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Houston's Health Director, Dr. Watson (right) receives tribute from PV's President and College of Nursing.



Bat girls for Panther Baseball team.



NEW CAMPUS QUEEN - Kathy Bigsby is pictured being officially crown "Miss Prairie View" by President A. I. Thomas. The outgoing queen, Tamra Wiley, presents flowers.

## The PANIFIER

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PRAIRIE VIEW UNIVERSITY

Centennial Year —

## **Alumni Convention** Set for July 6-9

The Fourth National Convention of the Prairie View A&M University Alumni Association will be held at the Astro Village Hotel in Houston, Texas on July 6-9, Colonel Beauregard Brown III, general chairman, announced.

The opening session of the convention will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6th. The keynote speaker is Dr. Alvin I. Thomas and the subject of his address is "One Hundred Years of Excellence."

At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 7th, the second general session is scheduled. The guest speaker

### **ALL-SPORTS** BANQUET

Tuesday, April 25 7:00 p.m.

Alumni Hall

will be Dr. Dempsey H. Seastrunk. After this session there will be Panel Discussions. Workshops and Committee Meetings. The Pacesetters Banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the guest speaker is Mr. Ken Houston of the Washington Redskins Football team. The annual Alumni Awards are to be presented at this function.

On Saturday, July 8th, at 10:00 a.m. the third general session will be held in Alumni Hall at Prairie View A&M University. The guest speaker is Dr. J. Don Boney who is the Chancellor of the University of Houston. The subject of his speech is "Moving into the Second Century." At 3:30 p.m. Dr. M. L. Londow will host a Cocktail-Reception for all of the delegates to the Convention and their guests and friends. Following the Reception everyone is to return to Houston for the Alumni Dance at 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Mr.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER - George Bush, former Ambassador to United Nations and Chairman of the Rebulican National Commit-tee, will serve as speaker for the May 7 commencement exercises. Scheduled for 10:30 a.m., the services will feature the awarding of degrees to over 500 candidates and presentation of specials honors and awards.

James R. Williams and the East Texas All Stars.

The closing session of the Convention will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 9th, and Ambassador Andrew J. Young has been invited to be the principal speaker.

## Swim Team To Perform At Texas A&M

The Synchronized Swimming team is progressing very rapidly. They will present "The Dancers In Liquid Space" at Texas A&M University Friday. April 28, 1978. The group has expressed the hope that they might see some of Prairie View's fans there to share this great excitement with them.

Members of the team are -Patricia Harris, Swimming coach and participant, Robbie Brown, Melba Hopkins, Nikki Torian, Anthony Bell, Michael Glover, Larry Harris, and Floyd

Sponsors are: Mrs. G. Carter and Mr. H. Smith.

#### **Chancellor Williams Elected President of** Texas Ass'n of College

Texas A&M Chancellor Jack K. Williams is president-elect of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Williams was elected vice president for 1978 at the organization's meeting in Houston and will automatically become president in 1979.

The Association of Texas Colleges and University is the only state organization with memberships representing public and private junior and senior colleges.

#### **President Thomas** Speaks at Washington

Dr. A. I. Thomas served as principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Washington, D.C.-PV Alumni Club.

The PV president has served as speaker in several locations recently, including a noon luncheon for the Rotary Club in

## Kathy Bigsby Named Miss Prairie View

Kathy Bigsby, a sophomore communications major from Houston has been named Miss Prairie View for 1978-79 and will represent the University in the Miss Texas Pageant later

Scoring high in all categories, the new PV campus queen, led the field of eight contestants in the Ninth Annual Pageant held in connection with the Miss Texas and Miss America franchise. She won a \$1000 scholarship at the university plus several other honors, including the contestant's own selection of "Miss Congenali-

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bigsby of Houston. Her mother, the former Velma Livingston, was Miss PV in 1951.

First runner-up in the contest was Angela Garrett; a talented dancer from Camarillo, Ca. Other winners included Patricia Ann Davis, an electrical engineer major from Houston, second runner-up; and Devette Jones, a music major from Inglewood, Califor-

Pageant judges included two former Miss PV title holders -Mrs. Charlotte Young Burton (1962) and Mrs. Berandine

English Hicks (1972); Mr. Clifton Smith of KPRC-TV (Channel 2) Houston; and two representatives of the Miss Texas Pageant, Mr. Jerald McMullin and Gene Belote (both of Ft. Worth).

President A. I. Thomas crowned the new campus queen and the retiring Miss PV, Tamra Wiley, was the first to congratulate the winner. Miss Wiley was presented in two spots on the program, giving her farewell message before the judge's decision was announ-

Miss Marion Watson, "Miss Nebraska 1976," served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the colorful program produced by a staff headed by Ms. Margaret Sherrod. Guest performers included representatives of the Dance Theatre Group at George Washington Junior High School of Houston. Choreagraphers for the group are Harold Haynes and Stacey Michelle-Jones. Announcers were Kenneth Edmonson and Carolyn Jordon.

A large number of staff members representing several departments worked as a committee in planning the annual pageant.

#### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

#### CLASS OF 1928

The Class of 1928 will hold its Reunion during the Commencement Season this year. All class members are asked to get in touch with the Reunion Chairman.

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## Community Affairs Set **Graduation Exercise**

Rural Development Center at Prairie View A&M University recognized Educator, Adminiswill hold its annual Graduation trator, and Civic Worker. He Commencement Exercises on May 17, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Hobart Thomas Taylor Building. The Center is upholding the tradition, "Prairie View Produces Productive People." As an indication of this, last year the Center produced five hundred and sixty-five (565) graudates. This year the total again exceeds five hundred (500) graduates. The students that will be graduating are participants in the special programs such as Manpower

Training and CETA. The Center is proviledged to have as its speaker for the occasion Mr. Alton O. Bowen,

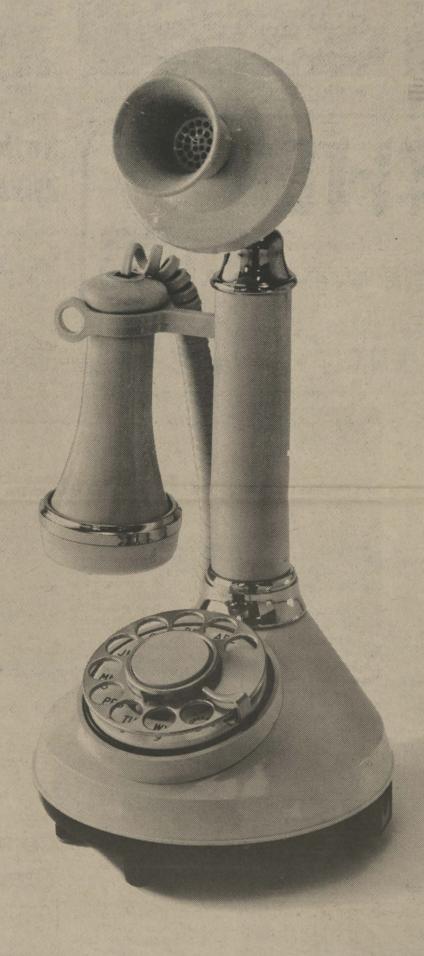
The Community Affairs and a native of Collin County Texas. Mr. Bowen is a See GRADUATION, Page 3



Alton O. Bowen



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### Parents of The Year

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas reside at 1826 Sutter Street, Dallas, Texas 75216. Both are graduates of Prairie View A&M University. After graduation, Mr. Thomas was employed here as Director of the Prairie View Alumni. After leaving Prairie View, he was elected President of the Prairie View National Alumni Association, after which he organized the first Prairie View National Convention. Presently, he is the chairman of the Prairie View Parents and Guardians Club in Dallas. Both parents are now employed in the public school system of Dallas. They are the parents of Karen P. Thomas, a student here at Prairie View A&M University.

Mr. and MRs. Edwin Maurice Bigsby

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Maurice Bigsby reside at 5801 Hilary Street, Houston, Texas 77026. Both are graduates of Prairie View A&M University. In 1951, Mrs. Bigsby (Velma Livingston) became the first "Miss Prairie View" to be elected by popular vote. Upon graduation from Prairie View A&M University, she attended Texas Southern University where she received her master's degree in education. She is now employed in the Houston Independent School District as a consultant in reading. Presently, Mr. Bigsby is employed in the Houston Independent School District as band director at Booker T. Washington High School. They are the parents of Kathy Sue Bigsby, a student here at Prairie View A&M University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rucker

Mr. and Mrs. John Rucker reside at 2207 Burnett Street, San Antonio, Texas 78202. Recently, Mrs. Rucker organized the Prairie View Parents and Guardians club of San Antonio and is serving as the chairman. She has sponsored raffles, cake sales, teas and dinners to raise funds for the Prairie View Development Fund. Presently, she is employed at Frost Brothers in San Antonio and Mr. Rucker is employed at A and T of Southwestern Bell. They are the parents of Frederick Rucker, a senior in Electrical Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Knighton
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Knighton reside in Pineland, Texas 75968, Box 157. Mr. Homer Knighton is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and is employed by the West Sabine Independent School District. Mrs Knighton works at the same school as a teacher's aide. They are the parents of Terry and Gerald Knighton who are students here at Prairie View A&M University. Their daughter, Mrs. Billie Jean Bell is employed in the School of Nursing as a professor.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spiller

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spiller reside at 1012 Austin Street, Bay City, Texas 77414. Both parents are graduates of Prairie View A&M University. Mrs. Gladys Spiller is employed as a teacher in the Bay City Public School System. Mr. Floyd Spiller is a retired letter carrier. They are the parents of Pamela Spiller, a student now attending Prairie View A&M University and Patricia Spiller who is emplyed in the School of Nursing.

#### Mrs. Herice Johnson

Mrs. Herice Johnson resides at 1905 Conklin Street, Houston, Texas 77088. She is the mother of eleven children — eight boys and three girls. Since the death of her husband, she has worked hard to rear and educate them. Three children have graduated from Prairie View A&M University. Presently, she has three attending school here now and hopefully, the youngest member of the family will enroll here next year. Her son was recently honored as man student of the year at the Honors Banquet.

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side of our culture.

Question: What is the "Showcase" all about and who came up with

the idea?

This particular showcase will mark the 29th annual Answer: presentation of talent presented to the campus by the Brotherhood. It's a talent night, as Crescendo believes that everyone has a talent be it anywhere from talented Curtain pullers to extraordinary vocalists.

Question: Why should I be in interested in attending? Answer:

You should be interested in discovering that you are walking daily in the midst of some of the most talented young men imaginable. In addition, you should also be interested in patronizing the quest for preservation and development of talents.

Question: Will the Crescendo's be the only persons participating on this Showcase?

No! To add some variety, there will be other students along with special guests on this program.

Question: Where can I get my ticket and when will the show begin? You are cordially invited by the men of Crescendo to attend their 29th Annual Showcase on Monday, April 24th, in the Women's Gymnasium, at 8:00 p.m. For a night of talent and excitement it's "Crescendo, Now and Forever?' Admission: \$1.00. You can purchase a ticket from any brother. Ask and you shall receive

### **Grooves Named Organization** Of The Year

The members of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Incorporated would like to thank the Honors Committee for naming our organization "The Outstanding Organiza-tion of 1977-78." We greatly appreciate the award, and it has even more meaning to us because it has been awarded to us for two successive years.

We have tried to do all we can to serve this campus and its students in not only the

#### Graduation —

CONTINUED from Page 1 received his secondary education in the public schools before matriculating at East Texas State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Government and Speech.

After graduating from East Texas State University he entered the teaching profession during which time he served as classroom teacher for a two year period before leaving to take up employment with General Dynamics Corporation in San Diego, California. While at General Dynamics Corporation he worked himself up through the ranks to the position of Product Control Manager. In 1945 Mr. Bowen, an ambitious and resourceful young man, returned to the teaching profession and at the same time worked on his Master's of Educational Administration and Government degree, which he received from East Texas State University in

Mr. Bowen has had a wide horizon of experience in education in the Texas Public School System. He has served as a teacher, high school principal, and superintendent of schools. His first appointment as a superintendent was in the rural community school of his native Collin County. In 1950 he was elected to superintendent of schools in Rosebud and Mexia public schools in 1958.

After a five year tenure as superintendent of Mexia public schools, he accepted the superintendent position at Bryan public schools in 1961, a position he held until February

tangible, obvious areas, but also in more subtle ways; conduct, appearance, etc. This is our sixteenth year in existence, in this country as an organization, as an entity. This chapter here at Prairie View is in its fifth year of existence and from the very start has been both conspicuous and exceptional in many ways. We once again give our thanks for this award which will become a permanent possession of this organization. No other organization can come close.

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

In 1971 Mr. Bowen accepted the appointment to the position. of Assistant Commissioner for Regional Education Services at the Texas Education Agency of Austin. In 1974 he was chosen Commissioner M. L. Brockette for the position of Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services, a position which he currently

Governor Dolph Briscoe, in 1971, appointed Mr. Bowen to the Chairmanship of the Board of the Governor's Committee on Aging, a position he presently holds. President Carter, during his campaign, appointed Mr. Bowen Educational Advisor for Texas.

Mr. Bowen is affiliated with numerous professional organizations on a local as well as national level. He recently served as a member of the Governor's Committee for the Study of Mental Retardation. He served as Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of that organization.

The Community Affairs and Rural Development Center cordially invites all interested persons to attend its Graduation Commencement Exercises and hear Mr. Bowen deliver his keynote address as well as to support the graduates.

Prairie View A&M University and the Center for Community Affairs and Rural Development welcome Mr. Alton O. Bowen to the "Hill."



SOCIOLOGY CLASSES - PV and Texas A&M classes in Sociology get together in Mixer held recently at PV.

Announcing -

The Prairie View Parents and Guardian Association's ANNUAL

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7:00 p.m.

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## I Am 100 Years Old Math Prof. Selected As Referee President Carter Visits Africa

'I am 100 years of age, I have not reached my fullest potential. I have been through the phases of blood, sweat and tears but I am

Have you ever just sat down and wondered if Prairie View A&M University could speak what would be its first words. We, the student body, faculty members and ex-alumni often place PV A&M University as putting emphasis on the word productive and yet we so often place ourselves as being a part of this productiveness.

As a Panther-staff writer I would like to take this time and express myself in what it is really like to be a part of the Prairie View A&M System. Prairie View's system is a unique institution that provides all its students with the growth and ability to learnership as well as leadership. It is the only black institution which strives for its students to become proud and productive.

Prairie View is celebrating its centennial year and PV's fullest potential is to reach out and enroll more students so that one day they too will become productive.

No, I haven't reached my centennial and if by chance I do, I would surely grant to the next generation that Prairie View "is," not was, proudly productive.

JoAnn Alderson

## **Campus Ministry Needs Help**

On May 30, 1978 "Campus Ministry" will be highlighted at the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church from the First United Methodist Church, 1300 Main Street in Houston. The thirteen colleges and universities plan a 100 voice Wesley Choir to represent the thirteen institutions.

We need you and your service to represent Prairie View in this connection. We need to be represented well, for the Texas Conference finances the Methodist Campus Ministry (Wesley Foundation) on our Campus.

To prepare for such presentation, we are asked to go to S.F.A. University in Nacogdoches, Texas for a rehearsal, Saturday, April 29, 1978 by 10:00 a.m. We need each of you for the rehearsal and the conference performance. We will provide transportation and accomodations. S.F.A. would like to hear from us, so that they can properly plan for us on April 29.

If you will help met this need, please get in contact with the director as indicated above, or Miss Carrie Moore, 316 Suarez Hall,

Yours in Christian Service, Darnell L. Walker

#### Blood is Meant to Circulate

On Thursday, April 20th, from 11:00-6:00 p.m., there will be a blood drive at the Owens-Franklin Health Clinic on the P.V. A&M campus. The blood donations will establish a blood bank for the P.V. community. Each donation will add credits to the blood bank. Students and faculty of P.V. A&M, and members of the local churches have been signing up to donate. If you want to be a donor please call the Health Clinic, 957-2511, and make an appointment. Also, you can go by the clinic and sign a donor card

#### Black Must Learn to Budget and Save

By budgeting and eliminating unnecessary products such as tobacco, liquors, flashy clothes, and luxury cards, Blacks can save several billion dollars of income that passes through their hands annually.

Blacks earned a disposable income of about 80 billion which rates blacks and other non-whites to be the ninth largest consumer market in the

Clothing and car manufacturers have taken advantage of our pre-occupation with these things. We\* spent 129 billion on movies, 614 million on toys and sports related things, 4 billion on T.V.'s, stereos, magazines and records in 1976. All this information is of great importance to the neighborhood jewish clothing store all the way up to huge corporations like General Motors, whose goal is to take advantage of the black market. Even though the majority of us

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CASS STUDENT NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

Dr. Willie E. Taylor, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics has been selected as a referee for the International Journal of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics. Dr. Taylor was notified of his selection in a letter from Dr. L. Debnath, Managing Editor of the journal. His first assignment is to referee a paper entitled "Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Eventually Vanishing Oscillatory Trajectories in Nonlinear Differential Equations with Small Delays."

Since 1975, Dr. Taylor has published nine papers in several National and International journals concerning the Oscillator Theory of Differential Equations.

Dr. Taylor

#### Alpha Mu Gamma

Alpha Mu Gamma — National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society — will have its Spring Banquet on Monday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. This banquet will be in honor of all new student members and new honorary members. All other student members and honorary members are invited to attend. The cost of the banquet for other members (except new members) is \$5.50 per person. This fee of \$5.50 is to be paid to Mrs. McCloud in room 207B Education Building, ext. 2322 by 5 p.m. Friday, April 21st.

All members are urged to attend this banquet to help us honor all new students.

But the pendulum, unfortu-

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## **Keeping America Strong**

Today America's defense the forces that are withdrawn system is under fire as never from active service. before. A harsh and militant minority rejects military service nately, does not swing evenly. in any form and is attempting To meet the challenge of to discredit the Reserve keeping America strong, I Officers Training Corps. Many encourage the activist, the reservist, and the civilian to in this country express strenuous opposition to approprialoyalty support the Reserve tions for supplies and equipwhich is the maintenance of ment necessary for our armed military strength adequate to forces. The resulting obsolesthe safety of this great nation. cence plays an increasing part in our strategic capability. As article are not to be considered an American, you will be affectan official expression of the ed by teh outcome of these Department of the Navy. domestic conflicts. As an officer, or an enlistee you will be even more directly affected. The question each of us must ask himself is this: "Will the United States always be ready to prevent an aggressor nation from destroying our will to fight?" Since the end of the hostilities in Vietnam; and even during them, emotional appeal to dismantle our military machinery has continued to find an audience. It would be

are poor, undereducated, under employed.

naive to suppose also that

other nations will follow our

example. What, then, is the

United States to do if we are

not to maintain an adequate

active-duty military establish-

ment? If the 9th Infantry

Division can be deactivated,

why not the 82nd Airborne or

the 6th Fleet. It is clear that our

reserve forces must be

strengthened in proportion to

In a way this is what happened to the Populist, they were taken advantage of through dominance of the large corporations, banks, and the money markets that controlled the value of the dollar. If we (black community) could look back on this kind of history and learn from it our business sense would be far greater. I know few Mexicans and other minorities, but I see how they live and most of them do not waste their life forces like we do, money is indeed a great life force in our trillion\* dollar economy. My feelings are not dominated by a sense of responsibility to society but to ourselves, after all it is our problem, we have to do something about it because no one else knows us like we do. William Brewer

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#### By: Matthew Ade. Shoyebo

South-West Africa. Warning that "the hour is late" in the search for peaceful solutions in both areas, the President also called on South Africa to transform its racially divided society "progressively and peacefully with assured respect for the rights of all."

Panther Staff Writer

made a historical official visit

to Nigeria. Africa two weeks

ago, which marked the first

time in 200 years, that an

American President will touch

the soil of Black Africa.

President Carter spent three

days in Lagos, Nigeria, where

he made a major speech

covering more of his Adminis-

President Carter in his

speech in Lagos committed his

Administration today to an

Africa "that is free from

coloniasm, racism and military

interference by outside nations.

He further pledged to work

with Nigeria and other black

African nations to achieve

majority rule in Rhodesia and

tration's new African policy.

President Jimmy Carter

"We must not allow great-power rivalries to destroy our hopes for an Africa at peace." he said to the applause of the audience of Nigerian Government Officials and other guests in the huge modern National Arts Theater in Lagos, Nigeria.

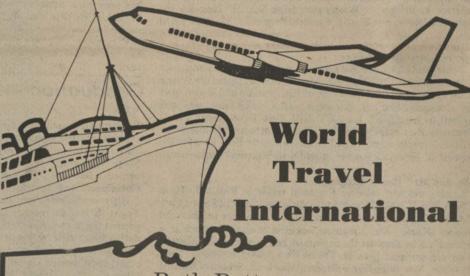
A United States Government source said that twenty years ago. Nigeria would not have been included in the World's 5 ranking great nations. "Today it is different," he said. Nigeria,

which is the most populous, richest, most modern most education in Black Africa is also a first class power and has the oil potential. Its leaders have been instrumental in trying to settle some of the continent's serious problems. President Carter feels that he cannot ignore such a world

Following an elaborate state dinner highlighted by Nigerian Army dancers in colorful costumes, the President and General Obasanjo raised a toast to the longevity of the two global powers' relationship and a call for peace in Africa and World over. A joint communique signed by the two leaders signified the first such agreement in U.S. and Nigerian relations which specifically reaffirmed the views of both governments in their condemnation of the evil and oppressive system of apartheid in South Africa.

U.S. Administration sources indicated that the trip may turn around attitude of leaders of Third World nations ho previously have considered the U.S. insensitive to their needs. The trip also emphasizes the U.S. effort to communicate with Black African leaders to help them work out a peaceful solution in Southern Africa. The U.S. approach will be to support majority rule and also to assist in the financial development of the developing

President Carter returned to Washington after a four hour lay-over in Liberia.



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## **Extension Seeks Workers For Summer Youth Camp**

By Linda Freeman

Applications are being accepted for employees for the annual youth camp at the H.S. Estelle 4-H and Youth camp near Huntsville, Texas, announced Henry Miller, Camp Director of Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program.

Positions available for the summer camp consist of a nurse, counselors, and camp instructors. The applicants should perferably be college students or graduates seeking summer employment.

The summer camp will be held from June 5 thru August 11 for limited income youths age 9 thru 18. Some of the activities will include swimming, singing, archery, camp crafts, nature study, fishing and basketball.

All interested persons are asked to contact Henry Miller. Camp Director, at 857-2027.

## Orientation Program Held For Neighborhood Improvement

By Linda Freeman

Program aides and agents working with the newly implemented Prairie View Extension Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) were on campus recently for orientation.

Mr. Hoover Carden, Assistant Director of the Prairie View Extension Program, presided, over the informal gathering.

The new aides are: Doris Alean Burns, Lee County; Doris Jones, Milam County; and Johnny Williams, Washington County. They discussed the importance of the NIP in each of their counties with county Extension agents Cheryl Walker and Jessie Hoermann, Lee County; Rubye Ragsdale, Washington County, and John Snell, Milam County.

The main purpose of the program is to motivate people to where they will want to make improvements in their neighborhood, churches or anywhere in the county.

Timothy Shaunty, Texas Community Improvement Specialist, suggested several approaches as to how to organize and develop a system that people will understand. "People have to recognize their own needs before any attempts can be made for the necessary improvements. Communities have to want to help themselves;" stated Shaunty.

The NIP aides feel that a personal relationship should be

#### LBL-LBA

The Brother's of Les Beaux Arts Black Cultural Fraternity and Sister's of Les Belle Lettres will have their 21st Annual Ball at the Red Carpet Inn in Houston, Texas right off the Southwest Freeway. Admission: \$5.00 single person and \$8.00 per couple. Time: 8:00 p.m. Band playing will be "Family." Date: Saturday, April 29, 1978. Dress: Semi-formal.



SIMA RHO CHAPTER of Phi Beta Umega, the first Black Greek co-ed fraternity in the United States and the only black co-ed fraternity in the world, honors the appointment of its brother, James Hawthorne, to the position of president, and sister, Beatrice Clark to that of state secretary.

Hawthorne, of Dallas, is a senior majoring in architecture. Clark, a native of Taylor, is a junior studying Clothing and Fashions.

Brothers and sisters of the Sigma Rho Chapter of Phi Beta Omega feel the the positions are well deserved, and that these appointees will carry out the goals of this fraternity.

## Research and Information Aid Published—Part I

Dr. Purvis M. Carter, Associate Professor of History, Prairie View A&M University, was recently informed by the editor of *The Journal of Negro History*, Dr. Alton Hornsby, Jr., Professor of History, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, of the publication of his compilation, "The Negro in Periodical Literature, 1970-1972, Part I." The first part of

developed with the individuals to let them know how interested they are in working with the community. They also think that if some realistic goal can be shown, the people should want to work hard and be successful.

the study is included in volume LXIII number I issue of The Journal of Negro History. January, 1978. The research-information tool evolved from a survey of all the major regional, national and state historical journals, historical journals in special fields, as well as journals in other fields of study, such as The Journal of Economics, in search of any references to the Negro in the published articles. The articles with references to the Negro are categorized by subject and chronologically.

The Journal of Negro History is the official organ of the

### **Panther Club Holds Raffle**

On Saturday, April 1, 1978, was the end of the Panther Raffle for the Mark Brown Memorial Award. We, the member of the Panther Club, would like to personally thank each and every person who helped make this project a big success. It was only through their kindness and help that made the whole project, what it is. That was a prime example of what true Panther students, will do, to help the Panther Club stay on top.

The very happy winners of the prizes were given at the end of a very successful Prairie View Relays. At this time the Panther Club would like to give a point of congratulation to the men and women track teams of Prairie View. We are always behind you, 100% win or lose.

The first place winner of the 100 dollar bill was Mayna Azofenfi of 331 Drew Hall, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

Second place winner of the AM-FM Radio-Clock was Patricia Waiters, of 446 Drew Hall, Prairie View, Texas.

Association for the Study of Negro Life and History which has been published quarterly since the first issue appeared, January 1, 1916. The publication of the Journal was one of a number of projects, including the observation of Negro History Week-now Negro History Month — which evolved form the fertile mind of Carter G. Woodson. Dr. Hornsby is the fifth historian to assume the position Editor of The Journal of Negro History, since the founder, Dr. Woodson, served in that

The third place winner of the surprise was Mrs. Zelna Williams, Drawer B, Prairie View, Texas.

Again, we would like to say thanks to all of you, from all of

On April 13, 1978, the Mark Brown Award was on display in the Dining Hall, to give you the students, a first hand look at, what you helped us do, so the Panther Club could keep the memory of a great Freshman football player alive.

Don't forget the first Tuesday in May, at M. C. Williams High School will host "Mark Brown Day" at Williams High School, where the Panther Club will have a full two hour program in honor of March Brown.

EllRoy Stevenson, President

#### Nurses Hear Guest Speaker

Dr. Laurie Gunter, distinguished Professor from the University of Delaware at Newark visited the Prairie View A&M College of Nursing on Wednesday, March 29, as Research Consultant in Residence.

Some of the activities held for the day included individual consultation, review of research projects, and consulting with the general faculty.

Dr. Gunter's clinical specialty is Geriatric Nursing. She also has done extensive research in other areas of nursing practice, and serves as consultant to several federal health agencies including the Division of Nursing and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

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## A Challenge to Engineering Students at PV

By Matthew Ade. Shoyebo
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installed at West Fort Hood
operated in support of the
ATU/Fort Hood Solar Total
Energy Military Experiment,
poses a challenge to the Civil
Engineering students here at
Prairie View A&M, when they
visited the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers Station over the
week-end.

The major function of Field Laboratory Study Tour such as this is the opportunity offered for the synthesis of ideas emanating from individual and group research, for the purpose of directing further research and dissemination of those ideas relevant to reinforcement of engineering educational process such that is being undertaken here at Prairie View A&M University College of Engineering.

The Civil Engineering Students led by their Professors, Dr. R. N. S. Rao, P.E., Chairman of Civil Engineering Department and Mr. C. T. Luke, Associate Professor in the Civil Engineering Department, made the trip to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Station at Fort Hood primarily to study the Solar energy system in experimentation there, and also to see the Dam Construction being undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers and other Housing Projects under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers in the Fort Worth District.

The Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) has the ultimate task of conducting research and development to provide a practical and balanced program that anticipates energy needs of the United States. Its purpose is to provide more options that we have today to increase our energy sources and to improve efficiently in the generation and consumption of energy.

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A solar total energy system employs the sun as a source of thermal energy to heat fluids in the receivers of collectors to high temperatures (500-600%F) to power a turbine to produce electricity. The rejected heat from the turbine is used for space heating and domestic hot

The P.V. Engineering Students received lectures from Officials of the Solar Engineering Test Module station on the Large-Scale Experiment No. 1 which the Officials said to be a solar energy system with a nominal electrical output in the 500 KW range and with a thermal output of approximately 2-4 MW equivalent. It will be installed at the newly completed 87,000 Troop Housing Complex at Fort Hood which was inspected by the engineering students, to supply a substantial portion of the electrical, space heating, cooling and domestic water heating requirements of several buildings in the 87,000 complex.

This complex is located at the extreme eastern end of the main post at Fort Hood. It is a "modular-type" barracks complex, the design which will be replicated throughout the U.S. Army. The 87,000 Troop Housing Complex consists of twenty buildings (barracks, administration and storage areas, classrooms, food service, etc.) with a combined floor space of approximately 450,000 square feet.

The key element of the design requiring new technology is the collector field. The conceptual design for Large-Scale Experiment No. 1 is currently being finalized as a competitive effort by two industrial Contractors.

The second phase of the engineering students' Field Laboratory Study Tour took them to North Fork Dam which is located on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River about 3.5 miles west of Georgetown, Texas, in Williamson County. It is part of a three-project system for flood control on the San Gabriel River.

After a welcome address delivered to the students by Mr. John Riddle, who is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Area Engineer in charge of the Dam construction, the students were shown slides of the Dam project and later moved to the inspection of the compacted earth and rock fill dam.

Construction on the North

Fork project began in October 1972 with the award of contracts for the initial relocation of county roads and for project buildings and access roads. The dam will have a length of 6,947 feet (including Spillway) with a maximum height of 162 feet.

At top of conservation pool, elevation will be 791.0, the lake will cover 1,310 surface acres and will provide 29,200 acre-feet of conservation storage. At top of flood control pool, elevation will be 834.0, the lake will cover 3,220 surface acres and will provide 87,600 acre-feet of flood control stage. Sediment reserve would be 14,000 acre-feet.

The appearance at the station, of two Prairie View A&M University's productive engineering graduates who are making their own contribution in the development and leadership role in civilian and military cadre respectively, gave the students a great deal of inspiration. The productive Prairie View Graduates are Mr. Clifford Martin who works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Capt. Willie Horton, an Office in the Third Batallion of the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Hood and both are from the State of

The Students, among whose majority come from the State of Texas look forward to the day that they too will have the opportunity to make their contribution and utilize their engineering knowledge acquire here at Prairie View A&M University to demonstrate the feasibility of the solar concept to promote technology that offers the prospect of being economically competitive with other energy sources for the benefit of our society.

The students that participated in the very successful Field Laboratory Study Tours are: Abdulrahim Afshang, Sandra Allen, Ignitius Akpabio, Mehdi Naghavi, Duke Robert, Abdul Foshat, Yolandia Baty, A. Hedayarpour, Robert Neblett, A. Ghanavatian, Robert Deese, Mesfin Tesfaye, Nelson George, Rassul Salehi, Yohanna Mshelia, C. Carroll, Peter Johnson, John Ikhayere, Nathan Omovbude, Laura Durio, Phyllis Tubbs, John Hayes, Abdulreza Mir, Robert Oliver, Matthew Ade. Shoyebo, Tijjani Umar, Ronald Conway, Marian Jean, Mary Jean, Tony Jones and

The U.S. Department of Energy notes that solar-powered home heating is not a new concept. An estimated 30,000 units in Florida used solar energy to heat water between World Wars I and II. Presently, Australia, Japan and Israel are the leading countries using solar heating and cooling.



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## **Predicting Wheat Yields by Remote Sensing**

By Remote Sensing

Remote sensing refers to techniques that photograph or record the earth's surfaces from great distances. The technique can also be used to survey disease infestation of food crops and forests, it can locate the presence of insect damage, and can map the distribution of vegetation in a geographical area.

One important use of remote sensing that is presently under study, is to predict wheat yields from information obtained in sensing devices placed in aircraft and space vehicles. To get the necessary data for this study, researchers at Prairie View A&M University (College of Agriculture and Engineering) are cooperating with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to measure the growth of wheat and the environment above the wheat canopy on the University

Everyday, the air temperature, soil temperature soil



Graduate students at PV A&M monitoring environmental parameters over wheat fields as part of NASA Remote Sensing Project.

moisture wind velocity, solar radiation and infra-red radiation are measured above the wheat field. Thus, from the information collected at Prairie View it may become possible to predict wheat yields from infra-red measurements taken by space vehicles anytime during the growing season.

Presently, Dr. Eugene Brams and Dr. R. N. S. Rao are

collaborating on the project. Mr. Hormozi Abdolreza, a graduate student in agriculture is developing a thesis from the data that he has been gathering since 1977. Also involved in the work are two undergraduate students in Engineering and two from Agriculture.

Recently, Mr. Harold Eaton, a Prairie View A&M University graduate working at the Remote Sensing Center at Texas A&M University and Mr. Wes Rosenthal became involved in a joint research effort with our project staff to acquire more data relating soil moisture and infra-red radiation over wheat and grain sorghum fields. This work has now become part of a national program called LACIE (Large Area Crops Inventory Experiment) where extensive areas of wheat in Kansas, and North and South Dakota are also monitored by different devices in space vehicles as well as high-flying aircraft and heli-



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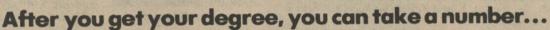
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Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, Beta Iota Chapter Trustee presents Laureate Citations to three Beta Iota Chapter members, Charles T. Edwards, Jr., top left, Ernest F. Bell, top right and John B. Whiteley, on right.

professional and public relations, leadership in professional association, and exemplary service to the Fraternity. The candidate should meet at least three of the categories before being considered for the Laureate.

Mr. Earnest F. Bell is a teacher in the Texarkana Texas public schools, and



John B. Whiteley

community leader. Mr. John B. Whiteley is president of the Houston Community College and Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr. is assistant dean of the College of Industrial Education and Technology.

#### Some A&M Rates To Go Up in Fail

The Texas A&M University System board of regents voted to increase room and board rates at A&M and Tarleton State in the fall. Dormitory rates will increase 12 percent at A&M and will range from \$165 to \$468 per semester. Tarleton rates will go up 5 percent and range from \$200 to \$295 a semester. Food costs will go up 13 percent at A&M and students will pay \$407 per semester for the five-day plan



Dr. J. Don Boney, Chancellor of the University of Houston Downtown Campus was the guest speaker at the banquet.



Joe Billops receives the outstanding service award from Dr. S. R. Collins, Dean College of Industrial Education and Technology.



Jesselyn King selected to receive the 1978 outstanding scholarship award. Dr. S. R. Collins made the presentation.



The 1978 initiation team members: (L-R) Raymond Duncombe, Dr. A. I. Thomas, Dr. S. R. Collins, Jesselyn King, James Franklin, Joe Billops, and Carleton Adams, not shown Roland Flannel.

and \$455 for the seven-day plan. At Tarleton, food costs will increase 10 percent to \$330 per semester for the five-day plan. On May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan, was open to the public for the first time.



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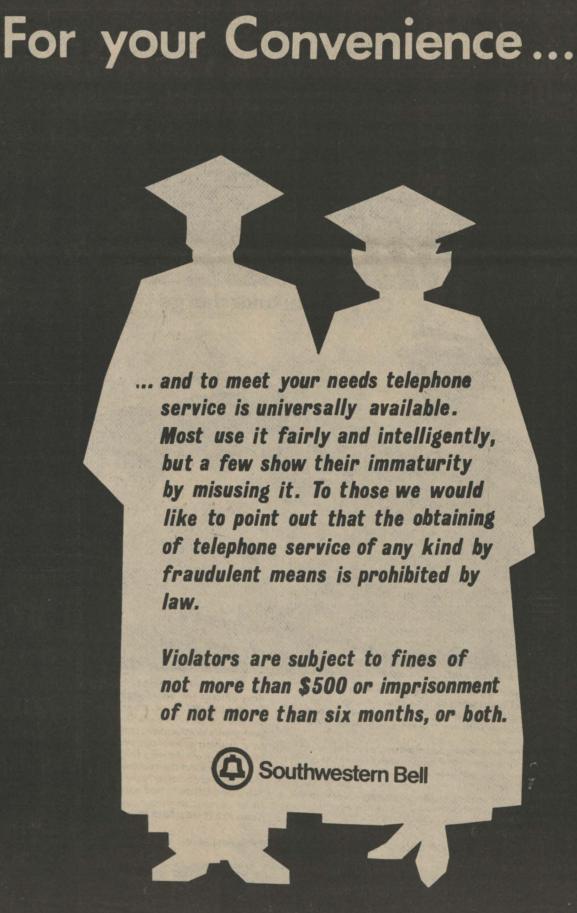
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## Two PV-ites Compete in NCAA Powerlift Championship

Two Panthers competed in the NCAA Powerlift Championships 17-18 March 1978 at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana.

Robert Oliver, a 132 lb. senior from Houston, competed in the Light Weight Class finishing 7th in a field of 13 lifters. Winning the 132 lb. class was Claude Daniel of Louisiana State University. Robert is also a member of the ROTC Advance program, seventh place was worth a total of four points.

The other Panther competing was football capatain Gerald "G" Holman, a well-respected offensive guard on the Panther football team. Holman finished 5th in a very

strong field of 16 lifters in the 275 lb. weight class. Eric Madison of University of Washington best Holman for 4th place and the football lifter nosed out Ronald Oakes of University of Mississippi for 5th place. Paul Schneider of Michigan State University won the 275 lb. class.

Fifth place finish was worth a total of 6 (six) points giving the two competitors from Panther Land a total of 10 team points.

Congratulations shall be extended to Gerald and Robert for their performance. The meet lasted two and one half days and two hundred and one lifters competed.

tionals May 24th-27th or U.S.

Track and Field Federation

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date), June 8, 9, 10 Los Angeles

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not God) have invited us to the

May 29th Muhamed Ali Games

Now moving on to the male

horses in the human bodies

let's behold the Panthers. From

the mouth of Coach Hoover

in Cerritos, California.

## Have Run, Will Travel

By George C. Pope Sports Editor

Gunsmoke can get Marshall Dillon to come to our track, draw his gun from his holster and then fire, but the speed of the bullet would have trouble matching the speed that we have on our track team this year. Right now the Panthers and Pantherettes are just plain hot to trot. Both coaches Barbara Jacket and Hoover Wright are quite pleased with the performance of our atheltes thus far.

At the past Annual Texas Relays in Austin the Pantherettes just won their sixth consecutive Mile Relay Trophy for Women with the fastest time in the U.S. this year in the time of 3:39.4. Members of that gazelle foursome are freshperson Angela Dudley, senior Beverley Day, sopho-mores, Essie Kelley and Patricia Jackson. To add to that the ladies won their seven consecutive annual Spring Sprint Medley Relay with one of the fastest times in the nation this year at 3:38.90. Both occurred at the Texas Relays. Again the quad was Day, Kelley, Jackson and freshperson Patrice Roberts.

As of this print the Pantherettes will have participated in the Pelican Relays which will mark the season of '76 Olympian hurdler and former American Record holder in the 4:00 p.m. hurdles, Miss Authurene Gainer. Featured also will be S.W.A.C. Indoor Two Mile Champion Barbara Blockman in the 1500 Meter Run, S.W.A.C. Outdoor Long Jump Champ Sweet Shiela Pettit and coming off of injury since the T.S.U. Relays is speedy sophomore Debra Malrose. Other performers are high jumper Chestina Martin, rapidly improving freshperson half miler Shounelle Booker and the wives of Hercules. Miss Dianthia Lemons and Miss Elona Mahomey are both shooting 43 ft. and better. That led coach B. Jacket to saying. "This marks the first time in PV history we have ladies shooting, discussing and placing well at the same time.

Having already won the Texas Relays, Prairie View Relays, Ty-Terrell Relays of Beaumont, Astro-Belle Relays of Houston, tied with T.W.U. in the Texas-Southern Relays and placed second in the Texas A&M Relays . . . (whew) . . . well the Pantherettes are going for upcoming weekly wins in the Drake Relays, S.W.A.C. Championship, A.I.A.W. Na-

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Coach Hoover Wrigh

Wright, "This is the best team we've had since 1970 (Felix Johnson Group). We should break our existing school record of 3:04.9 in the mile relay (1970) when we get our right combination of quartermilers. The progress of our team is up to expectation and EVERYBODY is improving. We should finish higher in the conference this year since 1970. There is need for improving in the field events for us to be contenders for a team championship in our conference. W have won more trophies than any other school other than our own Relays."

Hmmmm . . . . after that what can I say except we have won the TSU Relays, Jackson Relays, placed 2nd in the PV Relays, and in the recently past Texas Relays we won more Relays than any other college division team. In the past Jackson Relays a team of James Hunt, Joe Johnson, Williard Charles and Clifford Terrell ran as 3:08 Mile Relay. Considering our ace man Evans White did not even run we can

## All Sports Banquet Set

The Annual Prairie View A&M University Panthers All Sports Banquet will be Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Dr. Frank Bannister, Sports

Director, National Black Network Radio, New York City, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Bannister is also a correspondent for Jet Magazine and stars in the Muhammad Ali TV cartoons. "The

## **Taylor Named Chiefs Scout**

Otis Taylor, for twelve years one of the premier wide receivers to ever play in the National Football League has been hired by the Kansas City Chiefs as a talent scout.

Taylor is a former Prairie View three time All America, where he helped lead the Panthers to two national and expect good news barring injuries.

It is a fine record made in PV history of a 3:04.9 mile relay by greats Jesse Ball, Thurman Bogess, Finis Taylor, and Felix Johnson. Ah, but let us cheer our greats of now to make new history. Remaining meets after our Baton Rouge, LA encounter (Pelican Relays) are April 28-29, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa; May 5-6, N.A.I.A. District, Lubbock, Texas; May 12-13, S.W.A.C. Outdoor Championship, Baton Rouge, La.; May 18-20, N.A.I.A. Championship, Abiline, Tx.; May 25-27, Div. II NCAA, Macomb, Ill.; June 1-3, NCAA Collegiates, Eugene, Oregon; June 8-10, National AAU, Los Angeles, Ca.



Otis Taylor

three SWAC football titles. He led the Panthers in receiving all four years and holds the school all time receiving record.

The former Houston Worthing great is the Chiefs all time leading receiver and led the Chiefs to the 1970 Super Bowl Championshipo with a 46 yard touchdown pass reception. He was named to the All Pro Bowl team several years and was named UPI Player of the year one year.

Adventure of Muhammad Ali." He also works with Muhammad at his fights and does play-by-play.

Dr. Bannister rates and ranks college football and basketball teams each week for Jet Magazine and selects Jet's Players of the Week and Player of the Month as well as the Coach of the Week and All America teams.

Ken Houston, All Pro Safety for the Washington Redskins Football Club will be the Toastmaster for the banquet. Houston, a former PVU All America and played on two PVU National Championship teams is regarded by his peers as one of the finest defensive backs to ever play the game. He holds several National Football League records and has played in seven consecutive All Pro Bowl games and was captain of the 1977 Pro Bowl Game.

The top awards at the Banquet will be the President's Award to the student athlete with the highest academic average over four years and the Dr. I. T. Hunter Athlete of the Year Award to the top male and female athletes.

Mrs. Peggy Hunter, the widow of the late I. T. Hunter, will be present to make the Athlete of the Year presentation.

Tickets to the banquet can be purchased for \$7.50. Please contact Joe Booker, 857-2810 or Leon English, 857-2410.



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### **Alfred Gilbert**

(Sophomore)

Panther Hurdler

Set new school record in high hurdles at Jackson State Meet, 13.7.

## Eli Aldridge

(Sophomore)

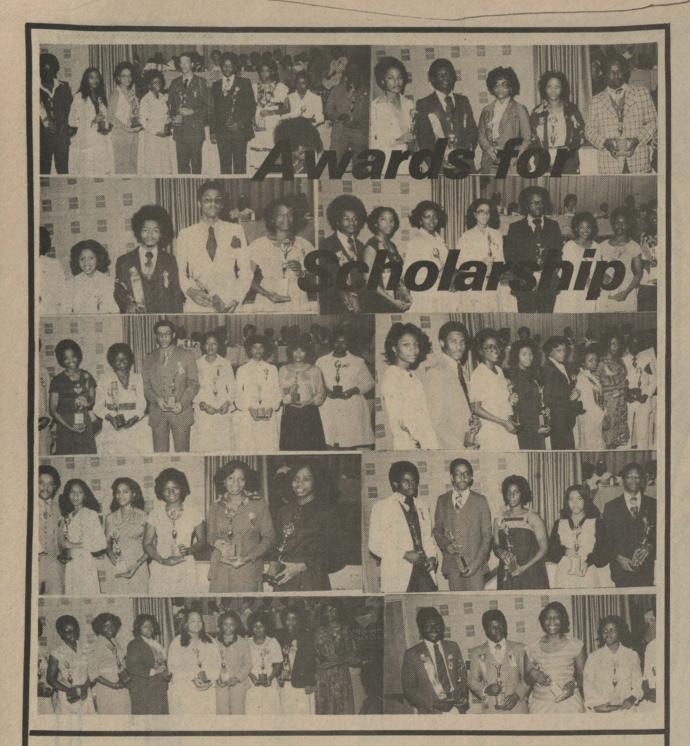
Baseball

Set new school record in stolen bases when he stole two against Wiley College.

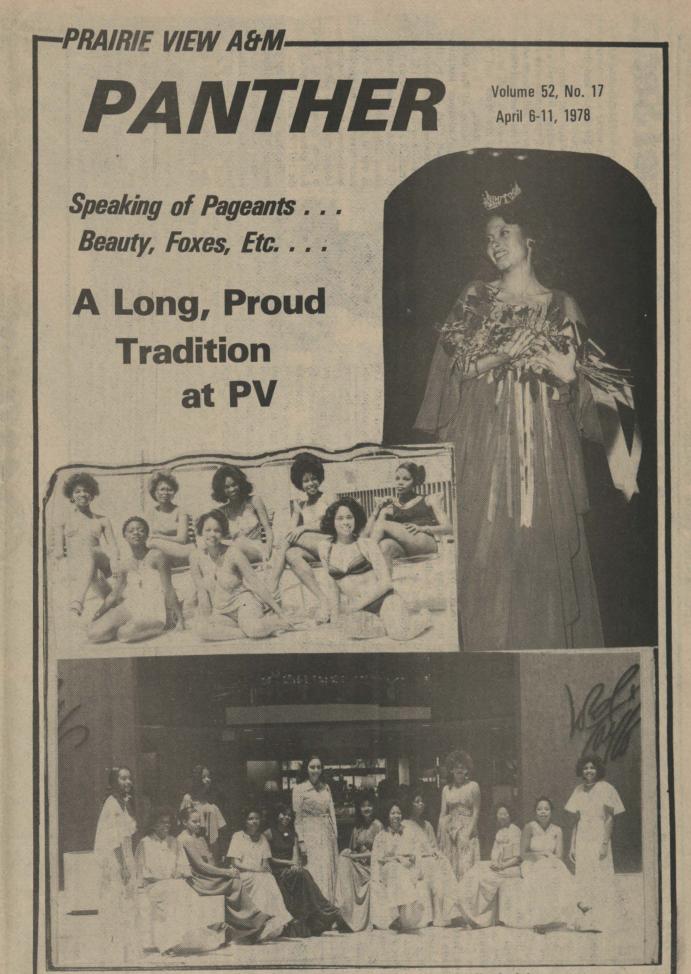
His present record is 25 stolen bases this year.

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

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Top Right: The new Miss PV, Kathy Bigsby. Above: Student Selections for a Yearbook feature.