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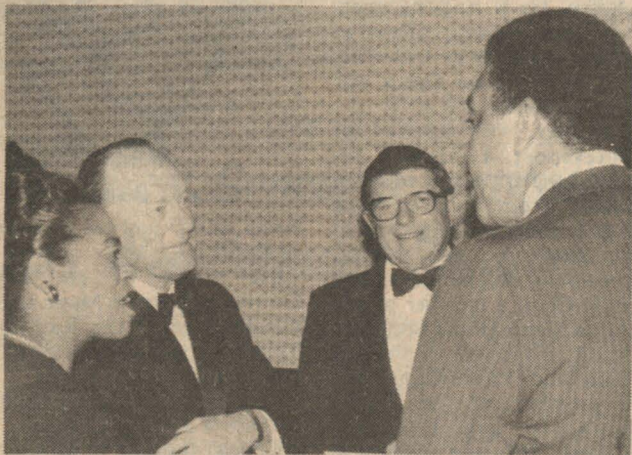
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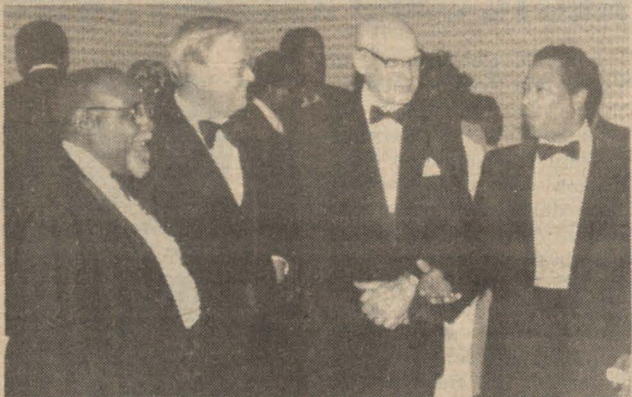
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**PARENTS-OF-THE-YEAR:** Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Garcia were honored during annual meeting of the Parents and Guardians Association. They are flanked by President A. I. Thomas (left) and Association Director Ms. Delia M. Hunt.



**VICTORY BANQUET:** System Regents Vice Chairman H. C. Bell, Jr. and Chairman Clyde H. Wells are pictured talking with guests at the All-Faiths Chapel event in Houston.



**CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS:** Rev. E. Stanley Branch, Regents John R. Blocker and John B. Coleman, all of Houston, discuss building plans with Chancellor Frank W. R. Hubert.

## Texas A&M System — *Regents Authorize Design, Plans for All-Faiths Chapel*

Prairie View A&M University's proposed all faiths chapel moved a step closer to reality Tuesday.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents authorized a \$10,000 appropriation for preparation of a program of requirements, the first step in design of a facility.

A fund-raising campaign was initiated by Prairie View several months ago, and enough money has been raised to employ an architectural/engineering firm to develop the program of requirements, noted Dr. A. I. Thomas, Prairie View president.

Public funds cannot be used to build a chapel, so the project is dependent on private donations, Dr. Thomas pointed out.

## PV to Host National Youth Sports Program

The National Youth Sports Program, which services over 50,000 disadvantaged youth nation wide, will be available at the Prairie View A&M University for the third straight year starting June 9 and continuing until July 12.

The NYSP is open to youth from ages 10 to 18, said Dr. Leroy Moore who will be project administrator on the Prairie View campus.

It is an instructional program for disadvantaged youth which uses sports instruction and competition as a vehicle for motivating disadvantaged youth to earn and learn self respect.

Each participant will receive a free medical examination and follow-up, if necessary, and two free meals. The meals will be provided by the Texas Department of Human Re-

## 1980 Summer Session Getting Underway

Regular registration days for the 1980 Summer Session were set for June 2-3 and classes officially began on Wednesday, June 4.

The closing of registration and program change is scheduled on June 9.

Two six weeks terms are offered during the Summer Session with courses also available on 3-weeks basis.

A highlight of the summer are several special workshops, institutes and programs. Engineering and science lead the list with several programs in each field. These include (1) Engineering Science Advancement Institute, (2) The Engineering Foundation Institute, (3) Minority Introduction to

sources summer food service program.

Dr. Moore said the NYSP is open to youth without regards to race, color or national origin.

Engineering (MITE) workshop (4) Student Science Training Program in Chemistry, (5) The Engineering Concepts Institute (ECI) and (6) The Chemical Concepts Institute.

Offered for the first time is the Intensive Language Institute for Spanish Proficiency. This program of instruction concentrates on the development of oral-aural proficiency as an adjunct skill to the chosen profession of the participant after a minimal amount of time.

Other special programs include a Cosmetology Institute, and Trade Show; workshop in Industrial Education and Technology for High School Students; a Summer School Certification Program; Upward Bound; and the Experiment in Living Program.

## System Board Approves PV Fee Increase

The Texas A&M University System regents recently approved an administration proposal at PVA&M to raise rates for room, board, laundry and student services fees to offset increased operating costs.

Beginning this fall, board rates at the university will be \$478 per semester, up \$48. Room rates for Drew and Holley Halls will be \$383; Banks and Fuller, \$329; and all other dormitories, \$300, for an average increase of \$30. The laundry fee will be increased from \$40 to \$47, and the student services fee is set for \$5 per semester credit hour, or a maximum of \$60 per semester.

## Class of 1930 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1930 celebrated its golden-anniversary reunion May 2-4, 1980. Reunion festivities began Friday evening, May 2, with a reception at the Marriott Hotel on Braeswood in Houston.

On Saturday, May 3, approximately forty class

member and guests came to Prairie View A&M University by chartered bus. While on campus they enjoyed a luncheon at which President A. I. Thomas was the guest speaker. Additionally, during the luncheon they were entertained with a dramatic

presentation by Miss Mattie Arps and Mr. Edgar\* Faucett from the University's forensic team and by selections from Mr. Gerald Walker and Mr. Gregory Floyd from the Department of Music.

Following the luncheon the visiting alumni were given a

guided tour of the campus.

The Class of 1930 led the Commencement processional into the Field House at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 3. During the Commencement exercises their respective degrees were reconferred by Dr. A. I. Thomas.

All activities were planned and coordinated by the 1930 REunion Committee which was composed of Mr. Marion Lewis, Mrs. Artye M. Huckaby, Dr. Elneita Stewart, Mrs. Lois Brantly, and Miss Ida M. Treadville. On campus coordination was accomplished by Mrs. Pauline D. Bonner, Director of Alumni Affairs.

Many of the golden anniversary alumni expressed their pleasure and pride in the progress made over the past fifty years by Prairie View A&M University and indicated their plans to return to the campus more often.

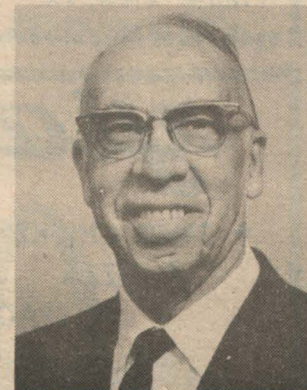


The 1930 Class group pictured during May Commencement Activities.

## Book Review Set June 25

"The Brethren" by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong will be reviewed by Dr. Noble Armstrong, retired professor of Education on Wednesday evening, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the President's Campus Residence.

The event is another presentation of Century Two Book Review series. Dr. Clarissa Booker is coordinator of this special university program.



Dr. Noble Armstrong



The Survival of Kitty McDowell

### PV Staff Member Has Play Running at Main Street Theatre

Jack Weeks, news director at Prairie View A&M University and his writing partner, Diana Paschal have a play running at Main Street Theatre in Houston called "The Survival of Kitty McDowell." It is a turn of the century comedy-drama about an indomitable woman who gets involved with a Texas oil promoter. The play is being produced by Becky Udden at the theater which is housed in the Autry House, across the street from the Rice University main campus. Neil "Sandy" Havens, director of the Rice players, directed the drama. Nancy Ellen Walker plays the title role of Kitty, and William Burford plays Sam Dawson, the oilman.

Student tickets are \$2.00, adults \$4.00. For reservations call 524-6706.

U.S. egg production, totaling 69.1 billion eggs, was up three percent in 1979.

### Civil Engineering One Big Family

Prairie View A&M University's College of Engineering is made up of several disciplines, of which the Civil Engineering Department is a member. The College of Engineering is growing larger each year, and with this growth of the College of Engineering comes the growth of the Civil Engineering Department. Mr. A. E. Greaux and Dr. R. N. S. Rao, Dean of Engineering and Professor of Civil Engineering respectively are largely responsible.

The Civil Engineering Department currently has an enrollment of more than one hundred students, but this growth has not caused the C.E. department to stray away from its tradition of treating everyone as an individual.

The pride of the Engineering Department and the envy of

### PV Forensics Team Competes in Alabama Meet

The PV A&M Forensics Team returned recently from competing in the Individual Speaking Events National Championship Tournament of the National Forensic Association. The tournament was held April 24-29, at the University of Montevallo, near Birmingham, Alabama.

Thirteen students represented Prairie View in this annual event along with their coaches, Dr. Millard Eiland, Director of Forensics, and Mr. C. Lee Turner, Assistant Director of Forensics.

The students competed well against very talented young people from about 130 colleges from all over the U.S. Although Prairie View's students this year did not win any awards, they equipped themselves well and they received first place ranks in some preliminary rounds. Several students came quite close to

reaching the quarter-final rounds.

Prairie View was one of only four Texas colleges competing. The others were The University of Houston, Trinity University, and West Texas State. Only one other traditionally Black college, Clark University of Atlanta, Georgia, was represented.

The following students competed in these events: Poetry Interpretation: Paul Osborne; Prose Interpretation: Terry Spivey, Lillian Randle, Curtis Stansberry, Rodney Hobbs, and Carol Ware. Expository Speaking: Jack Thompson, Edgar Faucett. Impromptu Speaking: Edgar Faucett.

Duo-Dramatic Interpretation (two-person teams): Carol Ware/Frederick Wade; Sharon Williams/Lillian Randle; Mattie Arps/Edgar Faucett; Curtis Stansberry/Tyrone Grant; Paul Osborne/Carlos Pierott.

### Four Seminars Sponsored by Social Work-Sociology Dept.

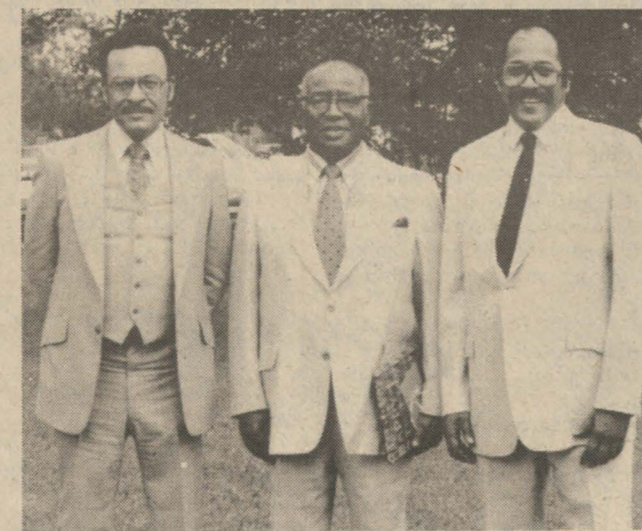
The Department of Social Work and Sociology recently presented the final in a series of four seminars scheduled on topics of interest to department majors and the university community.

Mrs. Ruth McRoy, M.S.W., spoke on the topic, "The Changing Face of Adoptions — Issues and Implications for Black Children." Her paper described the very serious problems associated with finding homes for many Black children, especially those who are no longer babies and handicapped children.

Some of the programs to alleviate the problems of homeless Black children were spelled out and suggestions for further action discussed.

A film was shown entitled "Everybody Needs a Forenc Home" which left few dry eyes in the room.

Mrs. McRoy is currently studying the doctorate degree in Social Work at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. She is recent recipient of a Danforth Fellowship and is writing her doctoral dissertation on the subject of Travis-racial adoption.



PV-ITES HOLD FAMILY REUNION — Dr. T. R. Solomon, retired administrator, is flanked by his two sons, Samuel (left) of Phoenix, Arizona and James, a Detroit High School principal. The graduation of Samuel's daughter, Terry, brought a host of family members back to PV in May.

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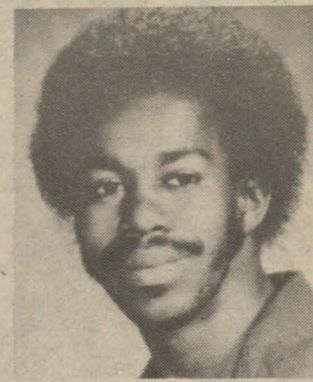
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### May Grad to Study Music In Austria This Summer

Gary L. Beaner, an alumnus of Prairie View A&M University is studying voice this summer at AIMS Institute in Graz, Austria.

Of the 1,000 contestants who auditioned for the studies, Beaner is among the few chosen. He is studying under Ms. Irma Cooper, professor of voice at Ohio State University and Metropolitan Opera star George Shirley.

Beaner, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, received the B.A. and M.A. in music from Prairie View A&M, under the leadership of Dr Rubye Hebert. He was president of the Louisiana PVU Club, a member of Mu Alpha Sigma Honor Society in Music, a member of the Joy Bible Study Prayer Group, and a member of the Opera workshop and University Chorals. He was a recipient of the Most Outstanding Student Award in Vocal Music, and Excellence Awards from the



Gary L. Beaner

Army ROTC and the College of Business.

He hopes to get his Doctorate Degree in Music and become one of the leading Tenors at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

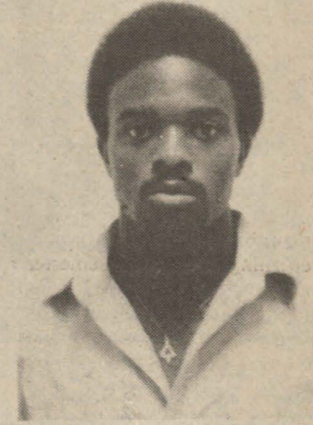
Gary's mailing address while in Austria is: Gary L. Beaner, American Institute of Musical Studies, Elisabethstrasse 93, A-8010 Graz, Austria, Tel.: 0316-32158.

### AROTC Cadet Receives Award

Lester R. Coleman, son of Percy and Alene Coleman from Columbus, Texas, was selected for the National Defense Transportation Association Award. There are approximately 290 universities with an AROTC program and only the twenty most outstanding MS IV cadets nationwide were selected for this prestigious award. Among the requirements for the award were that the candidate be enrolled in his last year of Military Science, be in the top 25% of his academic class and be recommended by the Professor of Military Science and the Dean of Industrial Education.

This is the first time that a student from Prairie View A&M University has received this award.

Cadet Lester R. Coleman was presented this award by



Coleman

Colonel Andrew R. Bland, Jr., the PMS of the Prairie View A&M University Army ROTC Program on May 9, 1980. Cadet Coleman was overjoyed when informed that he had been chosen to receive this award.

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### Chemical Concepts Institute Has Well-Rounded Program

Students enrolled in the Chemical Concepts Institute realize there is a lot to know about a professor who bans TV viewing, puts aside the textbook and promises spending weekends at Astro World or any one of the many tourist attractions in New Orleans.

"We're going to have fun," says William E. Reid, assistant professor of chemistry and supervisor of the Chemical Concepts Institute. "We're going to have a well-rounded program in recreation to balance the work load."

The forty or so enrolled in the Institute this year make up the largest group since the program was started three summers ago.

And Reid dispels any thought of students not returning for the fall semester.

"They're committed when they come," he says. "Last year we had only one or two not to return. We expect about 90 percent of these back because we're going to treat them so good.

"I've completely revamped the program," Reid says. "I'm not going to take a book. I'm going to have them learn theory through solving problems."

Reid, a jovial, fatherly professor who has taught chemistry at Prairie View for

25 years, grows more and more ebullient as he recounts some of the encouraging moments of his tenure.

"It's so wonderful when you can throw out a problem and the students throw the answer right back at you.

"I love them, and they love me," he says.

As for the banning of TV sets, Reid says he took a vote among one of his previous groups before making it a regulation for the recent high school graduates.

Reid says that, like students in other institutes at Prairie View this summer, his group will live in a sectional community in the dormitory, which allows for closer supervision.

The Institute, which lasts 12 weeks, is designed to provide training in fundamental mathematics, chemical concepts and computer science, and communication skills for high school students with high ability.

Reid says students should have a grade-point average of 3.0 to get into the program, but adds sometimes lower averages are accepted because often transcripts bear an inaccurate reflection of a student's ability. High recommendations are also a great factor.

"It's unfortunate that they're so grade conscious," he

### Students Eligible For ROTC by Taking Six Weeks Training

Twenty-eight Prairie View A&M University students who did not enroll in ROTC at the beginning of their college studies will become eligible for the Advanced Army ROTC Course by attending a special six-week program at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the summer.

Under the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964, students and others who do not take the ROTC basic course may qualify for advanced ROTC by attending the six-week course commencing with the first cycle on May 19 and ends with graduation on June 26. The second cycle will be June 9 through July 17 and the third cycle July 7 through August 14. Those who complete the advanced course are commissioned as second lieutenants.

The ROTC Basic Camp emphasizes leadership development and is designed to bring the student to a level of military training and education which will qualify them for enrollment in the Advanced Course Senior ROTC Program. Only students who have successfully completed either the Basic Course or the Basic Camp, and certain armed forces veterans, are eligible for the advanced course.

Students taking the summer program will be paid \$450.00 for the six weeks of training. In addition, they will receive free room and board and reimbursement for transportation to and from Fort Knox. If they successfully complete the accelerated summer program and are admitted to the advanced course, they will receive an allowance of \$100 a month.

At the Basic Camp, students receive instruction in military drill, tactics, history, weapons, communication and leadership techniques.

Of the twenty-eight students attending the ROTC Basic Camp this summer, 27 are females.

says. "Everybody wants a good grade but not everybody is willing to work for it."

Reid says that without a program like the Chemical Concepts Institute, the students could remain severely disoriented about the discipline which they have chosen to make a career of.

He concedes that so many of the rigid guidelines he lays down for scholarship are not welcomed at first by the students.

"But I tell them they just have to trust me. Because I'm going to make it (the Institute) good," he says.

### Scenes From All-Faiths Chapel Campaign Victory Banquet



### Dr. Wyatt Speaks At Waller Banquet

Dr. Lucius R. Wyatt, Director of the Prairie View A&M University Symphonic Band was the guest speaker at the Annual Band Awards Banquet of the Waller High School Band. The Banquet was held on Thursday evening, May 8th in the Waller High School Cafeteria. Dr. Wyatt spoke on the subject, "Values to be derived from Band Participation!" The Awards Banquet was attended by Waller High School students, parents and teachers.

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## Teaching Positions Open — Shreveport, La. Schools Offer Good Salaries and Benefits

The Caddo Parish School Board, operating a public school system of approximately 47,000 students, is seeking teacher applicants for its seventy schools. The school system seeks to inform PV graduates in teacher education of its needs for teachers in all areas from elementary through secondary, including special education.

Caddo Parish is an area of approximately 240,000 population in the northwestern corner of Louisiana. Shreveport, a city of more than 208,000, is the metropolitan center of this area. It is rapidly becoming a major educational and medical center with several area colleges and universities offering graduate courses in education and a medical

school. Shreveport is also a cultural center for the surrounding area with its museums, galleries, planetarium, libraries, theatres, recreational facilities, and sports events.

Caddo Parish School Board supports its teachers with good administration, salaries, and fringe benefits. Salaries begin at \$12,228.00 for a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree. Twelve days for sick or emergency leave, without loss of pay, are granted each year. The Board also pays hospitalization insurance for employees. The state teacher retirement system is one of the best in the nation. Teachers participate in local, state, and national professional organizations.

## Credit Union Board Holds 15 Percent Interest Rate Ceiling

The National Credit Union Administration Board decided at the May 8 meeting not to raise the Federal credit union loan interest rate ceiling above the recently enacted statutory limit of 15 percent.

The primary factor in the Board decision not to raise the rate at this time was the present decline of Treasury bill rates to 8.90 percent as of May 5, 1980, from the 12.28 percent level of six months ago.

The Board instructed staff to monitor changes in the six-month Treasury Bill rate and if it reaches 11 percent, staff should immediately begin the statute mandated consultative process to again consider raising the loan interest rate. In considering a change in the ceiling, the Board must act in compliance with the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980, which increased the FCU loan interest rate ceiling from 12 to 15 percent.

The Act permits the NCUA Board to raise the ceiling for periods not to exceed 18 months, if first, after consultations with the appropriate committees of the Congress, the Department of the Treasury, and the Federal financial institution regulatory agencies, the Board determine that the money market interest rates have risen over the preceding six month period and that prevailing interest rate levels threaten the safety and soundness of individual credit unions as evidenced by adverse trends in liquidity, capital, earnings and growth.

While acknowledging that past interest rate levels have adversely impacted credit union liquidity, capital, earnings and growth, the Board felt that the statute limits NCUA to circumstances when the prevailing or current rates are so high as to cause these adverse impacts. Because of their concern over the possibility of a rapid rise in market rates and the impact on credit unions, however, the

Texas commissioner of higher education, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, said the study was undertaken last fall, but in view of the current 18 percent inflation rate, "the findings now are almost understatement. Nothing is hurting higher education more than inflation.

Village Hotel.

Fifty junior and senior Prairie View nursing students are members of the pre-professional organization, TNSA, a member of the National Nursing Students Association, gives students the opportunity to become acquainted with issues in nursing as well as learning the role of the professional nurse.

The overall rate of farm fatalities was 14.5 per 100,000 farm residents and workers in 1976.



ALUMNI MEETING — Several class reunions and a general meeting of the National Alumni Association were held on campus during the May Commencement period.

## Greenleaf Receives Armed Forces Award

2LT Dianna Greenleaf, daughter of Mr. Ben Greenleaf from Houston, Texas was presented the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award on Monday, May 12, 1980.

This award, which consists of a gold medal pendant and certificate, is presented annually to the most outstanding cadet in each ROTC unit who meets all of the following criteria:

a. Be a senior majoring in mathematics, chemistry, physics, engineering or photography, who has pursued or is pursuing courses clearly intended to prepare him for a career in communications, electronics, or technical photography.

b. Have demonstrated outstanding qualities of military leadership, high moral character, and definite aptitude for military service.

c. Have distinguished himself either academically or by demonstrated leadership while participating in recognized campus activities, especially in the fields of communication, electronics or technical photography.

2LT Greenleaf received her commission and a BA Degree in Mass Communications on May 4, 1980 during the Prairie View A&M University Commencement Ceremony.

Throughout her four years of study at Prairie View, she was quite active in student organizations and she received

Board directed staff to closely monitor these rates.

The NCUA is an independent agency of the U.S. government that insures the accounts and oversees the operation of more than 12,700 FCUs. The agency also insures the member accounts in an additional 4,318 state-chartered CUs.



Dr. George H. Stafford represented President Thomas in presenting Award to Miss Greenleaf.

many honors. Her honors and student activities include:

Honors: Alpha Kappa Mu University Honor Society; Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society; Experiment in Living Honor Society; I Dare You Leadership Award; Who's Who in American Citizenship Award 1976; Prairie View A&M University Woman of the Year 1978; Army ROTC Queen, Delta Company, 1979; Army ROTC Queen, Alpha Company, 1978; Superior Cadet 1978; President's Honor Roll 7 semesters.

Received B.A. Degree Cum Laude.

Activities: First Vice-President-Acting President Eta Beta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Suspension Officer Hamilton-Fearing Counter Guerrilla Co.; First Vice President Club Chic Social Organization; Marketing and Management Club; American Field Service Foreign Exchange Program; Member, Woman's Council Prairie View A&M University; Fourth Mass Communications Club.

## Young is Winner of 1979-80 George C. Marshall Award

Annually, the George C. Marshall Research Foundation provides an award to the most outstanding MS IV (senior) cadet at each college/university. Criteria for Selection: The recipient of the George C. Marshall ROTC Award must:

a. Be the most outstanding MS IV ROTC cadet.

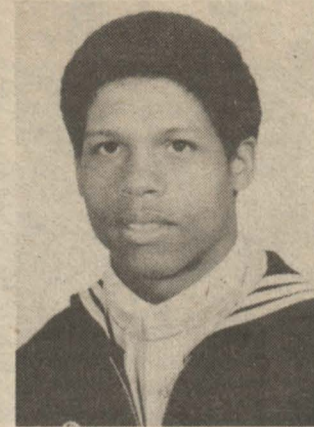
b. Have completed ROTC Advanced Camp or equivalent (Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia).

c. Have demonstrated excellence in academic and military studies.

d. Have demonstrated leadership ability.

The George C. Marshall ROTC Award consists of a certificate, a copy of the official biography of General Marshall and an all expense paid trip to Lexington, Virginia to participate in a National Security Conference. Representatives from each of the colleges/universities that sponsor the Army ROTC Senior program on their campuses will attend the National Security Conference which is held on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute.

This year's Prairie View A&M University George C. Marshall Award winner is Cadet/LTC Ronald Young, the executive officer for the cadet battalion. Cadet Young is a senior cadet from Houston, Texas who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of Mrs. Elders Young of Houston. He



Ronald Young

has received the following awards and decorations:

a. Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award, 1979.

b. Distinguished Military Student Award, 1980-81.

c. A Regular Army Commission.

He is a member of the following student organizations:

National Society of Scabbard and Blades, Army Drill Team, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Junior Fellows

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## PV Professor Reads Paper at Meet for Social Scientists

Dr. Purvis M. Carter, Associate Professor, Department of History, read a paper in a Phi Alpha Theta sponsored session of the 60th, 1980, annual convention of the Southwestern Social Science Association. That Association, comprising such disciplines as History, Economics, Geography, Sociology and Political Science and boasting representation from Universities around the United States and abroad, convened at the Hyatt Regency, Houston, April 2-5, 1980.

Dr. Carter's paper entitled, "The Black Press and Its Counterparts: Legislative, Congressional and Public Relation to the Application of Wilsonian Caribbean Policy in Haiti, 1913-1917," is an extension of previous research projects, some revealed Theses and United States Diplomatic History class sessions and a reaction to a current interpretation relative to the Wilsonian-Haitian venture, 1913-1917." A thesis examined is that whether Negro Americans supported or opposed overseas expansion, the perspective from which they viewed outward thrust was substantially different from that of other Americans. That contention is that the deteriorating status of Blacks in the United States which accompanied a vigorous late 19th and early 20th century outward thrust of the United States mirrored a negative and unconcerned reaction of Blacks relative to those issues in the antion's international affairs. The conclusions evolving from the study relegated to a limited scope, 1898-1902, were fairly when applied to the period covered by an extended scope, 1913-1917, which was based on some additional sources.

Dr. Carter's findings revealed that Blacks' reaction to Wilsonian venture in Haiti, as depicted in the Black press such as *The Savannah Tribune*, *The Oakland Sunshine*, *The Washington Bee*, *The Cleveland Gazette*, *The Chicago Broad Ax*, along with other Black newspapers, did not differ from that of other reactions examined, including other newspapers, such as *The New York Times*, *The*

policy regarding ROTC students:

1. In the event that Selective Service registration is imposed, all students enrolled in the Senior ROTC program will be classified 1D and granted exemption from military induction.

2. Any student who drops out of the college ROTC program prior to commissioning will lose his ID classification and will only be eligible for a deferment to finish that semester, if he is a freshman, sophomore or junior, or finish that school year and graduate if he is a senior.

The value per acre of farm real estate shot up 16 percent nationally last year. That followed a 12-percent boost in 1978 and a nine-percent hike in 1977, reports the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



PARENTS OF THE YEAR — Among the winners of this year's honors were (from left) — Mrs. Carrie Hunter of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alexander, Dallas; Mrs. Rubye Lee Hunter and daughter, Houston.

## Summer Reading Program Offered

The Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa

*Christian Science Monitor*, *The Houston Post*, as well as reaction as reflected in the State Legislative Journals, The Congressional Record and the Papers of President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State Robert Lansing relative to the United States intervention in Haiti, 1913-1917. Commentators recognized the thoroughness of the research related to complex conclusions. The study revealed, among other features, dangers involved in accepting generalizations

and interpretations, the printed word, as the final word on a given subject. It is in the interest of a not a few to pursue the elusive truth. A lively and revealing question and answer session followed. The experience was considered rewarding and informative, and partial results of gracious invitations extended by Dr. Ben Procter, Professor in the Department of History Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

Alpha Sorority of Prairie View, Texas, will sponsor a Summer Reading Program for

children in Grades 1 through 7 on June 9 continuing through July 30, 1980. The program will be held in the Children's Reading Room of the W. R. Banks Library, Prairie View A&M University, each Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. Parents are asked to encourage their children to participate in this reading experience designed for the enlightenment, enrichment, and enjoyment for the children of the community. Lonnette T. Jones, reporter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Telephone: 857-3356

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## Coordinating Board Report — Inflation Hurting Texas Higher Education

Inflation has seriously reduced the ability of Texas colleges and universities to keep up with the costs of meeting basic educational needs, according to a study for the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The study found that recent levels of funding for faculty salaries and the purchase of books and other library materials have been drastically impaired by the inflationary spiral. As a result, the report said, "Substantial increases in legislative appropriations will be required to prevent higher education from losing further ground."

The value of the dollar in purchasing goods and services for higher education has dropped to almost half of what it was a decade ago. Since 1969 inflation has eroded the dollar's value by 45 percent in the labor-intensive college and university sector.

A large portion of the impact of the inflationary losses has been borne by faculty members, who have

lost almost 15 percent of their purchasing power since 1969. That decline "stands in contrast to the experience of all employed workers in the general economy . . ." the report said. "If the average worker nationwide had experienced the persistent declines in real income which have afflicted faculty, the general economy probably would have remained in a perpetual recession throughout the decade."

Spending on books and other library materials also has undergone "serious reductions" in recent years to compensate for rising energy costs. Real spending in these areas declined approximately 20 percent from 1969 to 1979.

Texas commissioner of higher education, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, said the study was undertaken last fall, but in view of the current 18 percent inflation rate, "the findings now are almost understatement. Nothing is hurting higher education more than inflation.

attended the Texas Nursing Students Association (TNSA) held recently at the Astro

## Nursing Students Attend Conference

Students from the Prairie A&M University College of Nursing, Houston Campus,

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# Army ROTC News

## Army ROTC Closes Out School Year

An address delivered by Colonel Andrew R. Bland, Jr., Professor of Military Science, President Thomas, Mrs. Ford, Colonel Charlton, Mr. Clavin, members of the faculty and staff, students, and visitors. What A Magnificent Year!! The successes realized can be attributed to many people in many positions. I take this opportunity to express appreciation — to the administration for creating an atmosphere that is conducive to productivity and creativity and for providing the support necessary for success.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Sponsors ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER JUNE 11 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Freeze King Barbecue Chicken and Refreshments

An address delivered by Col. Andrew R. Bland, Jr., Professor of Military Science.

To the faculty and staff for fully supporting our every endeavor.

To my cadre members for implementing the plans and programs and for continuously displaying the knowledge, sensitivity and sincerity necessary to establish credibility. Credibility is essential to success.

To the Military Science I (freshman) cadets for taking this first step along the road that will culminate in your becoming "Productive People." This year you have developed or reinforced skills such as self-discipline, organizational abilities, self-confidence and leadership. We look forward to having you back with us next year. You must come back to school next year.

To the Military Science II (sophomore) cadets for significant contributions to the program and for further developing those skills you learned as freshmen. To those of you who will be remaining with us in the advanced program, I say welcome and let

us look forward to an exciting and challenging year. To those of you who will be leaving the program, take the skills with you and become productive ministers, teachers and engineers or whatever.

I contend that the primary purpose of our organization is to assist the university in producing competent human beings some of whom will become Army officers. There are not enough officer billets available to accommodate all who enter the program, so those of you leaving — take our best with you.

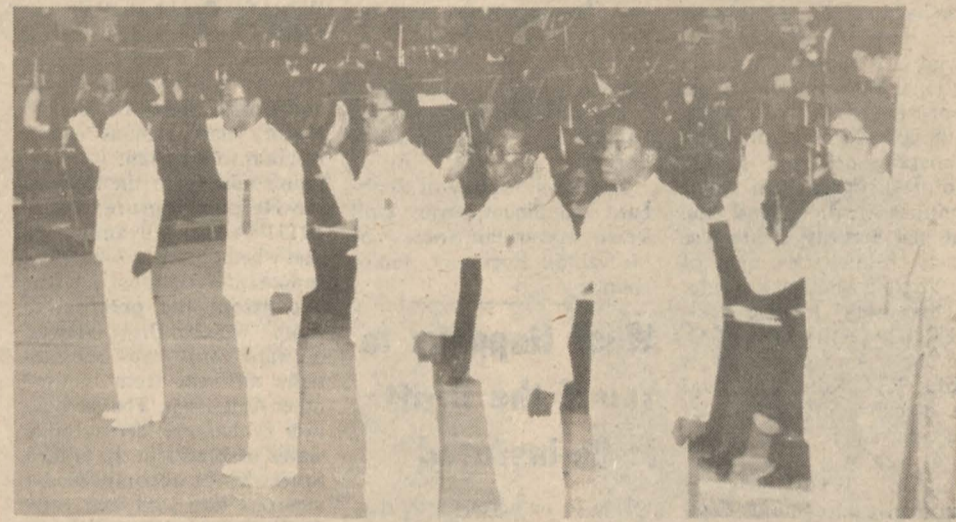
To the Military Science III (junior) cadets — I anticipate that the results realized at advanced camp this summer will be the best in the history of the university. I say to you "Drive On!"

To the Military Science IV (senior) cadets — special thanks and Bon voyage. May your paths be straight, your travels easy and may the soft

## Commissioning Exercises



NEWLY COMMISSIONED ARMY OFFICERS are pictured (front row, left to right): Col. Andrew R. Bland, Jr., PMS; 2LT. Diunna Greenleaf, 2LT. Chalmus Allen, 2LT. Linda Joseph, 2LT. Frederic Lamb, 2LT. Ricardo Allen, and Col (p) Julius Parker, Jr. (Back row, left to right): 2LT. Anthony Pickens, 2LT. Joe Nelson, III, 2LT. Donald Gamble, 2LT. James Scott, and 2LT. Julius Sheppard.



SIX ROTC GRADUATES take oath during Commissioning Exercises: (left to right): Ensign Melvin Clack, Ensign Hulen M. Davis, Jr., Ensign Billy Kelly, 2LT. Jimmy Wilson, 2LT. Robert Bentford and Ensign Vincent Jeffries.

## Three Distinguished Grads Commissioned

Three Prairie View A&M winds of good fortune always blow upon your sails.

This has indeed been a magnificent year here at Prairie View. As I visit High Schools throughout the state and on a recent trip back to the east coast my primary message is:

To those who believe that patriotism is dead — I say, come to Prairie View A&M University.

To those who believe that no one cares — I say, come to Prairie View A&M University.

To those who believe that preparing young people to lead productive lives is impossible — I say, come to Prairie View A&M University. Come to Prairie View A&M University and fill your cups from the fountain of productivity.

Special recognitions are in order for some young people who have joined us today and have presented awards to our cadets:

Mrs. Don Ford — representing Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel (Retired) Sam Charlton — representing the Military Orders of World Wars, and Mr. Aubrey Calvin — representing Sons of the American Revolution.

Finally I would like to recognize the accomplishments of Cadet Colonel Allen and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Young, the Commander and Deputy Commander respectively — Gentlemen you have performed magnificently.

What a Magnificent Year! Thank you.

University ROTC graduates were designated Distinguished Military Graduates and were commissioned into the U.S. Army at commissioning ceremonies in campus May 4, 1980.

Selection of distinguished military graduates is based on an evaluation of each cadet's academic and military science record during the senior year. Distinguished non-scholarship military graduates have the

## Farewell

On May 4, 1980, Prairie View A&M University bid farewell and good luck to the class of 1980. Along with the Class of 1980, went a pair of track stars, Essie Kelly and Debra Melrose.

For four years their legs kept Prairie View in the eyes of the nation, because Essie and Debra helped turn the women's track team into a conference power house. With Essie claiming the 800 meter her own, leaving the hurdles and sprinting events to her team-mate Debra.

Debra Melrose's biggest moment came in the National AAU Indoor Meet. Running first leg she helped the relay team post a 3:43:0 timing, which is a world's record on a 165 track; while one of Essie's biggest moments on the track field came in the "79" Pam Am Game. Running fourth leg in the mile relay, she turned the race into a landslide.

The following poem, "Farewell" is written in memory of

opportunity of applying for Regular Army commissions after their graduation or accepting commissions in the Army Reserve.

The first step in winning the distinguished military graduate designation comes just before the end of the junior year, when the ROTC instructors rate the cadets and select distinguished military students. Those distinguished military students who maintain high standards during ROTC advanced camp and their senior year may then qualify as distinguished military graduates.

The Prairie View A&M University ROTC students designated as distinguished military graduates are: 2LT Richard V. Allen, Panama City, Panama; 2LT James E. Scott, Monroe, Louisiana; 2LT Donald Gamble, Hubbard, Texas.

Debra Melrose and Essie Kelly, two track stars.

"FAREWELL" They ran their race and ran it well Now it's time to say farewell" for all that knew them love them so Knowing that one day they had to go Essie and Debra, your task is done The hearts on many you've surely won We take this time to wish you well One-time students of Prairie View "Farewell!"

By Christopher Willis

## Womens Track Team Wins TFA-USA Outdoor Championship

The Prairie View Pantherettes parlayed five first place finishes and some other high finishes into their second straight Track and Field Association-United States of America track crown over the weekend in Wichita, Kansas. The Pantherettes netted 121 points.

Nabbing first place medals were Essie Kelley in the invitational 800 meters, Debra Melrose in the 400 meter hurdles, Patricia Jackson in the 400 meters and Karen Waddell in the shot put.

In addition, the 1600-meter relay team of Angela Dudley, Pat Jackson, Debra Melrose and Essie Kelley walked away with the first place in that race also.

The Pantherettes sped to a 3:37.9 clocking in the 1600-meter relay easily outdistancing the field with the D.C. International Track Club finishing second in a time of 3:38.8.

It was the second straight team victory for the Pantherettes in the TFA-USA meet.

Jackson also finished fifth in the 200 meters and ran a leg on the 400 meter relay.

Melrose placed fourth in the 100 meter hurdles and long jump and also ran a leg on the 400 meter relay.

Easter Gabriel finished seventh in the 400 meter dash.

RESULTS	
<b>ESSIE KELLEY</b> 800 METERS 2:07.2 (1-finals)	<b>PATRICIA JACKSON</b> 400 METERS 54.05 (1-heat 1) 53.03 (1-finals)
<b>1600 METER RELAY</b> 3:42.14 (1-heat 1) 3:37.9 (1-finals)	<b>200 METERS</b> 24.16 (1-heat 3) 24.12 (5-finals)
<b>DEBRA MELROSE</b> 100 METER HURDLES 14.40 (1-heat 2) 14.62 (4-finals)	<b>400 METER RELAY</b> 45.1 (2-heat 1) 46.43 (3-finals)
<b>400 METER HURDLES</b> 59.22 (1-finals)	<b>1600 METER RELAY</b> 3:42.14 (1-heat 1) 3:37.9 (1-finals)
<b>LONG JUMP</b> 18-10 (4-finals)	<b>ANGELA DUDLEY</b> 400 METERS 55.33 (3-heat 3) 1600 METER RELAY 3:42.14 (1-heat 1) 3:37.9 (1-finals)
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<b>DEBORAH EDWARDS</b> 400 METER RELAY 45.1 (2-heat 1) 46.43 (3-finals)	
<b>EASTER GABRIEL</b> 400 METERS 55.27 (2-heat 2) 55.82 (7-finals)	

**RELAY TEAMS:**  
400 METERS: Deborah Edwards-Pat Roberts-Debra Melrose-Pat Jackson (45.1)  
Deborah Edwards-Pat Roberts-Debra Melrose-Pat Jackson (46.43)  
1600 METERS: Angela Dudley-Pat Jackson-Debra Melrose-Essie Kelley (3:42.12)  
Angela Dudley-Pat Jackson-Debra Melrose-Essie Kelley (3:37.9)  
TEAM CHAMPIONS WITH 121 POINTS

## PV Track Coach Speaks at Banquet

Miss Barbara Jacket, Prairie View A&M Women's Track coach was the principal speaker at the Spur High School All Sports Banquet, honoring all Spur High athletes on May 17.

Also a speaker for the event was former Spur track star and PV ace runner Essie Kelley.



Coach John Tankersley

Al Gomez

## Four Panthers Listed on All SWAC Baseball Team

### Tankersley Named Coach of the Year

John Tankersley was named coach of the year in the Western Division Southwestern Athletic Conference team all league team as voted by the league's coaches.

Tankersley guided the Panthers to a 23-10 record and second place finish in the Western Division with a 7-5 loop mark. The Panthers are set to play in the NAIA District 8 playoffs starting May 14 in Arlington Stadium.

"It's an honor to be named coach of the year," Tankersley said, especially with the number of top notch coaches we have in this conference. It's an honor not only for me, but for my players especially after the things we have been through this past season. For the players to win more than 20 games and get some honors within the conference makes the season a success!"

Four other Prairie View players were also honored by the coaches vote.

### Department Staff Photos Sought by Yearbook Office

The Publication office is seeking to update faculty and staff photos for the "1980 Pantherland" which will go to press this summer.

Group photos of department members is encouraged this year as a substitute for individual shots. However individual "mug" shots are accepted.

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## Senior Shortstop Named to NCAA All-District Team

Denwitt Williams, senior shortstop from Houston, Texas, was named to the second team NCAA II Midwest All-District team.

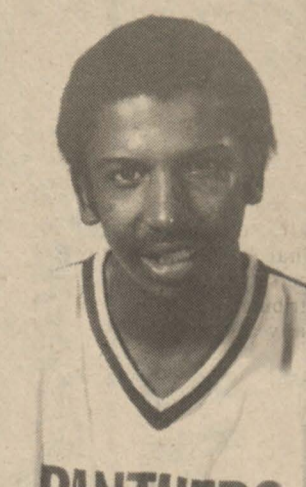
Williams was the only Prairie View player selected on the three teams picked by NCAA Division II Midwest District coaches.

The 5-8, 175-pound senior, hit .336 and knocked in 21 runs in the Panthers surge to a 23-11 record this past season.

"Williams was one of the steadiest players on the team," said coach John Tankersley. "He covered lots of ground at shortstop and delivered some

doubled as designated hitter and catcher. He led the team with nine doubles and four home runs and was fourth with a batting average of .355. He was perfect with nine steals while throwing out 11 runners.

Hudson, recently named the male athlete of the year at Prairie View, was the ace of the Panther staff with six victories and two losses. He forged an earned run average of 3.05 and led the team with 57 strikeouts in 56 innings.



Denwitt Williams

timely hits. He was a prime force in the success of our season!"

Williams also teamed with junior second baseman Al Gomez as the Panthers turned in 15 doubleplays during the season. "We had a strong defense up the middle and Williams was a major part of it," Tankersley said.

He was one of only four ball players to play in all 34 games.

## 1980 Football Schedule

September 6	Southwest Texas State Univ.	San Antonio, night
13	Open	
20	Jackson State University	Jackson, Ms.
27	Southern University	Baton Rouge, night
October 4	Grambling State University	Dallas, night
11	Bishop College	Dallas, night
18	Texas Lutheran College	Prairie View, 1:30 p.m.
25	Open	
November 1	Mississippi Valley State Univ.	Itta Bena, Ms., 1:30 p.m.
8	Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Prairie View, 1:30 p.m.
15	Alcorn State University	Prairie View, 1:30 p.m.
22	Texas Southern University	Houston, night
	PV is Home Team	

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