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# Career Carnival '80 — Saturday, April 26

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## Commencement Exercises Scheduled on May 4

Several hundred graduating seniors will receive degrees, diplomas and special awards during Annual Commencement Exercises on May 4.

The commencement speaker is Dr. Joffre T. Whisenton, associate executive director with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Hattiesburg, Mississippi native is a graduate of Magnolia High School in Moss Point, Mississippi and holds degrees from Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi; Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts; and the University of Alabama. He comes from a long line of educators — both his parents and grandparents were teachers. His grandfather taught for 51 years before retiring in DeKalb, Mississippi, where during the 1950's the S. H. Whisenton Junior High School was named in his honor and



**Joffre T. Whisenton  
To Address Graduates**

has retained that name to the present time. His father retired after 40 years as a teacher and administrator in the public schools.

Prior to joining the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1969, Dr. Whisenton was named in his honor and

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## St. Francis Church Sets Mortgage-Note Burning

The Vicar, Bishop's Committee, and Congregation of Saint Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Prairie View, Texas, request your prayers and presence at the Mortgage-Note Burning and Consecration of the Church and Parish Hall by The Right Rev. Roger H. Cilley, Bishop Suffragan of Texas on the Feast Day of Saint Philip and Saint James, May 1, 1980, at seven o'clock in the evening.

## High School Seniors-Juniors Expected for Carnival '80

By Jack Weeks

Prairie View A&M University will hold its annual Campus Career Carnival '80 Saturday, April 26 at the campus field house from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mary A. Clark, director of the carnival announced.

"We are looking forward to seeing as many high school seniors and juniors who want to further their education, and our theme this year is building your tomorrows," Clark said.

Special workshops are scheduled to aid parents,

counselors, and other high school personnel. Information concerning itself with all aspects of potential high school graduates including scholarships, educational grants, financial aid, and much more is included in the day long workshop.

Aimed at entertaining the expected large turnout, there will be a talent contest to select "Mr. Success" and "Miss Success" with winners receiving a trophy and a Presidential Scholarship Award.

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## Good Health Week Being Observed April 20-26

The purpose of Good Health Week, April 20-26, is to increase public interest in healthier lifestyles through an awareness of preventive health practices and increased knowledge of community health resources. More than 100 area business, civic, professional and health-related organizations from 13 surrounding counties have already agreed to sponsor health-related activities during the week.

Good Health Week will address various aspects of health and medical care such as physical health, mental health, health man-power, facilities

and finance, health promotion, and environmental health. Numerous events have been scheduled throughout the week including workshops, seminars, screening tests, medical facility tours and a health promotion conference.

Good Health Week will close with a regional health fair and banquet on Saturday, April 26. The Good Health Fair will be held at the Albert Thomas Convention Center in Houston from 10:00-5:00 p.m.



**MISS PRAIRIE VIEW** — Natalie McKenny, (center) sophomore Home Economics major was named winner of the Annual Pageant held Thursday evening and will represent the University at the Miss Texas Pageant in July. First runner-up was Carolyn Miller, (left) and Pamela Shorter won the second runner-up position.

## Bay City Co-ed is Winner At Annual Miss PV Pageant

By Frank White

Natalie Rachele McKinney, a senior home economics major from Bay City, won the Miss Prairie View crown Thursday night at the 11th Annual Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant in the university's Little Dome.

She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and an automatic entry in the Miss Texas pageant in Fort Worth in July.

Miss McKinney, 22, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McKinney of Bay City. She is a 1975 graduate of Bay City High School.

Houstonians Carolyn Ann Miller, 21, a 1977 graduate of Jack Yates High School, and Palema Kaye Shorter, 21, a

1977 graduate of Galena Park High School, won first and second runner-up respectively. Miss Shorter also was voted Miss Congeniality. Each will receive \$500 scholarship.

Nikki Torian, the current queen, will reign as Miss Prairie View until September, when Miss McKinney has her coronation.

Miss McKinney, who is 5-6 and 122 pounds, wore a dark red evening gown and a green bathing suit. For her talent she sang the hit song made popular by Dionne Warwick, "I'll Never Love This Way Again."

The other contestants in the pageant were Irene Carrizales of Dallas, Cynthia Lenton of Houston, Pamela Joyce

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## Parents Day - Sunday, April 27

The Annual Spring Parents Day — Sunday, April 27, 1980, Prairie View A&M University. The Executive Director Mrs. Delia M. Hunt states that the Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students have planned for a full day of activities beginning at 9:30 in the Field House and ending at 4:30 with a reception at the President's Campus House.

Highlights of the day will include the President of the University's (Dr. A.I. Tomas) special address to Parents and Guardians, presentation of Parents of the Year and two Mini Concerts.

Specific objectives of the Parents and Guardians DAY are as follows:

1. Participate in the Sunday morning Convocation.
2. Support the Mini Concert by the University Chapel Choir
3. Lunch in Alumni Hall — parents, students and faculty eat together
4. Greet the parents and communicate with them concerning their children.

5. Share with parents and guardians the fact that employment opportunities for qualified Black professionals are excellent even though there is some nationwide unemployment. Encourage parents to keep their children in the University until they graduate.

6. Parents and guardians input is our most important ingredient for prospective productive people.

Parents of the Year 1980 have selected on the basis of the beautiful themes written in the Freshman Studies Department (English) by their sons and daughters on the Prairie View students. Topic — "Why my parents should be honored as Parents of the Year" This project is supervised by Mrs. Ruth B. Arnold and facilitated by a selected panel of judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Alexander, Mrs. Ruby Lee Armstrong, Rev. and Mrs. Cube Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Nyle A. Churchwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Davis, Mrs. Martha J. Coleman, Mrs.

Edwina Garcia, Mrs. Carrie Mae Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis Moody, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Tempton, Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Wallace, Mrs. Erma Lee Willis, Mr. and Mrs. George Zonicle.



**Mrs. Carrie M. Hunter**



**DRAMATICS** — The Charles Gilpin Players' and Drama Department's "Shadow Box" cast from left to right: Carlos Pierott, Carol Wade, Paul Osborne, Lillian Randle, Terry Spivey, Patricia Ledet, Mattie Arps and Tracey Ledet.



OUTSTANDING MIDSHIPMAN AWARD — Shown being presented at recent Navy ROTC Program are (L-R) Clarence Prevost, Karin James, Clyde Pikes and Diane Richardson.

### Seminar on Ethnic Stratification Sponsored by Sociology Department

On April 10, 1980 the department of Social Work and Sociology presented a seminar on the nature of change in Ethnic Stratification and rural society. The guest speaker was Professor William P. Kuvlesky from the Department of Rural Sociology of Texas A&M University. Dr. Kuvlesky in his presentation stressed how different ethnic groups segregate from each other in a very natural manner. He also gave examples of how each group would generalize and stereo-

type because of the actions and behavior of one particular group or persons. In addition Dr. Kuvlesky presented some visual aides of the past 40 years. Over these 40 years Dr. Kuvlesky contends that whites still dominate the political scene of the state, based on the fact that blacks have not and do not exercise their voting privileges. Dr. Kuvlesky further noted that Mexican-Americans are increasing their political power in the state. Dr. Kuvlesky is the co-author of the book *Rural America*. He is currently doing research on Rural Ethnic families and has done extensive research on blacks in East Texas and Mexican-Americans in "The Valley" of Texas.

### Local Sorority Represented at Regional Meet

The 48th South Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., met at the Marriott Hotel in Austin, Texas, on April 3-6, 1980. The theme for the conference was: "Supreme in Service to all Mankind — A Call to Action!" The Sorors of the Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter of Prairie View, Texas, who attended were: Olivette Higgs, Gwendolyn Jones, Pearl Solomon, and Marion Williams.

Soror Higgs introduced the platform guests, the Past and Present Directorate, at one of the plenary sessions. Soror Jones, a member of the Sorority for 50 years — "A Golden Girl!" was recognized at the Public Luncheon and again at the Banquet, for her many years of dedicated service to the Sorority and as a Past Regional Director. She was given a corsage. She will be honored at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule in Atlanta, Georgia during the Summer. The Sorors reported a most enjoyable, stimulating and informative Conference.

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### Business Prof. Presents Paper

Dr. M. Soliman, Professor of Finance, College of Business, presented two papers at the Southwestern Federation of Administrative Disciplines (SWFAD) held March 19-22 in San Antonio, Texas. The first paper dealt with: Food Stamp Participants, Attitudes and Problems and the second was on: Health Delivery Services in Rural Texas. Moreover, Dr. Soliman discussed a paper entitled: An Investment Portfolio Strategy: The Small Bank Case.

The Southwestern Federation of Administrative Disciplines is a group of 12 regional professional associations interested in research, education and training activities at colleges and schools of business administration. The professional associations in the federation are: 1. The Academy of Management, Southwestern Division; 2. American Accounting Association, Southwest Division; 3. American Business Communication Association; 4. American Institute for Decision Sciences, Southwest Region; 5. Case Research Association; 6. Southern Regional Business Law Association; 7. Southwest Administrative Services Association; 8. Southwestern Business Administration Association; 9. Southwestern Finance Association; 10. Southwestern Marketing Association; 11. Southwestern Small Business Institute, and 12. Southwestern Society of Economists.

### Child Abuse is Subject of Social Work Seminar

The Department of Social Work and Sociology recently presented the first in a series of Seminars planned for the Spring term. Mrs. Ruth McRoy, M.S.W. gave a stimulating presentation on child abuse and neglect. Mrs. McRoy stated that child abuse is divided into three categories: Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Emotional Abuse. Neglect is divided into two categories. Physical neglect and emotional neglect. Child Abuse is one of the leading causes of infant Mortality in the United States. The attitude of the Department of Public Welfare toward Child Abusers is non-punitive. It is always the aim of the department to keep the child in his own home if possible, and to rehabilitate the home. Child Abuse occurs in all races. Texas law now makes it a misdemeanor not to report Child Abuse. The law provides See CHILD ABUSE, Page 9

### "Black Engineer Production Still Lagging," Dean Reports

By Frank White  
While the national focus on increasing the number of black engineers has had positive impact, the actual growth of these professionals is severely lagging, Austin E. Greaux, engineering dean at Prairie View A&M, told a group of industry representatives last week.

As the featured speaker at Prairie View's Business Cluster meeting April 17, Greaux praised the 70 or so recruiters who were on campus looking for prospective technical professionals. "In every facet you have given support to this university. You have caused us to have the largest enrollment in our history — 816 students including 218 women. You've helped us to be first in the state and in the nation with our production of over 12 percent of the black engineers," Greaux said.

But he challenged them to bring to parity a condition which has made no significant change since a viable effort was started to ameliorate it eight years ago. He cited a memorandum that the Science and Engineering Council sent to President Carter February 8 which stated efforts to produce black engineers were "making progress, but not even 50 percent of that parity has been met after eight years."

Statistics last year showed 311,237 students enrolled in the 290 engineering schools accredited by the Engineering Council for Professional Development. Of this total, 31,000 comprised minorities (women and nonwhite ethnic groups) and 5,493 were black. Greaux called it a "stark reality" that while no dramatic change occurred in the production of black engineers, there was a 40 percent increase in non-U.S. citizens receiving the graduate degrees in engineering during the period under scrutiny. And, he was equally concerned about black engineers seemingly being locked

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Dean A. E. Greaux

into the mechanical and electrical disciplines, thus making their representation in civil and chemical engineering virtually nil. He noted that less than 50 of the 250 chemical engineering graduates two years ago were black.

"The gravity of the situation is less than a fraction of one percent came from a minority. It's a tragic picture, but it's a fact. There will be virtually no graduates in chemical engineering in a very crucial period. We have to find alternative energy sources. We will need to go away from tiring, exacting periods and move to issues that confront us — transportation, energy, housing, longevity. We will need to take advantage of those opportunities that will make this nation stronger than it already is," the dean said.

Greaux was particularly disillusioned over the lag in graduate engineering degrees being sought by blacks, since these professionals could become role models as well as educators in the historically black institutions with engineering programs. He cited the following statistics: Of the 46,091 graduates in engineering in 1977, 894 were black; of the 16,182 masters of engineering degrees conferred, 201 went to blacks; and of the 2,573 doctoral engineering degrees conferred, 15 were received by

### ROTC Queens Elected

The Army ROTC program selected their queens for school year 1980-81. Eleven women appeared before a selection board composed of Military Science Classes I-IV. It was a tight contest and as one of the judges stated "all the ladies were outstanding and they were all number one!" The five finalists were coronated at the Brookhollow Marriott Hotel, Houston on April 3, 1980.

The Miss AROTC Queen for 1980-81 is Monica Richardson from Houston. She is a junior majoring in accounting and has been quite active on campus. Monica is on the President's Honor Roll, in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and National Student Business League, and a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, Phi Eta Sigma and Delta Mu Delta Honor Societies.

Miss Company A is Carrie Jean Dukes from Houston. She is a junior, majoring in computer science with a minor in mathematics. Miss Dukes is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Honor Society of Pershing Rifles, (Co-Ed Affiliate) and secretary of the Women's Council. Her goal is a career of



Monica Richardson Miss AROTC Queen

Army Advance ROTC Program and her career goal is to go on active duty upon commissioning and graduation.

### Army ROTC Activities Set

The Army ROTC will sponsor its Annual Spring



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Shields of Houston, Urenea Horton of Houston, and Wilma Jean Leblanc of Port Arthur. Barbara Wood Harrison, anchorperson for KDFW-TV in Dallas, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. She is a Prairie View native and the daughter of Dr. Curtis A. Wood, director of information at Prairie View A&M.

Judges for the pageant were Jess Carter, Miss Texas pageant representative; Mildred Johnson, owner of the Houston Ballet Company; Jim McClelland, Miss Texas pageant representative; Clifton Smith, public affairs representative of Channel 2 in Houston; and Mary Washington Wilson, Miss Prairie View 1974-75.

Miss Gwendolyn Brooks Presents Poetry Reading  
Miss Gwendolyn Brooks, poet laureate of Illinois and Pulitzer Prize-Winning poet presented "Reading in Black Poetry" on Wednesday evening, April 23, in Hobart Taylor Hall. A reception was held following the presentation.

### Baptist Student Movement Choir Plans Concert

The Prairie View A&M University Baptist Student Movement Choir will be presented in concert on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Christian Fith M. B. Church located at 4306 Brinkley Av. The concert promises to be high in the spirit and musically rewarding.

The choir is under the direction of Arthur Foy who is a freshman mass communications major and music minor from Chicago, Illinois. Arthur has done a great job in teaching and directing the choir and plans to continue working with them next year.

Foy does all of the teaching and has been assisted in directing by Danny White from Dallas and Otis Mack from Chicago.

Mr. Mack is the executive producer of The Metropolitan Gospel Productions of Chicago, Illinois. He helped the choir in preparing for their trip in Memphis, Tennessee where they sang in competition against other Baptist Student

Review on Thursday, April 24. The Corps annual Field Day activities which will feature several visiting high schools will be held Saturday, April 26. Colonel Julius Parker, a PV ROTC graduate will commission current ROTC graduating seniors during the May Commencement exercises.

Movement Choirs across the nation. The concert will consist of varied musical selections by



OFFICIAL CROWN — PV President Dr. A. I. Thomas is shown crowning the new student body queen, Natalie McKinny.



MISS CONGENIALITY — The winner Miss Pamela Shorter receives trophy from Emcee Barbara Wood Harrison of KDFW-TV, Dallas.

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### Census Bureau Report Median Age at First Marriage Continues Climb Begun in Mid-50's

Young adults waited longer before marrying during the decade of the 70's than in earlier years, according to a report released today by the Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The report, based on a nationwide survey conducted in March 1979, shows that the median age at first marriage was 22.1 years for women and 24.4 years for men. The 1979 figures were about one full year higher than in 1975 and nearly 2 years higher than in the 1950's. In 1956, the median age at marriage was the lowest for both men and women in this century, at 22.5 and 20.1 years respectively.

Other statistics in the report also indicate the extent to which young adult women are not marrying or are delaying marriage:

- In 1979, about half (49 percent) of women 20 to 24 years old were still single, compared with only 28 percent in 1960.
- The proportion of women aged 25 to 29 who had never married also showed a marked increase since 1960, from 11 to 20 percent.

The report also includes data on living arrangements, and shows 1.3 million households were shared by two unrelated adults of the opposite sex in 1979, a total that is more than twice the one-half million recorded in 1970.

Despite the increase in unmarried couples, the partners in these households represented only about 3 percent of all persons among couples living together in 1979. The estimated total of men and women who were married and living with a spouse was 96.5 million.

In addition to these statistics, the report provides data on divorce, persons living alone, families living apart from one spouse, and living arrangements of children under 18. Some highlights follow:

**Divorce:** Between 1970 and 1979, the ratio of divorced persons per 1,000 husbands and wives in intact marriages rose by 96 percent, from 47 per 1,000 to 92 per 1,000.

**Persons living alone:** The number of one-person households rose by nearly 60 percent in the 1970's, from 10.9 million to 17.2 million, compared with an increase of 22 percent in the total number of households. In 1979, about one of every five households consisted of a person living alone.

**Families with one spouse present:** Families not maintained by a married couple increased by 50 percent in the last decade. Those maintained by a man with no wife present grew by one-third and those maintained by a woman with no husband present by one-half. In 1979, more than 8 out of 10 of these families were maintained by women.

**Children under 18:** Despite a 10 percent decline in the population under 18 years old, there was a 40 percent increase in the number of children who were living with only one parent. In 1979, nearly 1 of every 5 children were living with only one parent, most with a mother only.

As in all sample surveys, the data in this report are subject to sampling variability and errors of response, including under-reporting and non-reporting. A detailed explanation appears in the report.

Copies of the report, **Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March 1979**, Series P-20, No. 349, are available for \$3.75 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or from Commerce District Offices in major cities.

### Dance Ensemble Presents Concert

The Prairie View A&M Dance Ensemble was presented in concert on Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22 in the Fieldhouse.

Ms. Jean Van Spinks, dance instructor, served as choreographer. Participants included Carol Wayne, Lisa Gabriel, Dahl Stewart, Rodney Hobbs, Wayne Russell, Reginald Hobbs, Rita McCutcheon and Sally Sartin.



TOP PERFORMERS - A highlight of the recent Pageant was the "Exodus Dance Group" pictured above. They are from front to back: Curtis D. "Inkpen" Wiggins, (choreographer), Dallas, Texas, music, advanced sophomore; Darrell Robinson, Oakland, California, computer science, freshman; Clint Ward, Galveston, Texas, architectural engr., junior.

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10. Sandra White

### Social Work and Sociology Department Holds Annual Career Day

The Department of Social Work and Sociology held its Annual Career Day, March 18, 1980, in the Memorial Center Ballroom. Registration began at 8:30 a.m. and the program lasted until 4:00 p.m.

Career Day at Prairie View A&M University's Department of Social Work and Sociology provides the opportunity to assist students in obtaining admission to graduate schools, or in securing employment.

The keynote speaker for the morning session was Mrs. Lorece Porter Williams, Associate Professor, Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio, Worden School of Social Work, San Antonio, Texas. The topic of discussion was "Social Work and Sociology Careers for the 80's." Mrs. Williams talked about the historical structures that led to the Charity Organization with its design to eliminate waste, substitute work for alms and to study the individual as a case of dependency. The general thrust was that the recipient of aid was an individual rather than a member of a dependent class. She also elaborated on the war years and their impact on the social work profession; the Great Depression and how

it forced changes in life styles, economy, unemployment and enveloped the nation forcing the social work profession to reconsider the importance of politics and economics.

Mrs. Williams reminded us that the system did not have the best interests of black people in mind in helping to eradicate some of the social issues that face our social work clients, therefore, it is our responsibility as black Professionals to support client's rights to dignified humane treatment. She further pleaded to students to let clients know we, as professionals, care about them, we want to help them enhance their social functioning in a society that has little or no regard or respect for them or their welfare.

Mrs. Williams also talked about the social workers role in industry for the 1980's. Many social workers are employed in industry. Often times they fill positions as personnel directors, managers, orientation supervisors, industry union supervisors or labor union liaisons. In her closing statement Mrs. Williams offered the students a challenge in asking the questions, "What will your

role as a Social Worker or Sociologist Be For the 1980's?" After lunch, booths were set up for the afternoon sessions. University representative and/or agency representatives talked to the flow of students concerning opportunities for employment/or entrance into graduate school.

The list of guests attending the Career Day included representatives from: 1. The United Way; 2. The Department of Human Resources; 3. The Department of Corrections; 4. Texas Youth Council; 5. Recruitment and Training Division of Minority Women Employment Service; 6. Harris County Juvenile Probation; 7. Harris County Adult Probation; 8. Texas



President Thomas greets visitors from Guyana along with currently enrolled PV students from the neighboring republic to the south.

Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; 9. Giddings State School and Home; 10. Galveston Independent School District; 11. Bayshore Mental Health Center; 12. Houston Area Urban League; 13. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 14. University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; 15. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

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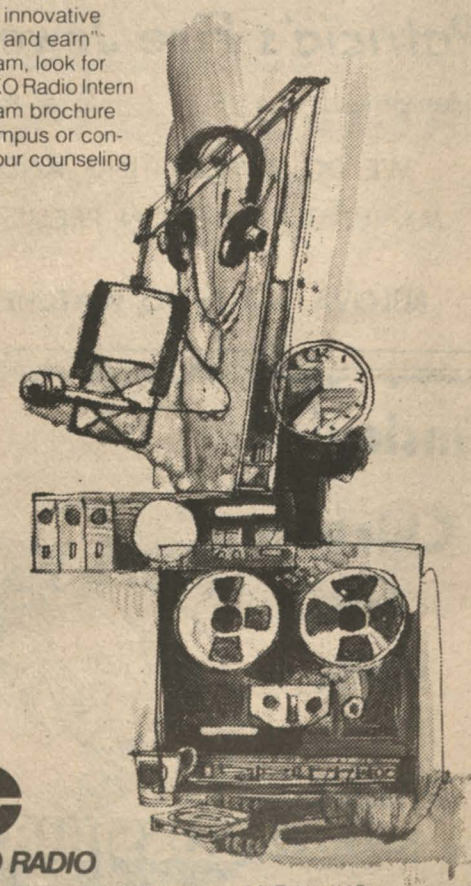
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**Commencement**

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Whisenton held a joint appointment as professor and chairperson of the division of education and psychology at Stillman College and as program associate in the Office for Student Development at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Whisenton, the first Black to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1968, served on Stillman's faculty for thirteen years. His positions there have included instructor of physical education, professor of educational psychology, basketball, baseball, and track coach, dean of men, chairperson of the physical education department, and director of athletics. He also directed the institutional self-study program for Stillman College which is required for regional accreditation.

Dr. Whisenton was on leave of absence from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools from August 1, 1975 to January 20, 1977 and served in the capacity as a Special Assistant for Educational Policy to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. As a GS-17, he served as a major policy advisor to the Secretary and other key officials of the Department on the broadest range of education policy issues. Dr. Whisenton handled, on behalf of the Secretary, contacts with key officials of Government, both legislative and executive, and interested national citizen and professional groups and organizations, and major educational policy material. As required, he represented the Department of HEW in discussions of education policy matters involving Department programs and operations with key officials at the White House, other Government agencies and the Congress, and advised Department officials in selected education policy issues as appropriate.

His professional and social affiliations include membership in Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Professional Fraternity; the Urban League; life membership in the N.A.A.C.P.; the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; the American Psychological Association; the American Personnel and Guidance Association; the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; and the American Association of University Professors.

He is married to the former Zedie E. Bedford who holds the Ed.D. from the University of Alabama in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education and they have a twenty-three year old son, Joffre Conrad.

**Black Engineer**

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blacks — a drop from the previous year.

Greaux said the shortage of black engineers today is not only hurting the black population but also stragglating the profits of industry: "You are spending thousands and thousands of dollars looking for those students who aren't there."

Greaux said that while he understood the situation was changing, industries have

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created barriers at the point of entry before graduates even get a chance to prove themselves. He said these barriers include set scores on challenge entrance examinations, grade point average and specific course loads.

decided that it's not that crucial to set barriers but to recognize those standards which are universal," Greaux said. "To do this we had to put in place those resources that could effectively produce the clientele — a faculty and staff with credentials and the proper

attitude relative to serving you and that bottom line of corporations — profit." For the past ten summers, Prairie View's engineering college has taken prospective students through ten weeks of "intensive readiness" with its Engineering Concepts Insti-

tute. The program was designed to give students an adequate foundation for core mathematical and scientific requirements. Greaux said the college retained 90 percent of last year's record enrollment of 185.

Greaux said he hopes the college can soon offer a masters program as well as degrees in chemical and industrial engineering. He urged the industrial representatives to continue sending inquiries to Kenneth Ashworth, Texas Commissioner for Higher Education, concerning these offerings.

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# Circle K Club Holds Charter Night

President Alvin I. Thomas, before he was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Prairie View, greeted the Charter Night participants in the banquet that was held for the occasion. He extended a warm welcome to the new Circle K Club into the large family of student organizations on the campus and challenged them to live up to the name of the 700 other Circle K Clubs in the United States and Canada. He advised them that they were now members of the largest

collegiate organization in the world and that they stood on the threshold of the door to leadership and service to their University, country and themselves.

The banquet was held on the evening of March 25 in the cafeteria of the Junior High School on the University campus. Visiting Circle K Clubs came from Blinn College and the Texas A&M University. Ranking officers of Circle K International, Texas-Oklahoma District, were

present to lend honor to the occasion. Kiwanis Clubs from Division Nine of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International were present. They were led by their chief executive officer, Dr. Roger G. Feldman, of the faculty of Texas A&M University. He is the Lieutenant Governor of the Division.

The keynote speech for the occasion was delivered by the able and forceful Wilson Curtis, professor of English here at the University. He held

his highly appreciative audience in rapt attention as he developed his theme, *Caring — Like Magic*. Near the end of his discourse, he left the New Club with the challenge, "We can, IF I will!"

Another high point of the evening was the presentation of the Charter to Club President, Earl T. Jones. With obvious pride, he promised that the club would do all that was possible to live up to the expectations of the Kiwanis family. The presentation was by a ranking officer of the Texas-Oklahoma District, Mr. Eric Lindstrom.

Another pride burst came to the New Club as the lovely Miss Valerie A. Davis, Vice-President, was given the Club banner by Lieutenant Governor of Circle K, J. Clark Haley. The 5 x 4 feet purple and gold felt pennant will grace the front of every important meeting of the Club.

The officers and members of the new Circle K Club were officially installed by the President of the Texas A&M Club, Charles Peveto; after this charge was made to the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Prairie View and the New Club by Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Roger G. Feldman.

Certificates for New Club Building were presented to three members of the Prairie View Kiwanis Club: Earl K. Jones, president; Samuel Montgomery, secretary, and Johnnie J. Woods, director.

Members of the New Club appearing on the program included: Earl T. Jones, president, accepted the Club Charter; Valeria A. Davis, vice president, accepted the Club banner; Raymond Dillard, made the pledge of allegiance to the flag; Glenn Small, gave the invocation; Oscar Wiley pronounced the benediction.

The elected officers of the Circle K Club of Prairie View A&M University and chairman of important committees with some information about each are given below:

Earl T. Jones, president (Junior, Arts and Sciences, ROTC Cadet Lieutenant, from Chicago, Illinois.)

Valeria A. Davis, vice-president, (Freshman, Nursing, from Chicago, Illinois)

Danny Dillard, secretary, (Junior, Engineering, membership FFA, from Houston, Texas)

Sharon Moxey, treasurer, (Freshman, Home Economics, membership in Home Economics Association and the Bahamian Student Association, from Nassau, Bahamas)

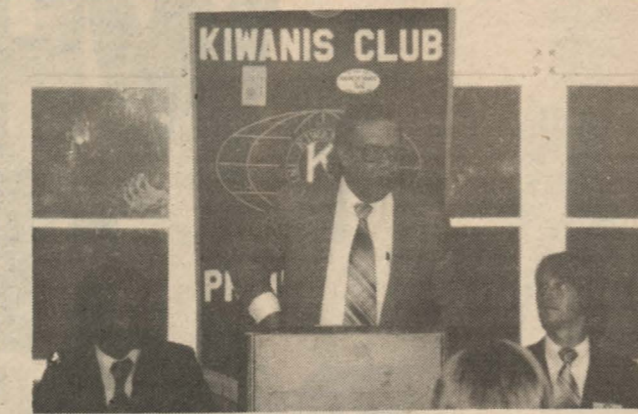
Raymond L. Dillard, Chairman, Major Emphasis Committee, (Junior Arts and Sciences, membership FFA, from Columbus, Texas)

Lunnon Gibson, Chairman Committee on Club Meetings (Junior, Engineering, Membership; Canterbury Club, Baptist Student Association, from Nassau, Bahamas)

Clifford E. Randle, Chairman Committee on Citizenship Services

Jerry C. Turknett, Chairman Committee on Spiritual Aims

Nerissa Gibson, Chairman of Committee on Membership and Growth (Freshman, Arts and Sciences, Membership; Baptist Student Association,



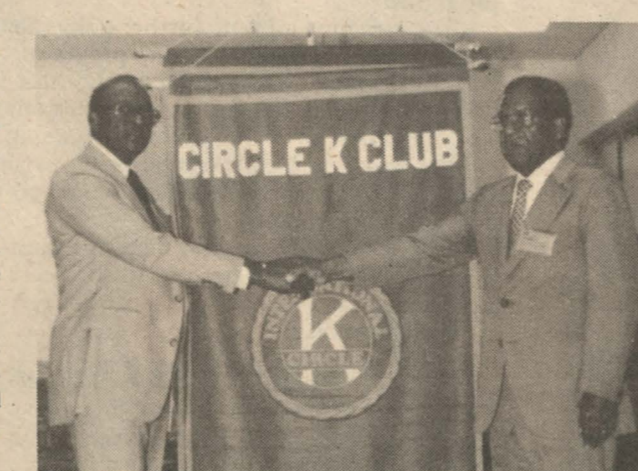
President Alvin I. Thomas brings greetings to the Circle K Club of Prairie View A&M University during Charter Night activities. He is flanked on the left and right respectively by President Earl T. Jones and Lieutenant Governor of District Eight Circle K, J. Clark Haley. March 25, 1980.



Banquet Speaker, Professor of English at Prairie View A&M, Wilson Curtis, delivers the Keynote address on *Caring — Like Magic* before the Circle K and Kiwanis members on March 25, Charter Night activities.

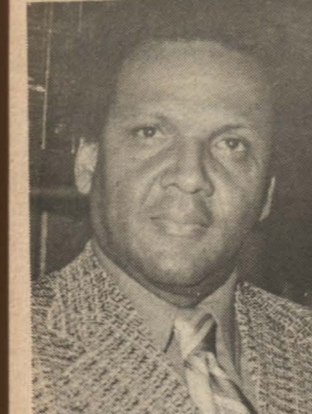


President Earl T. Jones (right) and Vice-President Valeria A. Davis of the Circle K Club of Prairie View A&M University pose with pride before the banner of the Club on March 25 during the Charter Night Banquet.



Samuel Montgomery, Secretary (left) and Earl K. Jones, President (right) of the Kiwanis Club of Prairie View pose in front of the banner given to the Circle K Club of Prairie View A&M University during Charter Night activities on March 25, 1980.

from Nassau, Bahamas) Tuesday evening promptly at 8 o'clock in Room 101 in the Harrington Science Building. Those students in good standing with the University and have the interest in leadership and service may contact any officer of the Circle K Club or attend one of the meetings.



## Edwards Speaks to Professional Group

At the April 3, 1980 meeting of the Texas Gulf Coast Council of American Institute for Design and Drafting, Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr. spoke on the topic, *An Analysis of Selected Management Theories and Their Implications for Drafting Managers*. The Gulf Coast Council members are persons who are in a leadership role as managers or supervisors. Educators are also included in the membership.

The management theories of Renis Likert, Frederick Herzberg and Douglas McGregor were discussed. During the presentation ten situations were given and the group was asked to identify the theories in use in each situation.

A number of members requested copies of the presentation. Dr. Edwards has been a member of the professional group for four years and attends meetings regularly. This was his second presentation given to the group.

The Texas Gulf Coast Council has a close relationship with the Drafting and Design Technology Department at the College of Industrial Education and Technology.

Students entered the recent annual drafting contest and are eagerly waiting the announcement of winners. They plan to attend along with their instructors the annual AIDD Awards Banquet to be held

## Sophomore of the Month

By H. Ratcliff  
Augustine Rodriguez has been selected the "Sophomore of the Month" for April of 1980. He is a native of San Antonio, Texas, where he attended Luther Burbank Sr. High School. Indeed, Rodriguez's outstanding involvement in his high school A.R.O.T.C. and various honor societies reflect his desire to pursue a higher education.

Presently, he is a Financial Banking major, attending Prairie View University on a four-year Scholars Award Scholarship provided by the A.R.O.T.C. Department of Prairie View. Rodriguez is praised by his peers and others for being an assertive individual who possesses the essential qualities to be an effective leader in his class as well as, for the university.

He is currently a member of: A.R.O.T.C. Advanced Corps, Hamilton-Fearing Counter Guerrillas and the sophomore Council. Further, in the future he aspires to become a commissioned officer in the Army Reserves upon graduation in 1982 as a Finance Officer. Therefore, he endeavors to establish a private business of his own. His hobbies include baseball, swimming, reading and camping.

In addition, Rodriguez stated that, by preparing himself mentally, physically and spiritually for the responsibilities, he must undertake as a student. He will be able to achieve his academic and social ambitions in a respective manner.

We, the Sophomore Class and others congratulate you Rodriguez for being the unique individual you are as a friend, leader and a student. Best of luck will come to you. Keep striving toward your goals.

Reporter, H. Ratcliff

May 15, 1980. There is a strong chance that the students will win an award.

## Carnival —

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To enter the students must have G.P.A. of 3.0 or above, leadership ability, be a Texas resident, be a junior or senior, and must submit an application for admission along with test scores and high school transcript.

Also on the agenda is music by the famous Prairie View A&M University Jazz Band with cheerleaders and the Black Foxes.

"We will present a trophy to the school with the largest See CARNIVAL, Page 10

## Child Abuse —

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Mrs. McRoy is an experienced social worker practitioner and social work educator. She is currently studying for the doctorate at the University of Texas School of Social Work, Austin, Texas.



APPECIATION AWARD — Mrs. March M. Tramble displays an appreciation award which she received recently from her classmates. The award was given to her in appreciation for getting the class of '53 organized.



Mrs. Joyce Whiting and Mrs. March M. Tramble, members of the class of '53 and Mrs. Pauline Bonner, Director of Alumni Affairs display Class T-Shirt. This was a project of the Beaumont Chapter which was presented at the annual meeting recently held in Houston, Texas. Anyone interested in the T-Shirt Project please contact Mrs. Mamie Etta Lewis Goodman, 1420 Grant, Beaumont, Texas 77701 or Miss Edna Joseph, 1650 Auburn Dr., Beaumont, Texas 77705.

# PV Class of '53 Holds Second Annual Business Meeting

The second annual business meeting of the Prairie View A&M University Class of 1953 was held March 21-23, 1980 at the Astro Village Holiday Inn, Houston, Texas. The theme of the reunion group was "A Rhapsody in Love" the events were hosted by the Houston chapter of the class under the leadership of Mrs. Rose Jordan McGowan, coordinator, and Mr. Harold Taylor, assistant coordinator. More than eight (80) persons from Texas and several other states were registered during this joyous and rewarding occasion.

Highlights of the business and social events included:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws
3. Finalization of business on the first class project — The Eternal Flame — a centennial gift to the University
4. Initiation of plans for the second class project.
5. Action taken on civic and/or legislative concerns
6. Report from the Fort Worth chapter on the class souvenir booklet (mini-annual) "The Way We Were — Look at Us Now."

7. Singing of the old PV grace at the luncheon
8. Greetings and remarks from Mrs. Pauline D. Bonner, Prairie View A&M University Director of Alumni Affairs
9. Inclusion of reproductions of the 1949 Freshman Talent Show Program, "Accent on Youth" and a May, 1953, Panther article entitled "Bright Future Predicted for Seniors" in registration kits
10. Excerpts from Freshman Talent Show re-enacted by James Sullivan and Tullie Evans.

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# Epsilon Pi Tau Highlights



Mr. Benny Smith, Chapter President. Mr. Smith gave the occasion at the banquet. The 1980 Initiation Team: left to right Obiora B. Ifejoku, Calvin Singleton, Mary C. Berry, Benny Smith, Kenneth Jackson and Billy Kelly.



The 1980 Initiates. Seated left to right Michael Hearn, Lester Coleman, Sharmarion Brown, Diana Ashton, Carolyn Davis, Sandra White, John Johnson, Rickey Gregory. Standing left to right Robert Smith, Elvis McKinney, Joseph Naylor, Ronald Shepherd, Brian Smith, William Zonicle, Ronnie L. Smith and Anthony King.



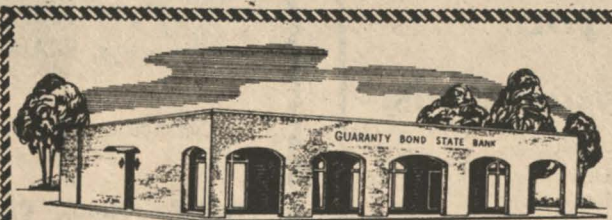
Industrial Education International Connection, Obiora B. Ifejoku, Obediah C. Nylander and friend.

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## AKA Announces Candidates For May Commencement

The Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha are proud to announce that sixteen members of the sorority are among the graduates for May 1980 Commencement. They are as follows:

Anita Berry, majoring in Biology, from Prairie View, Texas. She hopes to pursue her career in Dentistry, presently she is a member of Beta Beta Beta and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Societies.

Helen Carden, majoring in Home Economics and also from Prairie View, Texas. Her membership includes Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Society and past vice-president of the American Home Economics Association. Presently, Miss Carden is a graduate student in Home Economics.

Cathleen Goines, a Pre-Med Biology major from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, Alpha Mu Gamma, Pi Mu Epsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Beta Beta Honor Societies, and the Newman Center Association. Cathleen plans to attend Medical School and pursue a goal of becoming a doctor.

Felecia DeLoach is from Shreveport, Louisiana, majoring in Business Education and member of Pi Omega Pi Honor Society.

Andre' Johnson, a native of Houston, Texas majoring in Pre-Med Biology. Andre' is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Beta Beta, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies; she plans on becoming a doctor.

Rosalind Jones is from Houston, Texas majoring in Elementary Education, minor in History and a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Society. She is presently attending graduate school this past semester.

Beatrice Moore, a Spanish major, from San Antonio, Texas. Miss Moore is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society, Forensics Society, Junior Fellow Association, and the San Antonio PV Club. She plans to obtain her Master's Degree in Reading.

Fernita Parker, a Pre-Med Biology major, another native of Houston, Texas. Her memberships include Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Mu Gamma, and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Societies. Upon graduation she

hopes to enter Medical School to become a doctor.

Euneva Parks, is a Political Science major with a minor in Spanish. She is a native Houstonian and her membership includes Alpha Mu Gamma, Political Science Honor Society, Junior Fellow's Association, and Women's Council.

Maria Prentis is from Waco, Texas and a Chemistry major. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu and the American Chemical Society. Presently, a graduate student in Chemistry.

Sonja Randle, another Pre-Med major from Houston, Texas. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Beta Beta, and Alpha Mu Gamma, Honor Societies; upon graduation, Sonja plans to enter Medical School.

Shirley Smith is from Houston, Texas, majoring in Chemistry. She is a member of the American Chemical Society and the International Students Association. Shirley is also presently a graduate student in Chemistry.

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Sharon Stafford, from Prairie View, Texas is an Elementary Education/Mass Communication major. She is member of the Canterbury Association.

Vanessa Taylor, from San Antonio, majoring in Elementary Education/Special Education is a member of the San Antonio PV Club.

Dianne Traylor is from Houston Texas; her membership includes Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Kappa Mu, Kappa Delta Pi, Honor Societies, and ACEI Association for Childhood Education.

We would like to wish our Sorors the very best of luck in their future goals. Always have faith in yourself and remember-if you are not capable of doing the work — you are Always, capable of Trying.

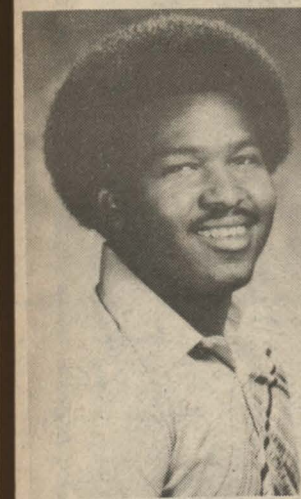
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## Huff Receives Accounting Excellence Award



Melvin Huff

Melvin Huff, a candidate for May graduation was awarded the Accounting Excellence Award by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc. on Monday, April 21, 1980 in Houston, Texas.

The award was presented in the midst of 150 newly acclaimed CPA's and approximately six hundred (600) well-established CPA's and their families.

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Mr. Huff is listed in Who's Who Among College Students; listed as a senior with the

highest academic average in the College of Business and the University (4.00) for the Fall 1980 semester; and President of the Baptist Training Union at his local church.

Mr. Huff was a previous 1979-80 recipient of an AICPA Financial Scholarship which was also given for academic excellence and outstanding leadership. He will graduate with an overall grade point average of 3.87. Mr. Huff plans to sit for the CPA examination in May, 1980.

Mrs. Huff, Dr. B. Rollins, and Mr. Darshan Wadhwa of the College of Business were present at the ceremony.

The College of Business and others at Prairie View are proud of the accomplishments of Mr. Huff and wish him all the success in his future endeavors.

## Class of '53

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11. Presentation of Beaumont chapter project — a T-shirt bearing the class logo (the eternal flame) which is now on sale through that chapter.

12. Discussion of a proposed class cruise

13. Selection of meeting sites for 1981 and 1982.

Each person received personally autographed photographs of James Sullivan who is a Hollywood actor. Additionally, the following awards were presented:

Farthest District Traveled to Meeting: James Sullivan, Hollywood, California. Longest married: McKinley Pickens, 27 years. Most children: Betty Engram Kennedy, 7. Most grandchildren: Horace Perkins, 2. Most recognizable person: Robert Stinnett. Largest group in attendance: Prairie View, Texas.

Appreciation awards were given to Mr. H. T. Jones, Class Sponsor; Mrs. Rose

## PDK Has Successful Year

The Prairie View A&M University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa has experienced a very rewarding and successful year. Phi Delta Kappa is an International Professional Fraternity in the field of education. The Prairie View A&M University Chapter was installed on campus in 1971.

For several years, chapter activities have been outstanding. However, this year has been a banner year under the leadership of our first vice president Dr. Clarissa Booker. Dr. Booker has planned and scheduled a number of programs this year. A summary of the programs are presented in this article.

The first meeting in September was held at the Newman Center. The meeting was a social and business meeting. Dr. Charles T. Edwards, Jr. President recommended the objectives for the year and the recommendations was adopted. The 1979-80 objectives are:

1. Sponsor a minimum for five programs during the 1979-80 year.

2. Develop a cooperative relationship with Phi Delta Kappa Chapters within a radius of 50 miles of Prairie View, Texas.

3. Sponsor at least three Mini workshops on current topics in education.

4. Conduct a mini-research project on a topic significant to student development and student retention at Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Booker announced the calendar of activities for the year. Included were four planned programs. As of this date three programs have been realized.

The first program was in November. Dr. J. L. Brown presented the history of the Prairie View A&M University Chapter. It was observed that the Chapter has experienced both good years and questionable years. However, there

Other elected officers are: Horace Perkins, vice president; Joyce Whiting, secretary; and Milton Whiting, treasurer.

Reunion participants brought the theme "A Rhapsody in Love" to life as they gleefully embraced and greeted one another. It is expected that the class will continue to be active and energetic in the true spirit of Prairie View A&M University.



BASEBALL SCENE

## Upcoming Athletic Events

- FRIDAY, APRIL 25  
BASEBALL — Southwest Texas at Prairie View, Panther Diamond, 1:00 p.m.  
TRACK (men and women) — Prairie View at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 26  
BASEBALL — Jackson State vs. Prairie View, Houston, Texas, 1:00 p.m.  
TRACK (men and women) — Prairie View in Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30  
BASEBALL — Southwestern Athletic Conference Divisional Playoffs (East Champion vs. West Champion) at East Winner.
- THURSDAY, MAY 1  
BASEBALL — Southwestern Athletic Conference Divisional Playoffs (East Champion vs. West Champion) at East Winner.  
TRACK (men and women) — Prairie View in Southwestern Athletic Conference Outdoor Meet, Houston, Texas  
TENNIS — Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament, Houston, Texas.
- FRIDAY, MAY 2  
TRACK (men and women) — Prairie View in Southwestern Athletic Conference Outdoor Meet, Houston, Texas  
TENNIS — Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament, Houston, Texas.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 7  
GOLF — Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament, Houston, Texas.
- THURSDAY, MAY 8  
GOLF — Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament, Houston, Texas.
- FRIDAY, MAY 9  
TRACK (men) — Prairie View in NAIA District 8 Outdoor Meet, Lubbock, Texas.
- SATURDAY, MAY 10  
TRACK (men) — Prairie View in NAIA District 8 Outdoor Meet, Lubbock, Texas.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 14  
BASEBALL — NAIA District 8 playoffs, Arlington, Texas.
- THURSDAY, MAY 15  
BASEBALL — NAIA District 8 playoffs, Arlington, Texas.

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