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**PRAIRIE VIEW
A&M
UNIVERSITY**

**100TH
YEAR**

1978-79 Budget Approved

A record operating budget totaling \$28,185,715 for Prairie View A&M University was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents last week for the fiscal year beginning September 1. The Prairie View budget was up by approximately \$2½ million from the current year, noted Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of the University.

The Board approved a total of \$322,785,718 for all parts of the university system. System regents also sold bonds valued at \$11 million, awarded contracts totaling \$5,807,820 for seven construction projects and appropriated \$858,859 for 13 other projects.

In other action the board approved a \$229,911 contract for installation of fuel tank facilities at Prairie View. Also approved were increases in room and board rates which are designed to offset higher operating costs. Effective September 1, dormitory room rates will be increased \$25 per semester, ranging from \$250. to \$325., and board will be \$405. up \$37.

President's Annual Summer Convocation Set June 22

Deadline Set for Graduates to File

Any student expecting to graduate on August 13, 1978 is required to file an application for the degree or trade certificate on an application card available in the registrar's office. The candidate is required to secure the signature of his department head or dean. Pay the fee at the fiscal office and return the application card to the registrar's office not later than June 26, 1978.

Candidates from previous periods must notify this office as to which graduation period their candidacy is to be considered.

The Annual Summer President's Convocation is scheduled Thursday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education Fieldhouse.

The President of the University, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, is the speaker for the occasion.

The Convocation is another part of "Operation Success." It will provide for students the extension of the learning experience through participation in a professional experience.

A major objective of the Convocation is to provide the opportunity for students and faculty to participate jointly in a professional experience.

Alumni Convention In Houston July 6-9

U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Governor Dolph Briscoe, and several other national and state officials have written letters congratulating University Alumni organization on their occasion of their Centennial Convention scheduled in Houston's Astro Village Hotel on July 6-9.

The Theme of the Fourth Annual Convention is "Meeting the Challenge."

According to Lt. Colonel Beauregard Brown III, general

Chairman, the convention will include sessions on the university campus as well as in the Astro Village Hotel. Speakers announced earlier included Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President, who will deliver the keynote address; Dr. Dempsey H. Seastrunk, of College Station; professional football star Ken Houston; Dr. J. Don Boney, Chancellor, University of Houston Downtown College; and possibly Ambassador Andrew J. Young.

City Sewage Lines —

Texas A&M Board Backs PV Officials in Dispute

Texas A&M University Systems regents publicly backed Prairie View officials in the dispute over city sewage lines laid across the Prairie View campus.

The dispute erupted a few weeks ago when Mayor Eristus Sams ordered the arrest of Dr. Decatur B. Rogers, vice-president for Physical Plant Planning and later President A. I. Thomas for having university workman remove sections of pipe from two city sewage lines on campus. The city was preparing to connect those lines to the university's sewage treatment plant. Both men were released on \$200 bond.

In the meantime President Thomas has initiated a \$1.25 million law suit against Mayor Sams, city police officer B. T. Morgan, the M. Lawrence Parker Corp. of Bryan, construction engineers employed by the city; and the City of Prairie View.

Dr. Thomas filed the suit in federal court in Houston last week, charging that the defendants has harassed and humiliated him by ordering his arrest. He is represented by Houston Attorney Larry Watts.

The dispute involves what President Thomas and Mayor Sams both describe as their perspective responsibilities to the job they hold. Mayor Sams contends that the city has the right to lay sewer lines across the university campus resulting from a 1972 resolution.

President Thomas contends — with the support of the Board of Regents — that the 1972 agreement did not give the city the right to lay those lines across the University campus. The president indicates that he is protecting the campus by



CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT — Continued upgrading of campus facilities is evident in this sidewalk recently opened for traffic. Construction has now begun on the campus entrance and several paved streets are now in operation.

1978 Summer Session Classes Underway

The 1978 Summer is well underway following registration and opening activities on June 5-6.

Several special workshops, Institutes and Shot Courses are being offered, along with regular undergraduate and graduate courses. Activities offered for the first time include a Summer School Certification Program and a Motorcycle Institute, both operating during the first six weeks session.

- The calendar for special activities include —
- Upward Bound June 1 — July 31
 - Work Study Program June 4 — August 18
 - Student Science Training Program in Chemistry June 4 — August 16
 - Pre-Medical Concepts Institute for Minority Students June 4 —
 - Chemical Concepts Institute (CCI)
 - Engineering Programs (10 Weeks)
 1. Engineering Concepts
 2. Eng. Science Advancement
 3. Eng. Foundations Inst.
 4. Project Vanguard
 5. Engineering Research
 6. Minority Introduction to Engineering
 - Motorcycle Institute June 4 — July 16
 - Vocational Industrial Certification Program June 5 — July 14
 - Cosmetology Institute & Trade Show .. June 12
 - Workshop for High School Students .. June 18 — July 30

PV Gets Transportation Research Training Grant

Prairie View A&M University's application for a federal grant of \$51,850 to undertake an urban transportation research and training project has been approved, Dr. A. I. Thomas, president at Prairie View, announced.

Activities planned in connection with the grant began early in June under the direction of Dr. Harold Bonner and Ms. Mary Hawkins. They are developing research on Transit Efficiency and Productivity. The project will develop techniques to improve the productivity and efficiency of two demand responsive transit systems currently serving the elderly and handicapped in rural Texas.

The grant represents Prairie preventing connection of sewage lines which would interfere with future university construction.

Such construction projects, according to university officials, are slated to begin in the area involved within the next five years.

View's first from the Department of Transportation. It was awarded under the provisions of Section II of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.



MISS TEXAS BOUND — Miss PV, Kathy Bigsby of Houston will leave soon for the Annual Pageant in Fort Worth early in July. PV-ites in the Metroplex area will entertain during her stay of several days.



COSMETOLOGY TRADE SHOW — A major activity in June was the Annual Cosmetology Institute and Trade Show (pictured above). A large number of business firms participated and attendance of students and staff was good.



PUBLIC SPEAKING TEAM AND COACH — Dr. Millard Eiland poses with three students who won prizes during public speaking competition before the close of school.

PV Prof. Contributes to Conference on New South

Acting on the assumption that value is inextricably interwoven in the professional involvement, Dr. Purvis M. Carter, Associate Professor, Department of History, accepted an invitation and read a paper in a session of the Citadel Conference on "The New South," April 20-22, 1978, Charleston, South Carolina. The Session in which Dr. Carter participated explored the topic: "The Militant South: Southern Experiences in Foreign Policy. Dr. Carter's paper, specifically, involved an analysis of the subject: "The

South-The Black: Southern Congressional, Black and Southern Public Reaction to Wilson's Caribbean Policy in Haiti, 1913-1917." The paper evolved from an analysis of the Black and Southern Press, *Congressional Record* and *State Legislative Journals*.

The Citadel, founded in 1842 and considered a bastion of the old South, was the host of a very informative conference, according to the participants.

Dr. Carter expresses sincere appreciation to the W. R. Banks Library Staff, sources of some of the data.



PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CONTRIBUTE — Ms. Delia M. Hunt presents check of \$3000 to PV Development Fund from the Parents and Guardians Association. The gift is accepted by President A. I. Thomas and Ms. Cynthia Rogers, Development Officer.

PV Grad Honored by Houston Area Home Economists

Miss Erma Lyles, recent graduate of the College of Home Economics, was honored in a ceremony and reception recognizing her as an outstanding student of the year. On May 8 in the Home Economics Department of San Jacinto College, Miss Lyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiawatha Lyles of Palestine, was

presented a plaque and an engraved award in recognition of her accomplishments.

This event to honor outstanding home economics students is held annually by the Houston Area Home Economics Association. Prairie View faculty who are members of the association are Dr. Dorothy Kizer and Mrs. Elizabeth Noel.

PV Grads Are "Outstanding Young Men of America"

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced today that two Prairie View A&M Graduates have been selected for inclusion in the 1978 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

They are David Lawrence Brewer, III, of Orlando, Florida and Carl E. Settles, a member of the faculty at Prairie View A&M.

These men were selected from nominations received from Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, State Legislators, University and

impressive with a dinner and a fellowship hour following it.

College Presidents and Deans as well as various civic groups — including the United States Jaycees which also endorses the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

INCREASED BENEFITS WILL COST ALL MORE

The State Insurance Board of Texas, under pressure from insurance companies and trail lawyers, have agreed to raise worker's compensation insurance rates 7.2 percent. Much of the cost will cover increased benefits, which will rise to \$91 a week from \$77. It was estimated the rate hike will cost in Texas an extra \$50 million a year.

Cosmetology Trade Show Sponsored by Ed. and Tech

The College of Industrial Education and Technology's Annual Cosmetology Trade Show

Schlitz Joins NAACP At Nat'l Convention

The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company will be a major participant when the NAACP holds its national convention in Portland, Oregon, July 2-6.

Schlitz once again will sponsor the Ride for Pride, donating a 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass Salon to the NAACP in cooperation with the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. The car will be awarded in a drawing July 6 at the convention with all proceeds going to the NAACP general fund.

was held on June 12 in the West Wing of Alumni Hall.

Companies participating included: 1. Alberta Culvert; 2. "Aloe Mist" Skin Care; 3. Best Barber & Beauty Supply; 4. Clairol; 5. Deluxol; 6. Johnson Supply; 7. Ike's Distributing Co., Inc.; 8. Lee's Fashion Jewelry; 9. Lustrasilk; 10. Local 946A (Barber's); 11. Luster; 12. Mervay Sales; 13. Rapid Beauty Supply; 14. Summit Labs; 15. Soft Sheen Products; 16. Stay Fro; 17. Top Ten Fund Raisers; 18. Bobby Wynn Sales Co.; 19. Mary Nicoll; 20. Brandy's Sculptured Nails.

Texas' first world's fair, the Texas Centennial, was held at Dallas in 1936 and attracted some 10 million people.

Phi Delta Kappa Installs 1978-79 Officers

The Prairie View A&M University Chapter of PDK, a professional education fraternity, held its initiation and installation dinner, April 25, 1978.

Dr. Lloyd R. Boyden 1977-78 president presided. Col. Gil Mayeus, District Representative, installed the 1978-79 chapter officers as follows: Dr. Carl Settles, president; Dr. Charles Edwards, first vice president; Dr. Clarissa Booker, second vice president; Dr. Gwendolyn Grossman, secretary; Mr. Willie Bell, treasurer; Dr. J. L. Brown, historian; Ms. Agnes A. Jewett, foundation

representative; Dr. Tillman V. Jackson, research representative; Mr. Paul Forte, newsletter editor; Mr. C. A. Thomas, sponsor.

New members initiated into the chapter are Mrs. Helen S. Boyer, Dr. Allen C. Carter, Mrs. Mary A. Clark, Dr. Eugene H. Franklin, Mr. Henry P. Kemp, Ms. Rosie L. Matlock, Ms. Ruth G. McRoy, Mrs. Doretha Norman, Mrs. Ernestine L. Outley, Mrs. Anasuya S. Rao, Mrs. Angelita H. Saenz, Mrs. K. R. Thiagarajan and Mrs. Joyce E. Whiting.

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AGRICULTURAL FIELD DAY — Scenes above were taken during the Annual Field Day sponsored by the College of Agriculture.

**PV-ites Promoted—
SASSER—**

The Department of Army has published orders announcing the promotion of Joe D. Sasser to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In a formal ceremony on April 29, a silver oak leaf was pinned on the collar of Sasser by the commander of the 362nd Civil Affairs Brigade, Col. Lloyd Loftis. This was the official promotion for Sasser. The 362nd Civil Affairs Brigade is an Army Reserve Unit in Dallas and Col. Sasser has been assigned to this organization for more than ten years. His present duty assignment in this unit is Public Education Officer.



Joe D. Sasser

PERRY—

At ceremonies held at Headquarters, US Army, Europe, Heidelberg, Germany, on April 3, 1978, Lieutenant Colonel Mervin E. Perry was promoted to the grade of Colonel. Major General Sampson H. Bass, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, assisted by Mrs. Perry, pinned on the new eagles.



Mervin E. Perry

receiving a commission in the Army.

**Hobart Taylor, Jr.
Participates in
Public Affairs Meet**

Hobart Taylor, Jr., a Washington, D.C., attorney, participated last weekend (May 4-7) as an essayist and conferee at Kenyon College's Public Affairs Conference Center. Twenty-four carefully selected leaders in politics, industry, education, and journalism debated, in closed door, off-the-record sessions, the sources of power in American government.

Taylor received his A.B. from Prairie View State College, Texas in 1939. He earned his J.D. at the University of Michigan in 1943. He served as special counsel and later executive vice-chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, as associate counsel to President Lyndon Johnson and as member of the executive board of the Export-Import Bank.

**Minority Investment
Companies Show Gains**

Reports from minority enterprise small business investment companies (MESBICs) around the country show that 1977 was the most active financing year on record for these specialized venture capital companies.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the number of MESBIC business financings and the dollar amount rose substantially last year, making it the best ever for the young industry. There were 439 financings, 28 percent more than in 1976. They totaled \$22.6 million, 66 percent ahead of the '76 amount.

CHANGING TIMES!

During the reign of Henry VIII, it was considered indecent not only for a woman but also for a man to wear any sort of costume without sleeves to cover the arms, the record shows.

**"Centennial Voices" Will
Become Oral History**

In the year 2078, students and historians at Prairie View A&M University will be able to hear about the school's first 100 years directly from those who shaped and lived it.

No, there's not a magical elixir in the works.

What is in the works is a project to record on high-fidelity tape as many of PVAM's 70,000 living alumni, former employees, past teachers, present faculty and state officials as possible.

The far-reaching Centennial Voices project, as the oral history endeavor has been designated, asks persons to buy a cassette tape, record in their own words pertinent personal information and their own recollections and view of Prairie View, then return the tape to the History Department.

Project director George Woolfolk, chairman of history, says the largest problem now is finding addresses for about 50,000 alumni for whom no current address is known.

Woolfolk and his three-member project team feel that many former students are located in Central and East Texas in such areas as Temple-Waco, Tyler, Longview

and Marshall as well as the Houston and Dallas urban regions.

Many of those would like to participate during the school's centennial year, he says, but that milestone is slipping away.

The university has already celebrated its centennial commencement and on-going projects have included a centennial observation of Afro-American History Month in February and, more recently, honoring the nearby birthplace of black planter and politician Norris Wright Cuney.

Dozens of other tentative centennial projects have been discussed, from fund raising, publicity and time capsules to "Operation Roots," which will try to identify and obtain photographs of key administrators and students in each academic and non-academic area since 1878.

Woolfolk, along with coordinator James Harris and graduate students Charles Robertson and Harris Bell, reports that initial response to the Centennial Voices project has been good among university officials, Texas A&M System administrators and state officials.

Recordings have been received from regent chairman Clyde Wells, system chancellor Jack Williams, Texas A&M football coach Emory Bellard, Texas Commissioner of Education, M. L. Brockette and Texas House Speaker Bill Clayton.

Invitations have been sent to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, numerous state senators and representatives, and, of course, current faculty, staff and students at PVAM.

Response has been so encouraging that Woolfolk says the university is considering another project called Vista Voices in which a videotape of key administrators and alumni will be solicited to join the tape recordings in the PVAM archives.

Woolfolk urges former students and past employees and teachers who wish to participate to contact the History Department as soon as possible.

While fund raising is not the purpose of the oral history program, any donations sent in with the tapes will be forwarded to the university's development and scholarship officials, he explains.

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PV Student Seeks Support for Operation Crossroads Africa

By Matthew Ade, Shoyebo
Panther Staff Writer

Miss Jacqueline V. Reese, a native of Virgin Island and graduate student in the College of Agriculture here at Prairie View A&M University is appealing to Students and Faculty members to assist in raising funds for her, so she can participate in this Summer "Operation Crossroads Africa." Miss Reese made the announcement last week during the Sunday Morning Worship held at the Student Memorial Center, officiated by Rev. Van Johnson, Director of Student Affairs.

The purpose of the Operation Crossroads Africa is to give individual participant in the Summer program a brief but intense immersion in a contrasting culture. All push the individual to reconsider basic standards, beliefs, attitudes, in relating to people with contrasting value. All are based in the belief that you enter another culture more fully by working in it.

Crossroads programs conform some of the most basic social and political issues of our time: the meaning of development and underdevelopment, the relationship between haves and have nots, the need for communication between people of different races, cultures and ideologies.

Africans in the United States, Americans in Africa and the West Indies confront themselves and the cultures that formed them. Black and

white Americans gain new perspectives on each other by seeing themselves in relation to Africa.

Founded in 1958 by Dr. James H. Robinson, Operation Crossroads Africa (OCA) has sent more than five thousand volunteers to countries in Africa and the West Indies, and has brought one thousand Africans to the United States on programs of professional Consultation and training. Crossroads is concerned simultaneously with development and with opening channels of communication between people of different races, nationalities and cultures. The Founder once declared that the darkest thing about Africa is America's ignorance of the beautiful and blessed continent. O.C.A. thus became the first national Organization devoted to erasing such ignorance about Africa and the Africans by dispatching young Americans to the Continent to lend friendship and cooperative effort to the rapidly developing nations of Africa.

With my support and yours, Miss Reese will be able to participate in this Summer program and thereby have the opportunity to travel to Africa as Volunteer to share her cultural heritage with the Africans and also learn from them. In return, we all can learn from her about her experience in the motherland and share with her, her views of Africa, the birth place of all human races.

PV School Certification Program Underway in Houston

The Vocational Industrial Teacher Education Department is experiencing another successful year of service to public school teachers of Texas. Certification courses are currently being offered to 123 persons approved by the Texas Education Agency as being qualified to offer instruction in various vocational training areas in Texas public schools.

Classes are conducted at Houston Technical Institute in Houston. This facility is made available by the Houston Independent School District. Inasmuch as most of the students live in the greater Houston area, the site and location of classes prove to be financially beneficial for the majority.

Dr. A. T. Kynard, Head Teacher Educator and Chairman of the Vocational Industrial Teacher Education

Department is serving as coordinator for the program. The instructional staff consists of nine public school vocational teachers, counselors, supervisors and directors approved by the Texas Education Agency and Prairie View A&M University. They include Lott J. Brooks, North Forest ISD; Alfred Bell, Helen A. Eaton, Johnny D. Gentry, Betty J. Jennings, and Neri G. Terry, Houston ISD; Dorothy A. Woods, Lamar CISD; Byron A. Russell, Alief ISD; and Theresa B. Sneed, Dallas ISD.

This is the fifth consecutive summer that Prairie View A&M University has offered certification courses at Houston Technical Institute. These services are provided by the College of Industrial Education and Technology where Dr. S. R. Collins serves as Dean.



STAFF RETIREMENT — A special plaque is presented to retiring staff member Walter Bennett by Dr. A. I. Thomas in the President's office. Mr. Bennett has served as a supervision in the Building and Grounds Department for many years.

Biology Student Success Profiles for 1977-78

A. Student accepted to Professional and Graduate Schools for 1978-79 are: Larry Brown, UT Medical School at San Antonio; Chester Burks, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; Janette Davis, Illinois Institute of Technology (Grad. school); Don J. Daniels, Uniformed Services Medical School; Earnest H. Johnson, Tuskegee Institute Veterinary Medical School; Paul Meniffee, UT Medical Branch at Galveston; Marion L. Lucas Owens, University of Iowa College of Medicine; Ronald Salmond, UT Southwestern Medical School at Dallas; Sheryl Stewart, UT Dental Branch at Houston; Arthur R. Wilson, UT Southwestern Medical School at Dallas; Verette Wynne, Texas Woman's University Graduate School.

B. Biology Majors Graduating with Honors at Centennial Commencement:

Summa Cum Laude: Larry Brown, Don Daniels, Earnest Johnson, Ronald Salmond;

Magna Cum Laude: Janette Davis, Sheryl Stewart;

Cum Laude: Elnora Carroll, Cleveland Greene, Maxine Porter, Lynda Woodard, Verette Wynne.

C. Number Biology Majors Making Honor Roll, First Semestery, 1977-78:

(5 all "A's")
Summa Cum Laude 14
Magna Cum Laude 12
Cum Laude 18
Total 44

D. Special Awards and Honors during 1977-78 school year:

Who's Who: Don J. Daniels, Glenda E. Davis, Verette Wynne;

Harrison — Valien Award to Senior with Highest Average for Four years — Earnest Johnson;

Prairie View Man for 1977-78 — Earnest H. Johnson; Prairie View Woman for 1977-78 — Omega F. Elmore;

1st Place Award for Beta Beta Beta District Meeting Graduate Paper — Marion L. Lucas Owens;

Elected President of BBB Southwestern District — Quintin Bullock;

BBB District Award — Sigma Chi Chapter, Prairie View;

BBB Bertholf Award for Chapter Excellence (Nationally) — Sigma Chi Chapter, Prairie View.

E. Biology Majors — Members of Alpha Kappa Mu

Honor Society for 1977-78: Larry Brown, Elnora Carroll, Don J. Daniels, Glenda E. Davis, Janette Davis, Sheila Dixon, Omega F. Elmore, Cathleen Goines, Earnest H. Johnson, Cynthia Lynn Patterson, Penny Songy, Sheryl Stewart, Christopher Toote, Verette Wynne.

F. Pre-Medical Students accepted to summer programs at Medical Schools: Jamie Dooley, UT Medical Branch at Galveston; Omega Elmore, Harvard Medical School; Cynthia Lynn Patterson, UT Medical Branch at Galveston; Addie Branch, UT Medical Branch at Galveston; Penny Songy — UT Medical Branch at Galveston; George Dawson, Meharry Medical College.

G. Members of Beta Beta Beta Honor Society for 1977-78: McKinley Bain, Emily Bartley, Larry D. Brown, Elnora Carroll, Don J. Daniels, Glenda E. Davis, Janette Davis, Angela Garrett, Cathleen Goines, Cleveland Greene, Earnest H. Johnson, Valencia Krakue, Donna Long, Samuel Lynch, Leonard Massey, Linda Miller, Cynthia Lynn Patterson, Maxine Porter, Sandra Reynolds, Ronald Salmond, Penny Songy, Sheryl Stewart, Emma Taylor, Christopher Toote, Penny Wilson, Verette Wynne.

Profiles of Alumni for 1977-78: Louis C. Roach, Meharry Medical College (M.D.); Rickey Toezeno, UT Dental Branch Houston (D.D.S.); Marion L. Lucas Owens, Prairie View A&M University (M.S.); Gerard Mosby, Gulf Fellowship Recipient, Graduate School, (Prairie View); Herman Turner, Graduate Assistantship, Prairie View A&M University; Elnora Carroll, Graduate Assistantship, Prairie View A&M University; Sheila Dixon, Graduate Assistantship, Prairie A&M University.

How to Get A Tax Refund You May Have Coming to You

By John Patterson, C.P.A.,
Assistant Professor in the
College of Business

Some students have not filed a tax return because they did not have a W-2, or they lost it, or they did not know how to prepare a tax return.

You can still file a return and get a refund for the years 1975, 1976 or 1977. If you earned less than \$3,200 you can get all of your withholding tax back. However, you must prepare and file a form 1040 in order to get the refund. The I.R.S. will not send you a check unless you file a return for it!

You must have the B copy of your W-2. The W-2 is the report of your wages and tax withheld which your employer sends to you and the I.R.S.

At this date the post office does not have any year 1977

1040 forms. You will have to get it from any I.R.S. office. Phone them, write them or stop by their office.

If you believe you can get a refund for 1975 or 1976 or 1977 you can use the 1977 tax form but cross out the year and attach the W-2 to it and show your name and address and send it to the I.R.S. office nearest you. Sign it also.

Some employers may not want to dig into their records for 1975, 1976 or 1977 to prepare duplicate copies of W-2 for you. By law, they are not required to do so. But you can make up a fac-simile of a W-2 and use this.

I have helped some few students get refunds of the sort described above. I will help you if you want, for free.

Gardening Tours Underway

By Linda Freeman

Gardening tours are being held by the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program in Texas for the purpose of providing information for families in the home gardening program announced Hoover Carden, director.

In Wharton County, the tour was under the supervision of program aides Ruthie Hill and Estefana Ballejo. Backup support was provided by Jettie Coleman, County Agent and Zelda Williams, Family Re-

source Development Program specialist.

Dorothy Wilburn, Johnnie Roberson, and Billie Blackshire, program aides, supervised the tour in Washington County with support from Barbar Sulak, County Extension Agent; Lynn Amezquita, program specialist; Elaine Ward, program specialist for FRDP and Eddie Harrison, program specialist for Intensified Farm Planning Program.

The tours, which started in June, will continue throughout the summer.

Jazz Festival A Success

By Joan Harris

The Seventh Annual Jazz Festival was held in grand style in the Houston Astrodome on June 9th and 10th. Houston, Texas seemed to be full of individuals whose major interest was participation in this wonderful cultural event.

The atmosphere was filled with the electric excitement that was created by the anticipation of an evening of great entertainment. The ladies were, for the most part, soft and summery in their attire and the gentlemen, very stately, all anxiously awaiting music and merriment. The audience shared with one another a congenial attitude which made the individual's attendance most comfortable.

When house lights were lowered on June 9th the festivities were officially began; and host for the evening Jimmy

Walker, star of the television and stage was introduced. The music was masterfully performed in both shows. The performers for Friday's night's line-up were: George Duke, Al Jarreau, Grover Washington, Jr., Maze featuring Frankie Beverly and the O'Jays. Saturday night's performance was hosted by Bonnie Brown, female disc jockey for radio station KYOK, and the line-up included: Duke Ellington's Orchestra conducted by Mercer Ellington, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Nick Ashford and Valarie Simpson, LTD and Brick. There was an estimated 70,000 total in attendance for both nights.

The only flag that the Texas Army had at the Battle of San Jacinto was carried by a company of volunteer militiamen from Kentucky led by Captain Sidney Sherman.

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Faculty Renewal Sessions



Teacher work groups are pictured during the conference held following the close of the regular session.

New Engineers Organization Established Here

The College of Engineering has established on campus a chapter of the Texas Link of the "Order of the Engineer." The induction ceremony and program were held following Commencement Exercises on May 7.

The purpose of the "Order of the Engineer" is to develop a bond of fraternalism and a conscious commitment to the tenets of the profession for Engineering. It is a link which binds each member to the other in a collective involvement and an individual dedication.

The ceremony is in public. A highlight of the ceremony was the taking of the "Oath of the Engineer." This is similar to the Hippocratic Oath which is taken by the physician upon graduation from medical school.

The symbolism of "the link" is in the placing of a stainless steel ring on the small finger of the working hand. This symbolizes the bond for unity among the "Order of the Engineer."

To engineers at Prairie View A&M University, it was another important step into the broader professional community of Engineering. It is another "first" as PV students gain further acceptance into the mainstream of the engineering.

Members of the engineering faculty inducted include: Austin E. Greaux, P.E.; Marshall V. Brown, P.E.; Ing Chang; John H. Fuller, P.E.; Joseph R. Phillips, P.E.; R. N. S. Rao, P. E.; Decatur Rogers; Hershell Sheely, P.E.; Hsiang Y. Yeh, P.E.; Herman Rogers.

Graduating seniors who were inducted in the "Order of the Engineer" were: Byron Bankston, Ms. Sherry Brown, William Buck, Larry Christopher; Michael Gilden; William Guillory; Bobby Jenkins*; Terry Knighton, George Nelson, Carla Page, Gladys Pikes, James Randolph*, Janet Thomas*, Julie Thomas*, Ronald Thompson, Cynthia White, Carolyn Williams, Michael Williams.



ENGINEER'S TOUR — Pictured above are Civil Engineering students attentively listening to their host at Fort Hood Solar Engineering Test-Module Station, during their visit there.

Houston ISD —

High School for Engineering Professions Get PV Support

PV College of Engineering Dean reported recently that his staff and students have provided continuing support for Houston's High School for the Engineering Professions (HSEP).

Support has been given in several instances.

Three "Presidential Honors Scholarships in Engineering" were presented during the Commencement exercises on Monday, May 22, 1978. The scholarships were awarded in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

The "Award" plaques were presented on May 25, at the

"Honors and Awards Program."

Prairie View A&M University, through its College of Engineering has been an influential force in the establishment and the development of the High School for the Engineering Professions.

1. Through its Dean of Engineering, the College worked with the Board and the H.I.S.D. Administration in the early efforts to establish this High School.

2. Planned the design and development of the instructional laboratories in engineering for H.S.E.P.

3. Served on the Advisory Committee of the Deans of

Engineering, assisting in the school's development plan.

4. Provided the Award of Engineering Honors Scholarships to graduates of this school (a total of 5 scholarships out of 22 graduates).

5. Provided "Recognition Awards Program" to the graduates of this school (22 graduates in the first class).

NARCOTICS FACTS

Narcotics are drugs that relieve pain and often induce sleep. The opiates, which are narcotics, include drugs such as heroin, morphine, and codeine. Heroin accounts for 90 percent of the narcotic dependence in the United States.

Final Rites Held for Long Time Resident, Retired Teacher

Funeral services for Mrs. Beatrice Randall, teacher at Prairie View A&M University and Prairie View, Texas were held Wednesday, May 24, 1978, 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Corinth Baptist Church in Hempstead, Texas.

Mrs. Randall died on May 21 at Tomball Community Hospital following a lengthy illness. She was a native of Houston, Texas and graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. She earned her Bachelor's and Masters degree at Prairie View A&M University. She worked in the college as teacher in a special pilot program and later in the Prairie View high school as teacher of English.

In addition to educational activities, Mrs. Randall was active in many community affairs, and church life.


The Reverend J. Roland Hicks delivered the eulogy. Jones Funeral Home of

Navasota was in charge of arrangements. Interment was at Prairie View Memorial Cemetery.


Survivors include: daughter, Mrs. Berryssa Love; son, Charles Randall; granddaughter, Mrs. Carolyn Hubbard; great granddaughter, Donyail Renee Hubbard.



Mrs. Beatrice Randall




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Community Affairs Graduation Held

The Community Affairs and Rural Development Center at Prairie View A&M University held its annual graduation exercises on May 17, 1978 in the Hobart Thomas Taylor Auditorium. The occasion was very successful, and over five hundred (500) students were awarded certificates for successfully completing training in various Vocational skills. Students who participated in the program hail from thirteen (13) school districts covering ten (10) counties.

Representatives from Region IV and VI Education Service Centers plus Superintendents from several school districts were present to congratulate the graduates from their achievements. Immediately following the graduation ceremony a reception was held at the University's Student Memorial Center, where the graduates and their families



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRADUATION SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

had the opportunity to talk with their instructors, visitors and friends.

Dr. Harold Bonner, Director and Mrs. Ruby Bell, Associate Director and staff of the Community Affairs and Rural

Development Center express their thanks and best wishes to Mr. Alton O. Bowen, the speaker for the occasion, and everyone who helped to make this year's venture a success.

Reporter, L. F. Evans



Togo Agriculturists Visit Extension

By Linda Freeman

Agriculturists from the Opportunity Industrialization Center International (OICI) in Togo, Africa, were on campus recently to view the techniques used in rural development, stated Hoover Carden, Director of Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program.

Gary Robinson, director of the international OICI accompanied Togo members M. Mazna, director of National Agriculture Development Bank; Yao Afantchao, board member for OICI; and J. A. Sodatonou, vice chairman for OICI board.

Their main interest is to utilize the same methods and techniques of the Extension for rural development in Africa.

Since the government is somewhat different, the methods in Texas are not directly transferable, but the basic concepts are applicable for program development.

According to the Togo visitors, the quality of life in rural areas of Togo needs to be improved; and if this is done, the shift of rural population to urban areas will be reduced.

Dr. Rao Loses Father in India

The Chairman of the Civil Engineering Department at the College of Engineering here at Prairie View A&M, Dr. R. N. S. Rao, took a leave of absence recently to attend the funeral of his father Pa. Nanjunda R. N. Rao, a Retired Forest Ranger in the Southern India, who departed this world on April 20, 1978, in Bangalore, India.

Pa Nanjunda Rao until his death at the age of 83 years was a practicing Astrologer who had earlier predicted during his younger days that he would live up to 83 years of age.

According to Dr. Rao, his father died a natural death without any severe attack of illness.

Pa Nanjunda visited Prairie View in 1973 as a Guest of his Son Dr. R. N. S. Rao and later traveled around the United States before he returned home to India.

Pa Rao is survived by his

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRADUATION PHOTOS

Photos at left of the Community Affairs Graduation includes from top; students in line and at podium receiving graduation certification, a total of fifty-seven students completed and were awarded certification in Nurse's Aide Training. Second photo from top shows platform guests: Billy Howard, Ruby Bell, Dr. A. I. Thomas, Dr. S. R. Collins, Dr. Harold Bonner, and Rev. Norman Brown. Mr. Bowen is shown delivering his captivating address.

The large audience in attendance is pictured in bottom photo. Special visitors (not pictured) to attend the reception included: Dr. Gerald Slater, Supt. of Waller ISD, Mr. Charles Deshazo, Asst. Supt. of Rice CISD, Dr. A. I. Thomas, Mr. Olen Gilbert, Voc. Director of Waller ISD, Mr. Mark Slaughter, Executive Director of Region VI Service Center, and Mr. Bill Reed, Coordinator of Region IV ABE Co-op.

Extension Gets Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

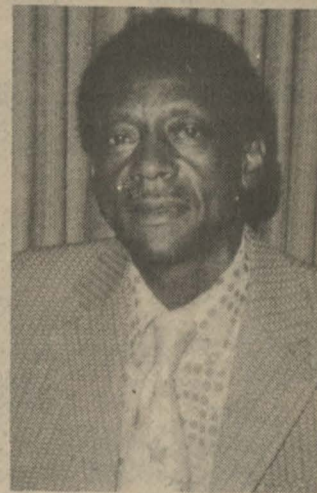
By Linda Freeman

Dr. Emerson Sanders recently joined the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program as a Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, announced Hoover Carden, director.

The new specialist will be responsible for developing and maintaining an effective Neighborhood Improvement Program in three counties in order to improve the level of living of families and improve the appearance of neighborhoods.

A native of Gilgore, Texas, he graduated from Prairie View with a B.S. in agricultural education. He also received a master's degree in agricultural education from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in the same major from Ohio State University.

He has previously been employed as a county Extension agent in Panola County



Dr. Emerson Sanders

and a vocational agriculture instructor in Mt. Enterprise, Texas.

Dr. Sanders is married to the former Vera Cotten and they have two children, Kriellion and Emerson (Randy), Jr.

Youth Development Program Gets New Aides

By Brenda Agnes

Youth are no longer taking verbal advice from adults but are following the actions displayed by adults. State Representative Anthony Hall made this comment as he addressed the new program aides graduating from intensive training to work in the Youth Development and Outdoor Education Program in Harris County.

The Youth Development Program is a phase of the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Its purpose is to engage youth in constructive, yet enjoyable, use of leisure time.

The aides received certificates of merit from Hoover Carden, director of the Prairie View Extension Program, during the noon function at the Blueridge Baptist Church in Houston. The new aides are: Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. Hester Holmes, Mrs. Dorothy Poole, and Mrs. Mary Goode. Rev. W. D. Richardson, pastor of Blueridge Baptist Church, is the youth development programmer.

Harris County Extension Agent Clemogene Wilson served as toastmistress for this delightful occasion. Music was rendered by Mrs. Lillie English, member of the Blueridge

wife, five sons, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Dr. R. N. S. Rao is the eldest of the children and he is the only one residing in the United States at the moment. His two other brothers live in Belgium and the rest of the members of the family remain in India.

Baptist Church. Mrs. Freddie Green, also a member of Blueridge, expressed the appreciative sentiments of the community for bringing the Youth Development Program to the area.

Originality was the order of the day as Mrs. Holmes read a poem she had composed. Mrs. Johnson followed with a tribute to the Prairie View Extension Program.

Concluding the affair were remarks by Youth Development Program Specialist Donnie Pennywell and a question and answer period conducted by Harris County Extension Agent Ernest Shaw.

Kreps Names Director of New Civil Rights Office

Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps today announced the selection of Calvin Brooks as Director of a newly-established Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Commerce. The new Office, which reports directly to Assistant Secretary for Administration Elsa A. Porter, represents a consolidation and expansion of the Department's civil rights efforts which affect the business community, other government agencies and the public, Secretary Kreps said.

WEST TEXAS HAS TWO PIKE'S PEAKS

Colorado is not the only state with Pike's Peak. Texas has two: Pike's Peak in Pecos County lies about 20 miles southwest of Fort Stockton, while Pike's Peak in southeastern Edwards County rises to an elevation of 1,905 feet.

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Agriculturists from Togo, W. Africa were here recently to study the small farming program of the Extension Program. Left to right: Hoover Curden, director of the Prairie View Extension Program; Gary Robinson, director of the international OICI; Benny Lockett, program specialist, P.V.; M. Manza, director of National Agriculture Development Bank; Yao Afantchao, board member for OICI; J. A. Socatonou, vice chairman for OICI board; and Eddie Harrison, program specialist, P.V.

Intramural Recreation

1978 Basketball Champions in Intramural Recreation are the "Black Knights," coached by Wendell Whitfield.
 2nd Place Trophy goes to the "Jolly Stompers" coached by Joe Soloman.
 3rd Place Trophy goes to "Solomon Raiders" coached by James Johnson
 The MVP and All-Star members were selected by the coaches.

- 1. MVP Ronald Blaks Black Knights
- First Runner-Up Larry Johnson Jolly Stompers
- 2. Charles Page Black Knights
- 3. Michael Palmer Solomon Raiders
- 4. Byron Lewis Solomon Raiders
- 5. Larry E Bow Ates Jolly Stompers
- 6. Charles Banks Black Knights
- 7. Pink Dixon Black Knights
- 8. John Bowers Jolly Stompers
- 9. David Franklin Jolly Stompers
- 10. Larry Johnson Jolly Stompers

IM-REC TRACK RESULTS

Team:	Place	Points:
Now You see us, now you don't	1st	34
Coach:		
Panther Club	2nd	32
Coach: Charles Baity		
Chicago	3rd	26
Coach:		
New Birth	4th	22
Coach: J. C. Williams		
AROTC	5th	16
Coach: Captain Russell		
Physical Fitness	6th	8
Coach:		
C/C	7th	4
Coach:		
Williams Track Club	7th	4
Coach: S. Thomas		

Ken Houston Gets Roast And Toast

Several outstanding athletes and leaders participated in the "Roast and Toast" of former Panther star and professional football player, Ken Houston. The occasion, held Saturday, June 10 in the Stouffers Hotel-Houston, featured representatives of college and professional football, sports writers, old friends and former teachers, coaches and administrators.

Jackie Graves, talent scout for the Philadelphia Eagles football club, served as Toastmaster, Dr. A. I. Thomas, Prairie View president, officially welcomed the guests and started off the roasting and toasting. The line-up that followed included Diron Talbert, Washington Redskins; Allen Aldridge, former NFL player; Ms. Linda Bundage, Dr. Frank Bannister, Sports Director, NBN Radio; Coach Alexander Durley, former TSU and PV coach.

Other speakers included Dr.

Felix Johnson Inducted in NAIA Hall-of-Fame

Felix Johnson, famed Panther track star from 1965-1969 was inducted into the NAIA's Track and Field Hall of Fame in May during the Association's 27th Annual National Outdoor Track and Field Championship Meet at Abilene Christian College.

Also conducted with Johnson were Rodney Milburn, Southern University (1970-73) and Dr. Joe Vigil, NAIA's 1977 Track Coach of the Year.

Johnson, currently the recreation director for the city of Beaumont, Texas, was a four-time NAIA All American, winning the outdoor 880 in 1969 and twice taking indoor honors — in both 1968 and 1969. His winning indoor time of 1:55.1 in 1969 established a record that stood until last year's competition. He also was a member of Prairie View's 1968 championship mile relay quartet. His 1:46.5 half mile, run at the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) meet in 1969, established a world record at the time.

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Harry Fritz, NAIA Executive Director, Coach Hoover Wright; Buddy Young, NFL office, Coach W. J. Nick's; Bobby Mitchell, Washington Redskins; John Breen, former Houston Oiler General Manager and Mrs. Ella M. Stewart, a former elementary school teacher of Ken Houston.

Ken Houston responded in a fine manner and Sports Information Director Joe Booker and P.V. Student Activities assistant Margaret Sherrod closed the event with recognition of special guests.

Women Track Winners



Essie Kelly



Patricia Jackson

Prairie View A&M women track stars participated in the AAU championships held last weekend at UCLA's Drake Stadium in Los Angeles. Pantherettes who placed in major races reported included: Essie Kelly, 2nd in 800 meters, 2:03.01; Patricia Jackson, 2nd in 400 meters, 51.11; Debra Melrose, 4th place in 400 meter hurdles, 59.17.



Facts from a pro on driving to survive.

Q. I seem to encounter blind spots on some highways even when I'm in a passing zone. How do they decide where to put the solid lines?—C.E., Zavalla

A. It is determined by visibility from a set "eye height above roadway," which is a theoretical average. In other words, if you drive a pickup truck you'll be able to see much farther than if you drive a low-slung sports car. The eye height used to determine passing zones is being reduced due to the increase in smaller cars with lower driving positions.

Q. When a wrecker has a blue flashing light turned on, do other motorists have to get out of the way?—B.W., Arlington

A. The blue light on a wrecker distinguishes it from an emergency vehicle, which has a red light signalling that other drivers must yield. The blue light acts as a warning to motorists that there is an obstruction on the roadway. Since, under Texas law, a wrecker is not considered an emergency vehicle and thus is not exempted from complying with all laws including speed limits, motorists do not have to pull over out of the way. However, drivers should proceed with extra caution.

Q. Even though I always use my side and rear-view mirrors, I've been in two collisions while backing out of parking spaces. What should I do to avoid another accident?—E.W., Tyler

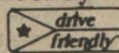
A. Mirrors alone can't give you the total picture. Before and while backing, turn your head around and look back and to the sides to make sure the way is clear. You may even have to get out and walk around your car. And back slowly. In residential areas, be especially alert for children who may suddenly dart out from between parked cars.

If you have a question on driving, send it to:

Texas Office of Traffic Safety

P.O. Box 1165

Austin, Texas 78767



The Fourth and Fifth graders of Jack & Jill of America, Prairie View Chapter presented a puppet show to the Prairie View University Nursery School entitled Simpleton. The young jacks and jilllers with the assistance of Mrs. Rachel Poindexter made their own puppets and props. Extra puppets were also made and given to the children at Prairie View Nursery School and the children of Tog-A-Long in Hempstead. The show was a great success and was enjoyed by both the participants and the audience.

Mothers attending the show were Gwendolyn Carter, Willie Mae Francis, Mildred Smith, Rachel Poindexter and Marian Williams. Jack and Jill participants were Gene Boyer, Anita Williams, Judy Poindexter, Bena Clem, Senora Webster, Jennifer Francis, Yvette Poindexter, Wendell Smith and Earnest Carter.

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 Upward Bound Program
 Engineering Projects
 Chemistry Institute

June 13 Cosmetology Institute and Trade Show
June 19 Reading Conference
June 22 President's Convocation for Students
June 17 Final Exams for 3-Week Course
June 19 Ind. Ed. High School Workshops
June 30 Cosmetology Style Show
July 5 Final Exams for First Semester
July 6-9 Alumni Convention
July 6-7 Registration — Second Semester
July 11 Registration Closes
July 12 Last Day to Apply for August Graduation
Aug. 1 Early Registration — Fall Semester

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IN THE NEWS . . .



President Thomas hosts State and Area School officials (top left); Football star Ken Houston and family enjoy "Roast and Toast"; Veteran Ag. Professor L. W. Engram (pictured with wife and Dean Richards) giving returning remarks; Campus "Foxes" busy as hostesses; and Classroom scene below means "Back to Work."