Court Upholds Vote Rights —

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The opinion noted that Symm testified he used the questionnaire for any person he or his deputies did not know personally or for persons not listed as property owners.

Government attorneys, however, interviewed many persons whom Symm said he knew personally.

"A large number of these registrants did not know Symm or know he could have knowledge of their residency," the judges said.

They noted that Prairie View students or persons with campus addresses have been issued the contested questionnaire, while others not known to Symm or his deputies are not required to complete it.

They noted further that of the 70 Texas counties with institutions of higher learning, only Waller uses such a questionnaire.

"Mr. Symm's forthright admission that he has for many years applied the unconstitutional presumption (that a person is not a resident of the county until proven otherwise) established that the plaintiff is entitled to relief against Symm," the judges said.

They directed government attorneys to prepare an injunction and for attorneys on both sides to agree on it if possible.

The judges dismissed Waller County Commissioners Court from the suit but noted that the commissioners once said about 2,000 students at Prairie View

were not eligible to vote. The judges expressed puzzlement at where commissioners got the figure.

"It is impossible to determine from this record, or from the present facts, how many duly qualified registered voters do exist at Prairie View," the judges said.

"All that can be said with certainty is that there are probably more than 38 (the number presently registered to vote) and less than 2,918 (the number of students in dormitories).

"Until Mr. Symm and the commissioners have gained some experience in registering students applying the proper procedures, it is impossible to determine how many of the dormitory students are properly registered voters in Waller County."

The judges also dismissed the State of Texas from the suit, saying its officials had tried to force Symm to use the proper registration procedure.



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Ken, who plays for the Washington Redskins has been to ten consecutive All-Star and Pro Bowl games in considered one of the best safeties to every play the game.

He holds several NFL records: Most touchdowns on interceptions lifetime, 9; Most touchdowns on interceptions in a game, 2; Most touchdowns on interception in a season, 4.

He has not missed a game in over nine years. He was Co-Captain of the 1976 Pro Bowl game.

A native of Lufking, Texas, where he was an outstanding athlete at Dunbar High School, Ken received his Master Degree in Guidance & Counseling at Prairie View.

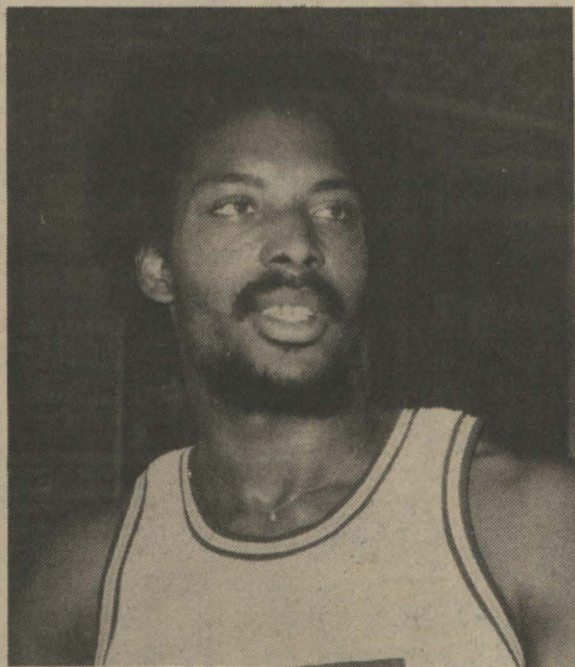
He is married to his College sweetheart, Gustie Marie Rice of Houston.

Tickets for the Ken Houston Roast will go on sale April 3.

A 1972 study by the Michigan Public School System reported that one out of 677 primary and secondary school children have diabetes. A total of 150,000 children were diagnosed as diabetic.



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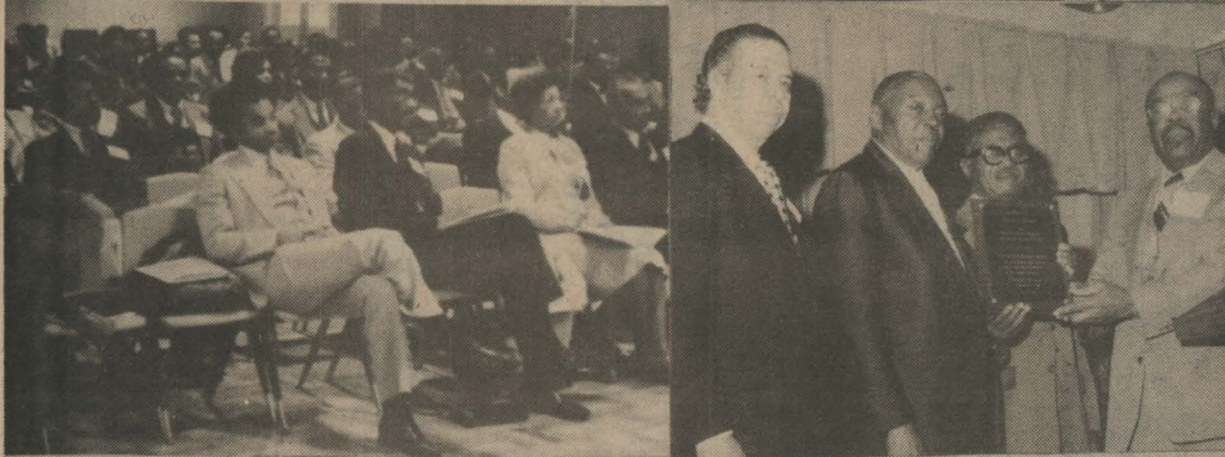
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