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# Season's Greetings

## The PANTHER

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YEAR

### Jacket to Coach at Pan-American Games

Barbara Jacket, PV's women's track coach has been named as assistant coach for the Pan American Games scheduled next July in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The invitation to coach Jacket to participate came from Dr. Evie G. Dennis, chairman of the Women's Track and Field Committee of The American Athletic Union (AAU). Lyle Knudson is serving as head coach and Dr. Bert Lyle is also assistant coach. Participants in the events, which start with trial meets, come from all areas of the nation.

Ms. Jacket serves as a member of the Development Committee of the U.S. Olympic Committee and is coordinated for the 400 meter dash for the United States. She is very active in the development of women athletes. Her committee is responsible for Olympic Development Camps, the first of which was held during the past year in Colorado Springs.



Barbara Jacket

The PV coach was on the coaches for the Junior Nation Team that toured West Germany, Russia and Poland in 1973. She coached in 1976 during the U.S.-Russia Duel Meet in Leningrad and in 1977 was one of the U.S. Coaches for the University World Games, in Sophia Bulgaria.

### Rep. Thompson Speaks

#### Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Observes Founders Day

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated celebrated the Founding Day of our fraternity, Sunday, December 10, at the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. The Honorable Representative Senfronia Thompson served as speaker for the occasion. Her address theme being: "A Tribute to the Black Woman," which is the national theme of Alpha Phi Alpha for the academic year 1978. Ms. Thompson emphasized the fact that black women always held and yet maintain a principle role in society but have yet to be recognized for their efforts. Ms. Thompson also added that, "We as black women are not at the top, but we are still climbing."

Ladies honored during the program were Dr. Anne C. Campbell and Miss Penny Songy. Dr. Campbell, a native of Peoria, Illinois, was presented the Merit Award for her outstanding achievements throughout the years. Miss Songy, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, was presented the Achievement Award for her outstanding work in campus student organizations and academic grade point average of 3.78.

Males honored during the program were Brother Harvey, R. Turner, and Brother Elliott McWright Kerl. Brother Turner, who also serves as treasurer of Epsilon Tau Lambda, was presented the Fifty-Year Award. Brother Kerl, who serves as vice-president of the Eta Gamma Chapter and Texas State Council of Alpha Phi Chapters, was awarded the Brother-Of-The-Year award. In being chosen the Brother-of-the-Year, Brother Kerl has exemplified the true meaning of Alpha Phi Alpha through his community and campus activities, his fraternity activities and his scholastic honors.

The program was concluded by the announcing of the winners of the Alpha Phi Alpha Bahama-rama tour. Winners were: first prize, Ms. Dorothy Alexander, Houston, a trip for two to the Bahamas; second prize, John Wilkins, Holley Hall, dinner for two at Vargas restaurant in Houston; third prize, Mr. Joe Ratliff, Houston, two first class tickets to the Broadway production of the "Wiz."

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who

### All Faiths Chapel Drive Now Over \$100,000

Reverend W. Van Johnson, director of the All-Faiths Chapel Drive, announced Friday that the campaign has reached the \$100,000 mark and moving upward.

The following report was released for the public:  
Total Pledges ..... \$82,786.50  
Total Amount Paid on Pledges ..... 24,698.00

Total Pledges Unpaid ..... \$58,088.50

#### TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH/CHECKS AUGUST 1-DECEMBER 14, 1978

Beginning Balance ..... \$ 8,000.00  
Total Pledges Paid ..... 24,698.00  
Total Contributions Received ..... 9,405.53

Total ..... \$42,103.53

Total Pledges Unpaid ..... \$ 58,088.50  
Total Amount Received in Contributions & Pledges .. 42,103.53

Over All Total ..... \$100,192.03

Leaders of the Drive include Reverend Floyd Williams, Chairman of the Steering Committee. And big gifts committee chairman, Rev. E. Stanley, Branch and co-chairman, Dr. J. B. Coleman, Mrs. Thelma Gordon, Mrs. Lois Watkins, Mrs. Mach Hannah and Rev. E. E. Coates.

supported the occasion. We would also like to wish each and every student, staff, and faculty member a Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season!

Brother Jimmy Williams

### Black College All Star Bowl Set

Black College Football will reach one of its finest hours with the holding of the first Black College All Star Bowl at the New Orleans Superdome on Sunday, January 7.

The game will pit top senior stars against one another in a

Classic East-West confrontation.

Stars from CIAA Conference schools and MEAC Conference schools will square off for the East against stars from SWAC and SIAC. Independent schools will be assigned by region to the respective squads.

### Yearbook Co-Editors Named

Three experienced staff-members in student publications have been selected to head the 1979 Pantherland Yearbook Staff.

JoAnn Alderson, who has served as Panther Newspaper editor and co-editor during the past two years and Jill Steward, yearbook sports editor over the same period, have been named co-editors. Dr. C. A. Wood, Publication Director announced. James Hawthorne, a student photographer and special production assistant was elevated to business manager for the current book now in progress.

Selection of a full staff is underway, with the first organizational meeting scheduled soon after the holidays. Class photos, usually taken in October, have been re-scheduled for January also.

Former editors who are serving in an advisory capacity during the year include Paris Kincaide, a graduate student, and Robert Thomas, a junior sociology major.

JoAnn Alderson, a native of Baytown, Texas, is a junior majoring in Mass Communication, with an option in journalism. She is a 1976 graduate of Ross S. Sterling High.

During her freshman year at Prairie View she served as a reporter for the Panther newspaper. Last year she held the position of co-editor and also contributed to the

yearbook and other publication projects.

Jill Steward, a native of Weimar, Texas is a 1976 graduate of Weimar High School. She is a junior majoring in dietetics with a minor in Home Economics Education. While here at Prairie View, she was Freshman Class Secretary, Head Cheerleader, a member of the Women's Council, Junior Fellow Organization, and American Home Economics Association. She is presently a member of Kappa Omicron Phi (Home Economic Honor Society) and served as treasurer. She also has served on the yearbook staff.

James E. Hawthorne, a native of Dallas is a 1973 graduate of W. W. Samuell High School in Dallas. A senior majoring in Architecture Engineering, James has fully involved himself in academic as

well as other campus activities at Prairie View for the past four years. Some of those activities include being one of the university student photographers, member of the Panther yearbook for the past two years, and one of the organizers of the Independent Greek Council at

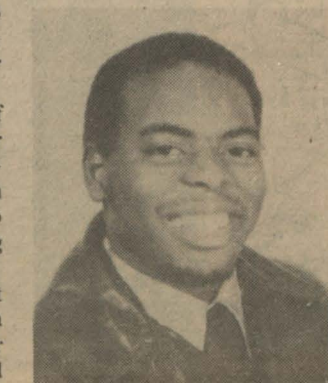
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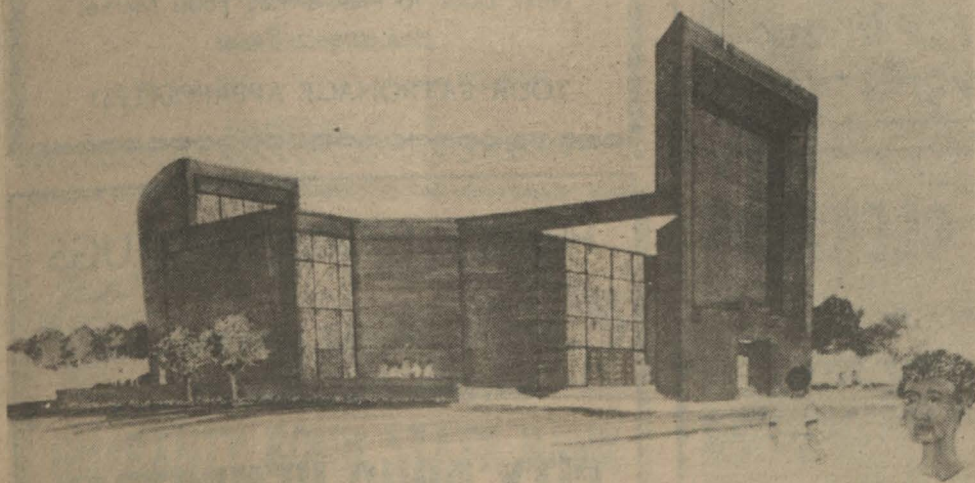
JoAnn Alderson



Jill Steward



James Hawthorne



ALL-FAITHS CHAPEL - Shown above is the proposed structure for the All Faiths Chapel to be constructed at Prairie View A&M University. Plans are moving along very well and contributions may be sent to: P. O. Box 2073, c/o W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel, Prairie View, Texas 77445. Please make check payable to: The Development Fund for the All Faiths Chapel.



# Service Awards Highlight Annual Extension Conference

"Extension: Service to People — Reflections & Projections" was the theme for the 1978 Training Conference conducted by the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program, November 9 and 10. Approximately 150 county Extension agents, district agents and program aides representing 25 Texas counties were in attendance.

State Representative Bill Keese addressed the opening general assembly, and State Senator Chet Brooks addressed conference participants at the scrumptious noon luncheon. Other prominent speakers during the day-and-a-half conference included: Roy Clifford, president of Interaction, Inc., a Houston based training programs firm; Dr.

Perry Adkisson, vice-president for Agriculture and Renewable Resources, Texas A&M University; Dr. Jerry Clements, USDA, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Daniel Pfannstiel, president, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Conference highlights included recognition of Extension pioneers. More than 75 people were recognized for their 30 years of service or more.

Service awards were presented to outstanding volunteer leaders for their contributions to the Prairie View Extension Program. Receiving the award from Harris County was Mrs. Dorothy L. White. Mrs. White is married to Thomas White and the mother of 4 children. A member of the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. White is a dedicated volunteer leader with the Youth Development Program in Houston. Other recipients were: Willie Porter, Milam County, volunteer with the Neighborhood Improvement Program; Erastus Johnson, Cherokee County, volunteer with the Intensified Farm Planning Program; Mrs. Andrea Abad, Grimes County, volunteer with the Family Resource Development Program; and Mrs. Marie James, Grimes County, volunteer with the Energy Extension Program.

Hoover Carden is administrator of the Prairie View Extension Program.

## Freshman of The Month

Mr. Jerome Montgomery was selected Freshman of the month because of his achievements and involvement with the Freshmen class. Mr. Montgomery was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He attended the High School for Engineering Professions and he graduated from Jefferson Davis High School, in Houston, Texas. He is a Mechanical Engineering major, here at Prairie View. Furthermore, Mr. Montgomery has been quite active here at Prairie View. Whereby, he was selected Mr. Freshman of 1978-79.

In addition, he received many distinctions during his twelfth grade year at Jefferson Davis high, which were: most scholarly, most likely to succeed, and Mr. Congeniality. He also received several scholarships to continue his academic studies, which are: the Jesse H. Johns, Robert Ford, Gulf Oil, and a Engineering Honors Scholarship. Mr. Montgomery is listed in the "Who's Who for Young Americans." He is a diligent, assertive young man, whom we all respect and admire. Congratulations, Mr. Montgomery, continue to excel in every aspect and manner you choose.



**CRIME PREVENTION** — The Houston Police Department brought its special Laboratory on wheels for a campus exhibit arranged by Political Science professor Davis.

## Sigma Headlines

The men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity are to be commended for the excellent work that we have perpetrated in the past few weeks. The activities being carried on during the week of Homecoming was banners sold to all Greek letter organizations to future unify all fellow greeks on campus. In showing the exemplification of the presidents doctrine of "Operation Success" in action. Rides were given to students and other people in the community who didn't have transportation to the places where voting was being held in support of the candidate that were seeking to be elected in past elections.

The items in the eyes of the people were fifteen young men that recently under took the pledge period of Phi Beta Sigma of which only prominent men are chosen and at this time we salute these new brothers:

Harry Duffy, Mechanical Engineering, 3.4; Robert Montgomery, mechanical engineering, 3.2; Lawrence Pope, accounting, 3.52; Samuel Kempt, electrical engineering, 3.7; Edwin Miles, political science, 2.87; Michael Grant, pre-dental, 3.1; Troy Donato, electrical engineering, 2.7; Timothy Simon, pre-medicine, 3.46; Byron Lewis, electrical engineering, 3.7; John Johnson, auto tech, 3.0; Elgin Davis, architecture, 2.67; Frank Coleman, electrical engineering, 2.7; Gregory Idelbird, architecture, 3.2; Kenneth

## Zeta Highlights

The sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participated in numerous service projects during the Fall Semester. In the month of September the Zeta's collected money for the Cystic Fibrosis Drive. Cystic Fibrosis is a congenital disease of mucous glands throughout the body, usually developing during childhood and causing pancreatic insufficiency and pulmonary disorders. Prairie View's All Faith Chapel Drive receive a fifty dollar donation and Christmas baskets were distributed to needy families in the community. The Zeta's sponsored a blood donation drive for Soror Lillian Johnson's sister, who is suffering from Sickle Cell Anemia. Thirty (30) pints of blood were given during the drive. The Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. spreaded the Spirit of Christmas with Joyous carolling throughout the campus.

The Sorority opened its doors to five new members on Dillard, mechanical engineering, 2.7; Vinca Dixon, pre-medicine, 2.84.

These are the new brothers that will be wearing the Sigma colors and sharing the high ideals each Sigma man carries deep in his heart, "culture for service, and service for humanity."

Reporter, "Velvet"

November 11, 1978. The Blue Genesis line consisted of Cathy Baines, social work major from Houston; Pamela Carr, nursing major from Houston; Jacqueline Deloach, history major from Orange; Angela Duplechain, education major from Houston, and Sheryl Warner, nursing major from Los Angeles, California. The Zeta's would like to give a special Congratulations to the Fall 78 Line-Blue Force — Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Delta Theta Chapter.

During Homecoming Week the Zeta's were very active. Soror Patricia Davis, Second Runner Up to Miss Prairie View participated in the Queen's Court and in the Homecoming Parade. Soror Jamie L. Dooley was chosen as Miss Zeta Phi Beta and Miss Phi Beta Sigma. Miss ZIBE and the Zeta Beau, Thaddis Liggins were participants in the Homecoming parade and the coronation.

The sorors of ZIB and the Brothers of the Dove participated in Texas Southern University's Greek Show on November 17, 1978. The performance on the YARD was excellent with the Blue and White in control. There was also a chill on the Hill Thursday night, November 2, 1978 as the Dynamic sisters of the Dove stepped out in the Semi-Annual Greek sing-song in the womens gym. The ladies

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## Freshman Class News

### PV's Band Most Outstanding Freshman

Edward Dugae was selected as the most outstanding Freshman for the marching band season of 1978. He is a very talented musician, who plays the alto saxophone. Furthermore, he's majoring in music education and his home is in New Orleans, Louisiana; where he attended Saint Augustine High School.

Edward stated that he is honored to have been selected for this title and that this type of recognition is an inspirational step toward, achieving his ambition of becoming a professional musician. In addition, he is extremely grateful for the guidance he received from Mr. McQueen; the Marching Band Director and his assistants.

We the Freshmen class and others submit our congratulations to Edward Dugae for a well earned prolific achievement.

Reporter, Hedy Ratcliff

### Freshman Star In Play!

The play "Living Fat" premiered November 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Building Little Theatre. The play was written by Judy Mason and directed by Ted Shine. The play starred: Aaron Johnson, Frank Thomas, Claudia Sims, Vonnie Washington, Beverly Washington, Susan Dyke, Ronald Hobb and Robert McClellan.

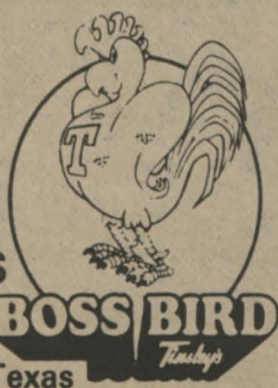
The Director Ted Shine stated that all of the actor and actresses are excited about the play and they intend to continue presenting magnificent performances to the very best of their abilities. Indeed, they are true examples of what initiative and aptitude can produce. We the Freshmen class and others extend our congratulations for a most eloquent performance.

Reporter, Hedy Ratcliff

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**BUSINESS LEAGUE CHARTER — PV delegates to Atlanta Conference included (from left) Monica Richardson, Jessie Gant and Julia Shepard. Pictured at rear is David E. Rice.**

## College of Business Awarded NSBL Charter

By Jessie L. Gant

The Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia was the Fifth Annual National Student Business League Conference.

This year's theme at the conference "Career Opportunities" focused upon opportunities which exist in the various fields of business and signifies more than just as exchange of information.

Notable NSBL leaders were present and provided seasoned insight to the proceedings of the conference that enhanced its success. Among those present were H. Naylor Fitzhugh, David E. Rice (NBL Liaison), Ms. Alma Davis and Dr. Berkeley G. Burrell, President of NBL.

Representatives of several universities and colleges were present. Tuskegee Institute, Atlanta University, Texas Southern University, Alabama State University, University of D.C., North Carolina Central University, Edward Waters College, and Prairie View A&M University were among those schools that participated in the sessions. Delegates for Prairie View were Jessie Gant, Julius Sheppard and Monica Richardson; delegate president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively. Mr. Andreas Wossee, CPA, and Head of Prairie View's Accounting Department was faculty representative.

This year's conference witnessed the election of new officers for the 1978-79 year. Those elected were Ron Askew, George Mason University as President, Geoffrey Garfield, Alabama State University, Sr. Vice-President; Angela Hamilton, Alabama State University, Vice-President of Chapter Relations; Debra Hudgeon, Paine College, Secretary, and Kenneth Scott, treasurer, North Carolina Central University. The installation of officers took place at a formal dinner held in the Castillian Ballroom which was also the occasion upon which Prairie View's College of Business was one of ten universities to be formally awarded its charter.

Various workshops were held during the three day period and focused on several areas in the business field such as accounting, finance and marketing. Serving on panels were selected members of the related fields and each relayed invaluable information gained from their on the job experiences.

To say the least, the trip to Atlanta was an illuminating and rewarding experience for the participants and it is hoped that future trips to NSBL Conferences may prove to be enriching to the growth and success of Prairie View's School of Business.

## Gerontology Students Attend Workshop

By Melva Falls

The Gerontology Program attended a lecture on Life, Death, and Transaction. The speaker for the lecture was the Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, who has written several books on death and dying. Dr. Ross was both interesting and enjoyable. Death is a topic that is seldom talked about, but in order to understand life, we have to study death. At the lecture Dr. Ross stressed that it is left up to the younger generation to stop this fear we have of death. We must first start with ourselves and then with our children. The students attending were Robert Hebron, Shirlene Hawkins, Lora Gaitwood, Laverne Hicks, Melva Falls, Linda Thomas, Jeannette Jones, Jo-Yvette Thomas and Kirk Prestwood.

# Organizations

## Whats In Store For 1979?

Happy New Year! 1979 has just begun and whether it develops into a prosperous year is entirely a matter of choice. Many people sit and wait for things to come to them, but in order to achieve you must put forth effort. You know the things that became obstacles in the past year, and to not let these same things hold you back from progressing is what one of your goals must be. Don't make the same mistakes twice. Make a plan, and in this plan include your goals, both long range and short range. You must pave your own path before you start or it will be a long rough road to travel. Think about the things that you wish to achieve, and about your academic success. Think about your past, and look at the

things that helped you to succeed and use these again. How was your personality, could it be improved? If so, then try extra hard, to be friendly and to keep a smile on your face. Treat your fellow student as you wish to be treated, and see if it will make a difference. Don't begin this year with a negative attitude, for if you do, you are a failure before you even get started.

Sure enough 1979 may not be a bed of roses for us, but it shouldn't be expected to be. To strive and to succeed is a wonderful thing to do for it gives us pride and we appreciate the things we have accomplished. It makes you a better person. So plan ahead

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## Sigma Scenes at North Texas State

The men of Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity Delta Theta will have the distinguish job of attending on undergraduate leadership conference December 1-3, 1978 at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. The programs will be conducted as workshops on itsm of inage buildings, recruitment programs development, conducting chapter businesses, record-keeping, dealing with the topic of block Fraternities on prodominately white campuses.

Contests will be held for awards on chapter conducting, Sigma stesp and chats, demonstration club activities, and oratory. In taking these steps to up grade sigma men on all qualified levels and facing the tasks of tomorrows society by dealing with it today are the jobs of a Phi Beta Sigma Man.

Reporter, "Velvet"

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# Christmas Beautification And Decorations

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas 1978 gives each of us another opportunity to bring peace to our inner-self, the spirit of brotherhood, and to our friends, joy and happiness.

A. I. Thomas, President



PANTHER NEWS TIME (This photo was not staged by the Panther Staff)

## AKA Wants to Know

### Who Took The Love Out of Christmas?

What will Santa bring me for Christmas? I want a new bike. I want a new doll. These are the things that Christmas means to so many of our children and even more so to the adults in our society. Was Christmas a day meant to be set aside for just the giving of gifts and seeing who gets the most presents under the tree? If you look close enough, I don't think

that this is the answer. The true meaning of Christmas is giving, giving of oneself unselfishly, and loving your fellow man. Giving, not necessarily meaning to give material things, but a gift from the heart. Look around you and you will find people who are alone on the greatest day of the year.

What do you think Christmas means to them. It's just

another day. If you were to give this person a warm smile and a friendly hello or a small gesture of love, your Christmas will be complete, and even more important, that person will know that there is still someone in the world who cares, and that's what Christmas is all about.

We put emphasis on money, power, and often forget that we cannot make it alone. What is a man who has everything, but yet has nothing. He is alone and empty. We have made Christmas a time of sorrow for so many. If we don't get something new, we are disappointed. But fail to realize that we may not make it to another Christmas. Give love for Christmas. Through many ways love is shown, whatever way is best for you give it freely and sincerely. May your Christmas be a joy to you and a day filled with warmth and love. God bless you.

Super Bea

## Alpha Phi Alpha

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the occasion. We would also like to wish each and every student, staff, and faculty member a Happy and

## Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

By Hedy Ratcliff

Sparkling faces full of joy and cheer.

Happy hearts awaiting Christmas and the New Year.

With lights of color decorating lovely places.

People give and show they care with warm embraces.

It's a time to be a friend to all.

Everyone wants love its a precious call.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remembering God loves you no matter who you are.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanking Jesus for guiding you this far.

As the night slips away the sunlight takes its place.

Rising to a new day of sweet devotion.

We joyfully reminisce over dear memories.

While concentrating on the future to be.

It's a time to be a friend to all. Everyone wants love

It's a precious call. Have a Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year, Honoring the birth of Jesus everywhere.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cause God is always with us to assure our care.

## Zetas

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of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. took the show on that night as they stepped in the Blue and white. Hats off to ZIB as they received a standing ovation for their dynamic performance. Were you there to see the sorors of ZIB razzle and dazzle with a tremendous amount of class, poise and style. So you mustn't be reminded that Zeta Fascination is definitely here to STAY, cause we are BAD you see, and we are BOLD you see and we are OH SO COLD. Yellow Fever

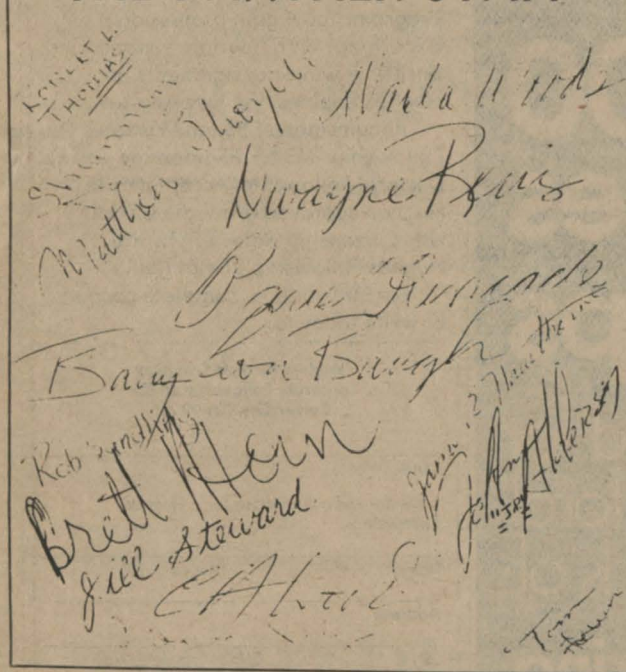
Prosperous Holiday Season! Brother Jimmy Williams

## The Seven Laws of Success

By Herbert Armstrong

The Question: What is success? How does one really go about becoming successful? Is success only limited to a few lucky, fortunate people? How is it that some people reach the top

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PANTHER STAFF



and others just stay unfortunately poor? Is God on the side of a few rich or selective?

The Definition: Success may be considered as having (abundant, worldly), material possessions, or monetary wealth (such as a Cadillac(s), fancy clothes, lots of land or a luxurious house.) Some people conceive success as acquiring a skilled, professional career or getting a Ph.D. (as in such fields as lawyer, doctor, pilot, or professor.) Others seeking success in fame or political power or in fame and recognition. Success may even be considered as just having blessed Peace, Happiness and Good Health!

The Answer: Yes! Success is available to everyone (if he wholeheartedly and diligently follow a few basic principles and use his God-given talents!). Because Jesus and the Bible gave man countless secrets of accomplishing success and prosperity! Read the biblical passages and passages as follows:

- 1) Matthew 25:14-30, (How 2 men who utilized their God-given talents were blessed, and the one who wasted his wasn't.)
- 2) Proverbs 12:27, ("He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man . . .")
- 3) Proverbs 10:4; 21:17, 22:13, 24:30-31, and Thess. 3:10 all refer to God's guidelines of becoming prosperous!!
- 4) Psalms 112:1-3 "(Blessing is the man that feareth (loveth and obeyeth) the Lord, that delighted greatly in his commandments . . . wealth shall be in his house . . .")
- 5) Psalms 92:12, "(The righteous shall flourish . . .")
- 6) Psalms 1:1, "(Blessing is hte man . . . that delights in the law (10 commandments) of the Lord . . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper . . .")
- \*\*7) III John 2, "I Wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health . . ."

\*\*\*John 10:10, "I am come," said Jesus, "that they might have life and have it more abundantly . . ."

Therefore today, the 7 basic laws of success are recommended as follows:

- 1) **GOAL** — Decide on a short term and long term goal and plan how you will go about acquiring them step by step, and write your plan down on paper and read it out aloud everyday so that subconscious will activate and capitalize on the powers of the mind to make this come true!!
- 2) **EDUCATION** — The more varied and properly skilled training you get the better. Use your time and youth and opportunities now. Capitalize the federal grants and charitable scholarships to get the education you deserve!
- 3) **HEALTH** — Acquire and maintain your health to the optimum: eat nutritiously, sleep and exercise properly and groom yourself attractively, but respectfully!
- 4) **DRIVE** don't give up! Try until you succeed! Develop a sense of motivation, faith, and self-confidence.
- 5) **RESOURCEFULNESS** — "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." See out alternatives or have substitutes in life if and when original plans fail.
- 6) **PERSERVERANCE** — Develop endurance, diligence, and be optimistic!
- \*\*\*\*\*7) **SPIRITUALITY** — Develop a divine close obedient relationship with God!

(For more information and free literature on this and many important subjects you may contact Rev. Van Johnson's Office in the Memorial Center or Miss Jacqueline V. Reese at Ext. 2305. These topics cover biblical emphasis or articles dealing with: life, love, marriage, sex, christianity, evolution, etc.

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### Reflections of AKA

Hello once again from the Sorors of AKA. We do hope your holidays were a joy and a treasure and hope you will enjoy many more. The Zeta Gamma Chapter recently held their elections of officers and they were installed on December 12, 1978. The officers for 1979 are:

Basileus, Penny Songy; anti-basileus, Sonja Randle; grammeteus, Diana Carden, assistant grammetues, Andrea Johnson; treasurer, Velta Sauls; epistoleus, Diedra Lewis; dean of pledges, Ingrid Proctor; assistant dean of pledges, Fernita Parker; financial secretary, Cathleen Goines; parliamentarian, Merrie Nichols, Hodegos, Mayta Dierck, Ivy Leaf; reporter, Beatrice Moore; march master, Ingrid Proctor; assistant march master, Annette Walton.

These are the new officers and we certainly hope that you will wish us luck in our

### Sigma XI Sponsors Christmas Banquet

By Matthew A. Shoyebo

The Society of the Sigma XI Club and Texas Chapter of Tau Beta Pi Association organized a well rousing Christmas Banquet at Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, December 12, 1978.

Present at the Banquet are Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of the University, Dean A. E. Greaux, Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. R. N. S. Rao, and Patron of the Tau Beta Pi Association here at Prairie View A&M, including the Heads of various Departments in the College of Engineering and College of Natural Sciences, Mr. C. L. Wilson, the

endeavors to be of service to all mankind. May peace be with you throughout the new year.

Super Bea



William McCasland

former Dean of the College of Engineering and Vice-President for Physical Plant & Planning and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fry. Dr. Jewel Berry presided over the Christmas Banquet.

Mr. William R. McCasland, Head of the Transportation Systems Division of Texas Transportation Institute in Houston was the Guest Speaker at the Banquet. Mr. McCasland directs the overall research activities of the Division Headquarters of T.T.I. on the Texas A&M University Campus, as well as those related to the North Central Expressway in Dallas and the freeway studies in Houston. His major areas of interest are in urban transportation management research, and freeway surveillance and control.

Mr. McCasland delivered his address supported by a slide show of various research activities conducted by his Division on freeway interchange control using on-freeway mainline control concepts, freeway bus priority operation and

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### Pre-Christmas Program Held By Youth Group

By Linda Freeman

The Youth Development and Outdoor Education Program of the Prairie View Extension sponsored a pre-Christmas program for five counties at the Newman Center on December 1.

The theme for the program was "Christmas Through Extension." Among the special guests were Ms. Brenda Wimberly and Rev. Van Johnson. Toastmasters for the evening were Rene Branch, Ricky Clemmons and Londell Jones. A special appearance was made by Mr. Hoover Carden, assistant director of the Prairie View Extension, to welcome volunteer leaders and parents.

The youth ages 4-18 were from the following counties: Synnyside, Brookshire, Hempstead, Waller and Prairie View.

A party followed the program and the music was under the direction of Darryl Ison and Maurice Sabastian, two Prairie View students.

Coordinator of the Youth Development and Outdoor Education Program is Ms. Margie Boler.

### Emeritus English Chairman Gets Top Appointment

Dr. Anne L. Campbell, Emeritus Chairman and Professor of English, Prairie View A&M University, member and former Vestry Secretary of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Prairie View, was recently, at a special convocation of Episcopal Church Women at St. John Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas, installed as Coordinator of the Central Convocation Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas. Dr. Campbell will serve Women's Guilds in thirteen Episcopal churches in the Central District.

St. Francis Church and the Prairie View community congratulate Dr. Campbell on receiving this appointment. It represents the first time in the state of Texas a black Episcopalian has been placed in this position. In addition to this appointment Dr. Campbell has been made Coordinator of National Programs of The Lings, Inc., with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and serves on the Board of Directors, DST: Telecommunications, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In the Prairie



Dr. Anne L. Campbell Serving church and community

View community she serves on the Board of Directors of Prairie View Employees Federal Credit Union and on the Executive Committee of the Waller County Historical Commission.

### Organizations -

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for the new year, after all it won't wait for you to get started. May the new year bring you a message of love and peace and also give you the strength to see it through. God bless you.

Beatrice Moore Super Bea

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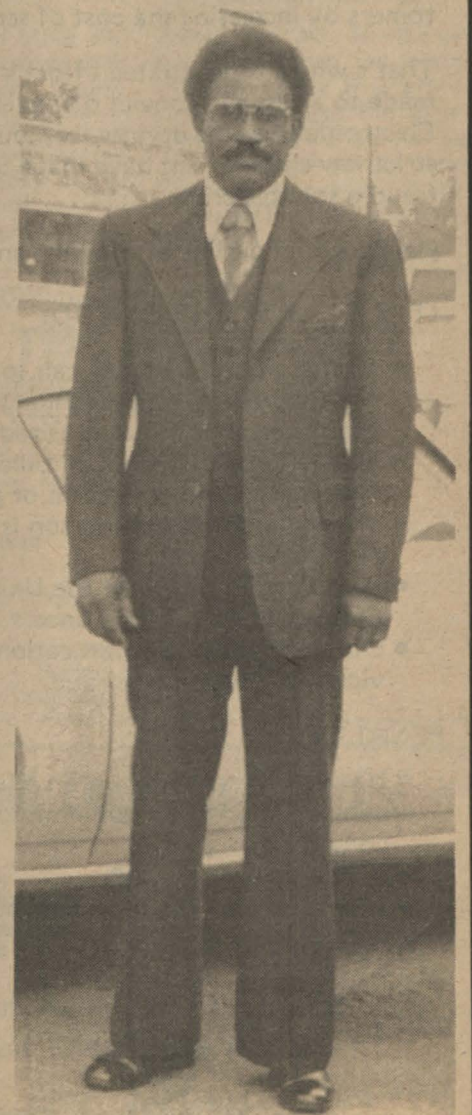
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## Pershing Rifle Capers

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The National Organization of Pershing Rifle Capers celebrated their Christmas spirit on December 9, 1978 at the Myosha Club in Houston.

The P/R'c will like to say congratulations to P/R Doc and Caper Sweet Black (Wanda Lacey) upon their graduation. A celebration for these two will be December 14, 1978.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Caper Mahogany.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the public employment service placed over 110,000 migrant and seasonal farmworkers in jobs during the 1976 fiscal year.



## PV Civil Engineers Visit Department of Highways

By Matthew A. Shoyebo

On Friday, December 1, 1978, thirty senior students in the Civil Engineering Department at Prairie View A&M's College of Engineering visited District 12 of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, with the District Headquarters located in Houston, Texas. This group of students were led by Mr. C. T. Luke of the Civil Engineering Department. The Extended Field Laboratory Study Tour, afforded the students to learn about the operation of the State Department of the Highways and the organization and workings of the Department.

On arrival at the Department's Head Office in Houston, we were met and welcomed by Mr. Richard Christie who is the Assistant Public Affairs Officer of the Department's District 12 office and who later introduced us to Mr. Richard J. Kabat, the District Administrative Engineer.

In his introduction speech to the students, Mr. Richard J. Kabat explained the Organizations and Working of the Department and delved deeply into the history of the department. "On June 2, 1975, the sixty-fourth legislature of the State of Texas enacted Senate Bills 761 and 762 which called for the merger of the State Highway Department and the Texas Mass Transportation Commission. The Bills were officially signed on June 20, 1975, and the present State Department of Highways and Public Transportation agency was born. The agency is now a multi-modal department with a single mission, to provide the best modes of transportation for the people of Texas" said Mr. Kabat.

The visit to the District 12 Planning Division gave the students great opportunities to advance in classroom lectures on the subject of highway planning. In fact, judging from various critical questions asked by the students in relation to problems that must be solved by the urban transportation specialists. With regards to this problem, the officials of this division feel that the changes in urban mobility that have been brought about in the last 40 years, have, in part, caused the difficulties that face the cities in this modern time and state that until the cities can provide a minimum universal standard of mobility, there will continue to be urban decay, and a continuance of the pathological difficulties which have beset most American Cities especially such that is occurring in the City of Houston. Conversely, while these conditions exist, the officials believe that there cannot be a real solution to the transportation needs of the metropolis.

The District Office in Houston is directly responsible for planning, constructing, contracting, and maintaining all the highways and public transportation systems in the district. These activities are carried on in conjunction with the various divisions at the Austin office acting in consulting and advisory capacities.

This field laboratory study trip which was meant to acquire a technical information on the operation of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, also assumes a knowledge of the

## Kappa Alpha Omega Fraternity Reorganized

The Kappa Alpha Omega Cultural Fraternity has been reorganized. It was reorganized October 2, 1978 by Hudson B. Turner, who was a past member of the Fraternity that was here in '76. New ideas and goals has been set by this fine bunch of people. Their motto is "United we stand. Divided we fall." They also have sisters entitled "Tau Beta Epsilon." This fraternity is here to display wisdom, honesty, and courtesy wherever they go. So we say to the people of PV land we are here and we are truly alive and plan to live on and on. Any of you young men or women who are willing to take a chance at becoming one of us will have his or her chance next semester. New members of KAO and "TBE" are:

The officers are: president, Hudson Turner; vice president, Freddie Perkins; dean of pledges, David Manning;

general principles and many details of highway operations in the State of Texas; and on this, as a basis, it attempts to answer the questions "How are things done in the State Highway Administration" and also to give assistance to the young graduate Engineer in widening the knowledge he or she may already have of what may be his or her responsibilities and resources if he or she desires to enter into the Transportation Engineering Field.



## Delta News

Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, sponsored a Sickle Cell Screening on December 4, 1978 at the Owens-Franklin Health Center on Prairie View's Campus.

The Sorors of Eta Beta were invited to participate in a workshop on December 9 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The workshop was led by Soror Sandra Malone, the regional director. The experience was truly enlightening.

The Sorors were also invited to Brenham State School November 21, 1978 and entertained the young ladies of assistant dean of pledges, Norman Bryant; secretary, Walter Jackson; treasurer, Wayne Russell; sergeant of arms, David Gunnels; stomp master, Barry Menefee; chaplain, Oscar Hale; public relations, Rodney Peoples; communication chairman, David Valentine.

the school with activities of various sources.

By "Timeless"

## Zetas

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Omega Gamma Chapter Scholarship Fund will give a \$100 Scholarship to a member of the IZ (Interest in Zeta) Club. The recipient:

- (1) Must be a freshman or sophomore student.
- (2) Must possess a 3.0 or better accumulative grade point average.
- (3) Must submit a 3 page typed composition which will include an autobiographical sketch, reasons for receiving the scholarship, and reasons for wanting to pledge ZETA.

The composition must be submitted by January 25, 1979 to P. O. Box 2346, Prairie View, Texas. Any questions pertaining to the scholarship may be directed to Soror Patricia Davis Suzrez Dormitory, Room 234. Yellow Fever

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# Scabbard and Blade

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In his closing remarks, President A. I. Thomas commended Dean A. E. Greaxu for his good professional work in the College of Engineering, the true measure of the College which is relative to the extent to which it has met its responsibilities and obligations to its students, the faculty and its several publics, will be measured through the daily action of its people and their accomplishments, as they serve society.

In his own statement, Dean Greaxu thanked the Speaker, Mr. William R. McCasland for his interest and educative address and also Dr. R. N. S. Rao, for making the occasion possible. Dean Greaxu hopes that some of the new engineering graduates will be able to join the T.T.I in its tremendous research activities upon their graduation.

Other participating organizations at the Banquet are: Eta Kappa Nu, ASCE., AIA., ASME., IEEE., SWE., and AIAA.

Regiment, National Society of Scabbard and Blade initiated twelve juniors and seniors in a secret ceremony at Burlison-Ware Hall on November 16, 1978. Scabbard and Blade is an honor society on campus and its membership is composed of those upperclass men and women in Advanced ROTC who have a military or naval science average above 3.0 and who are in the upper 25 percent in leadership. Both Navy Midshipmen and Army Cadets belong to the society who's officers for this year are: Midn. Anthony Bell, Captain; Cadet Charlie Choice, 1st Lieutenant; Cadet Minnie Nixon, 2nd Lieutenant; and Midn. Vincent Jeffries, First Sergeant.

The newly initiated members were a distinctive red and blue cord and a red and blue ribbon with five stars on their uniforms. These devices were adopted during the formation of Scabbard and Blade in 1905 and are common to the 190 companies on campuses spread across the country. The fall semester new members are Phillip Wayne Alexander, Andre Fryer, Joe Williams, Jiles Daniels, Jerome Smith, Jethro Tillmon, Hulen Davis, Ricky Font, Robert Benford, Ronny Washington, Willie Tempton, Ronald Young.

Christmas Seals have been vital in the fight against lung disease nationwide since 1907, when they were first circulated to raise funds for the battle against tuberculosis. Each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam, has its own specially designed Seal. A child from each state and territory has painted his or her concept of Christmas, which has been adopted to the Seal. In all, there are 54 different Seals, with the Texas artwork that of a Dallas elementary school student.

## What is Christmas?

By Jack A. Thompson  
The Christmas tide season is once again upon us and like previous Christmas we are all looking forward to an enjoyable one; but do we really know the meaning and significance of Christmas.

The Webster's dictionary defines Christmas as an annual church festival kept on December 25 or by the Americans on January 6 in memory of the Birth of Christ. Christian Scientists and theologians world wide have for a long time accepted and acknowledge December 25 as Christmas Day.

To many the purpose of Christ coming is still not understood.

Christ as we are told in the Bible had three main purposes for coming on earth.

- (1) Christ came to save sinners.
- (2) Christ came on earth to be a living example of the life that we must live and project.
- (3) Christ said himself: I have come in the world not to condemn the world but to save the world so that the world may be saved.

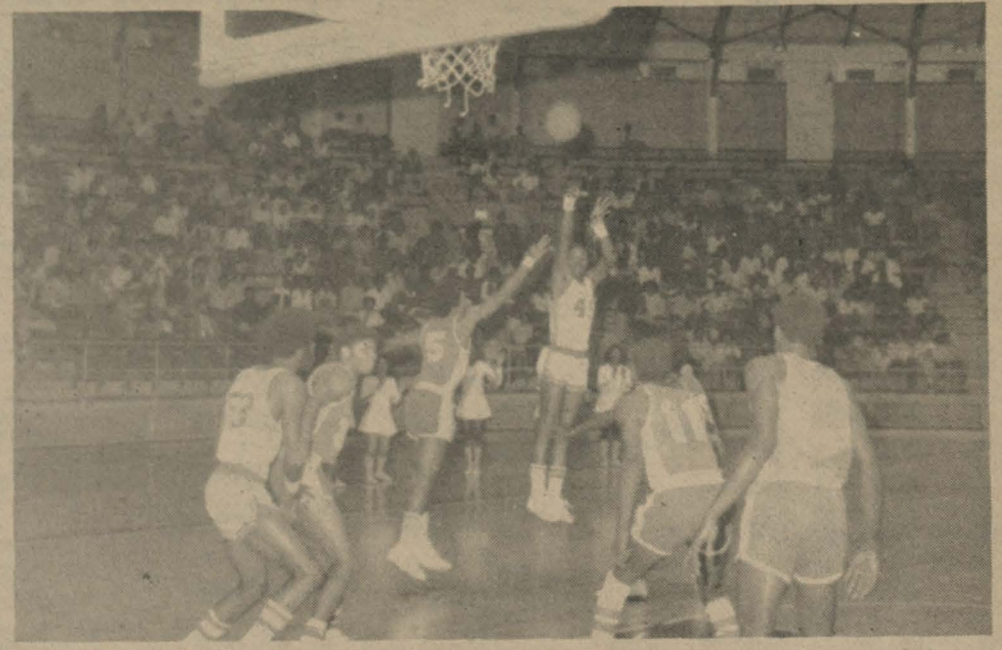
To many people, Christmas is a time to exchange gifts, party and have fun. To others, Christmas is a time to go to church, or just have a family

## Sigma Facts

Under the direction of the men of Phi Delta Sigma, a family will be chosen out of the local community to receive an annual basket that is given as part of one of our service projects to the community. This project is undertaken for the thanksgiving period and again at Christmas time.

An awareness meeting was held on November 21, 1978 in Holley Hall seminar room for young men to make them aware of our projects and show them the successful roads that Sigma men strive to walk, among the large giants of men therestands a many Sigma men that opens many doors for tomorrow generation, and a reception was held at the Shamrock Hilton in accordance with the new brother upon their accomplishment and in conjunction as a victory party for the Victorious panthers in defeating the tigers of Texas Southern in a fantastic season closure.

Reporter, "Velvet"



Panther Basketball team in Little Dome action.

## Unity

Many times we out-of-state students have passed each other on the yard and didn't know one another, but that problem can be solved very easily. The "out-of-state" club has been existing on the yard for many years, in order to bring the students who are non residents of Texas together. This year there are as many "out-of-staters" enrolled in Prairie View as any other year before. But the participation of the students in the out-of-state club has been the lowest in many years. In order to have this club survive on the yard we must come together as one and unite to make the bond between us stronger. Active participation in the club is essential for its survival. We urge old and new members to come out and participate. I feel that we make the "out-of-

reunion or reflect the past year. All of these things can be enjoyable within itself but we miss the entire meaning of Christmas, our Christmas would be meaningless.

Christmas, let us thank God for the many gifts he has allowed us to received.

As we reflect the past year with sadness and joy let us hope for a better tomorrow, a better seventy-nine, a year full of progress and success. It is true no one knows what the new year will bring forth but let's be optimistic. Who knows? As a new year approaches let us join hands to live with more loved and unity, to live for and with each other.

May God bless you and be with you now and forever.

## Reflections of AKA

SEASONS' GREETINGS! and hello from the sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha. We hope that the past week has proved to be a success, and with finals coming up, we hope you find determination, strength and a strong will to study! Now, let's review some of the achievements of our members. Congratulations are in order for Helen Carden, Maria Davis, and Iberia Fryer upon their initiation into Kappa Omicron Phi Home Economics Honor Society. Also, Soror Renee Price recently traveled to Louisiana with the Rodeo Club of which she is queen. We have a special announcement, Soror Glenda Crow a 1978 graduate of PV and Soror Marlow Greene also a 1978 graduate of PV were both wed in Houston, Texas and both on December 9th. We wish them love and happiness in the years to come. The two pledged in the fall of 1976, Soror Crow is a past Basileus of Zeta Gamma Chapter.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity observed their founders day Sunday, December 10th. The "out-of-staters" club one of the most thriving and successful organizations on campus if we "out-of-staters" come together as one body and get to know each other.

ber 10. The guest speaker was Soror Senfronia Thompson, State Representative, and a graduate of Prairie View. We extend best wishes to the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, Eta Gamma Chapter for 9 years of service to the community and to PV. Also, we would like to recognize the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta for their Sickie Cell Screening, and the men of Phi Beta Sigma for their achievements at their regional.

"Service to All Mankind." This is what AKA is all about. But we also encourage each and everyone to try and put forth an effort to be of service to all, especially during the holiday season. Keep this in mind and have a beautiful Christmas, a happy new year, and above all a long and successful life.

Beatrice Moore  
Super Bea.

## Yearbook —

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Prairie View. Mr. Hawthorne has also served as state president of the first black co-ed fraternity, Phi Beta Omega and served last year as an assistant treasurer of Prairie View student chapter of the American Institute of Architecture.

## Panther Cagers Breaking Even on Pre-Season Tilts

Coach Elwood Plummer's Basketball Team has won three as the pre-season competition nears a close. Their loss to Texas A&M, a major National Contender; was their worse showing.

The team meets both Texas College and Bishop on the home court before winding up

for final exam, and the holidays.

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