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LOOKING GOOD — The PV campus is a more attractive place due to the likes of Jennifer Jones (top left), Darlene Williams, Meredith McNeely, Sharon Gamble and Krist Wickliff.

PV Productive People Coordinating Board Endorses

System Building Requests

The Coordinating Board endorsed 10 requests totaling \$39.2 million for projects at Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston. The projects include a \$16.2 million engineering laboratory and office building, an \$8.4 million women's dormitory and a \$4.2 million meat science and technology center at Texas A&M. Also covered were a \$4.5 million dormitory at Galveston and a \$2.5 million agricultural research facility and a \$656,000 tennis complex at Prairie View.

"We were highly pleased with the reception and positive action by the Coordinating Board regarding our requests for new facilities," noted Chancellor Frank W. R. Hubert.

Dr. Hubert said facilities such as the agricultural research facility planned for Prairie View A&M will enable it to assume national and international leadership in goat milk programs, he added, and the new dormitory at Galveston will alleviate acute housing problems which have adversely affected enrollment expansion at the marine-oriented school.



RECEIVES PHD — Jean Norris Scales, B.A., '51, associate professor of English at North Carolina Central University, Durham, received the Ph.D. degree in English at the May 11 commencement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The title of her dissertation was "The Mind of Francis Jeffrey: An Analysis of His Rhetorical and Logical Techniques in His Literary Criticism." A teacher of English and Journalism at NCCU, she received the M.A. in Journalism from the University of Iowa in 1953 and the M.A. in English from the University of Michigan in 1959.



TOP ADMINISTRATOR — Tommie B. Williams, assistant principal at Arlington's Sam Houston High, has been nominated for Administrator of the Year for the state after having been chosen for that honor in The Arlington schools by the Classroom Teacher's Association.

Ms. Williams holds two PV degrees and has taught in Denison, Bryan and Wichita Falls. She and her husband Ted have two sons and three daughters.

At Sam Houston she also served as PTSA Scholarship Chairman, head of PTSA College Night, March of Dimes Chairman and has worked with several pageants for teenage girls.

Navy ROTC Selects New Battalion Staff

Midshipman Kelvin N. Dixon has been selected as the NROTC Battalion Commander for the 1980-81 school year. As Battalion Commander, Midn. Dixon will have the responsibility of leadership of more than 200 midshipmen.

Midshipman Dixon, the son of Mrs. Rosalie K. Dixon, is a native of Tampa, Florida and has one sister, Kelva. He attended Chamberlaid High

School where he was active in the Science Club, Math Club, band, basketball and track.

A mechanical Engineering major, he is active as a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mego Omega Beta Scial Club, and many other organizations.

Prior to his selection as Battalion Commander, Midn. Dixon was an energetic

Registration for Fall Term Set Monday-Tuesday

The 1980-81 Academic Year began officially on August 25, with preliminary activities scheduled throughout the week. Students return to the campus over the weekend and registration were set for Monday and Tuesday, September 1-2.

Parents Day was held Sun-

member of both the NROTC Color Guard and Drill team. During the spring semester, he served as Alpha One Platoon Commander. Midshipman Dixon plans to become a Naval Aviator and someday command a squadron.

day, August 31. The event featured presentations by the various departments from all colleges, a special assembly, lunches and a reception. Orientation activities also began for new students.

Enrollment of freshman students is expected to be above the figures for last September which was well over 1500. Upper class students are also returning but many completed early registration and are not expected until classes begin Wednesday.

The last day for changing programs of study is September 19 and late registration closes on September 15.

Over 300 Graduates Receive Degrees

by Frank White

Over 300 former Prairie View A&M students received degrees Sunday and were told that their leadership in an ever-changing America is practically inevitable.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Charles A. Le Maistre, president of the University of Texas System Cancer Center in Houston, told the graduates "there is no question in my mind that the graduates assembled here today have the

brainpower to provide the leadership needed for the storming days ahead."

He quoted John W. Hubert to say all people can be classified in one of three categories — those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened — and said "I truly believe you will be the ones who make things happen."

Le Maistre warned that if the graduates allowed their "well trained" minds to become idle,

America's leadership would be dependent upon its bulk of less qualified citizens.

He said he hopes Prairie View's and other's graduates join forces and thwart the efforts of those factions which undermine this nation's most cherished ideologies.

He told the graduates that if they consider the world's problem as being too vast or their roles as being too infinitesimal, they might remember that it was only in

1902 when a few persons laid the ground work for Communism, which he said now controls one-third of the earth's population and nearly one-half of the world's service.

Le Maistre, who was the chancellor of the UT System before taking on his present position in 1978, said Prairie View has had outstanding progress. He congratulated the "widely known faculty" for rigorously training the graduates' minds, and he lauded

President A. I. Thomas for having "gained the admiration of those who are honored to be his colleagues."

Following the message, President Thomas asked the graduates to make a commitment to professionalism and service to humanity. "Prairie View is not your campus, the world is your campus. I hope you will carry these lessons into the world," the president said.

He vehemently urged the graduates to be overachievers, and asked them to adhere to t-

Democratic concept that those who have help those who need.

Later in the program, the president presented distinguished service awards to retirees Mrs. Mary Clark, (Fort Worth) assistant professor of education and associate director, Office of Admissions, and Mr. Wilson Curtis, (Palacios, Texas) assistant professor of English.

President Thomas commended the newly commissioned officers who joined the ranks of over 1200 others
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AUGUST COMMENCEMENT-1980 — The over 300 graduates shown add up to around 1,000 who received degrees at the University in 1979-80.



SCHEDULED TO PERFORM IN NEW YORK — Dr. Danny Kelly, Associate Professor in the Department of Music, has been scheduled to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City on September 28. Dr. Kelly is a 1969 graduate of Prairie View A&M.

ONE OF THE CROWD

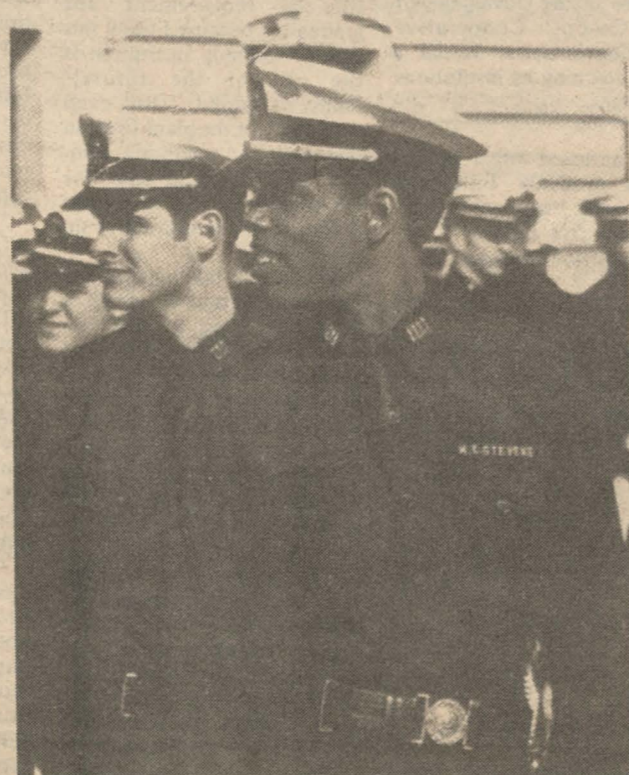


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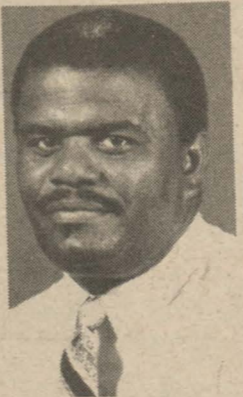
1980-81 Panther Coaching Staff



CORNELIUS COOPER
Head Football Coach



BOB ATKINS
Assistant Football Coach
Head Tennis Coach



JOHNNY WILLIAMS
Assistant Football Coach



DOUG WHITMAN
Assistant Football Coach
Head Golf Coach



HARRY GUNNER
Assistant Football Coach
Women's Basketball Coach



BARBARA JACKET
Women's Track Coach



HOOVER WRIGHT
Men's Track Coach



JOHN TANKERSLEY
Baseball Coach

Panthers Open Season Saturday

By Henry Hawkins

Football fans of Prairie View will surely need a program Saturday night when the Panthers open the season at 7:30 in San Antonio's Northside Stadium against Southwest Texas State. It'll not be so much to tell the players but to find out who the coaches are.

The lone coaching holdover from last year's staff is Cornelius Cooper and he has moved up from offensive line coach to head coach.

"A coach is a coach whether he's the head coach or an assistant," Cooper said. But there is "much more responsibility" involved with being a head coach than an assistant, Cooper has quickly found out. "As an assistant I was only concerned with one phase, the offensive line, now I'm concerned with the total program, the total success of the team."

And while Cooper is worried about the total success of the team he has Doug Whitman, who spent last year worrying about defenses at Alabama State, doing the same as Panther defensive coordinator;

Johnny Williams, who had a successful high school coaching career in Florida worrying as offensive coordinator former Grambling and Houston Oiler performer Bob Atkins worrying about the defensive backs and Harry Gunner, former Southern University assistant coach, worrying about the Panther defensive line.

And Cooper? Well he's worried right now about Southwest Texas State, the first opponent for the Panthers. "Southwest Texas has a pretty solid defense that we will have to reckon with. They also lost some people out of the offensive backfield but still have a pretty solid running attack. Last year we made a lot of mistakes and Southwest Texas capitalized on them. If we make fewer mistakes this time it should be a lot closer."

Everything is not all new with the Panthers. There will be plenty of old faces in the offensive line and secondary. Both of those units return almost intact.

Five seniors and a junior are expected to start in the

NOT PICTURED:

DR. CALVIN WHITE
Men's Basketball Coach

offensive line. The lone junior is Jesse Nelson, a 251-pounder from Chicago, Ill., who was in that same spot a year ago.

The anchor of the Panther offensive line is Harold Norfleet, a 285-pounder from Baytown, Tx. Nelson and Norfleet will be at the tackle positions with Dale Clark, a 229-pounder senior from Miami, Fla. and Sammie August, a 265-pounder from Houston, Tx. at guards and Gerald Davis, a 230-pounder senior from Houston at center.

Cooper said quarterback "is a tossup." Sophomore Maurice Mitchell, from Atlanta, Ga., has the inside track but he's being pushed by freshman Wilbert Meyers from New Orleans. Houston freshman Jeffrey Harvey isn't too far off the pace either and all three could see action Saturday night.

Whoever wins the signal calling job could be surrounded by an all sophomore backfield with Richard Johnson from Bonham, Tx; Byron Holmes, from Temple, Tx., and Michael Clark, from Atlanta, Ga. holding the upper hand at present. But pushing those are Michael Weatherspoon, from Pineland and Norman Briscoe, from Marshall, Tx.

Seniors Robert Alexander and Andrew Winzer give the secondary an experienced look as they prepare to start at safeties, "We have lots of experience in the secondary," Cooper said.

Alexander hails from Monticello, Fla., and Winzer is from Houston.

Another Houston senior Alvis Prince could well be the only senior starting in the defensive line. Juniors holding top positions are Julius Harrison, from Monticello, Fla. at defensive end; Milton Hall, from Eutaw, Ala. at nose

SWAC Football Forecast

by Henry Hawkins

SWAC COACHES PRE-SEASON ALL CONFERENCE OFFENSE

- Pos. Player, School
- QB Keith Taylor, Jackson
- RB Robert Parham, Grambling
- RB Larry Cowan, Jackson
- TE Brian Williams, Southern
- WR Jerry Gordon, Miss. Valley
- OT Steve Chapman, Miss. Valley
- OT ^{tie} Kevin Hardy, Jackson
- Harold Norfleet, Prairie View
- Ralph Williams, Southern
- OG Jerald Franklin, Southern
- OG ^{tie} Derek Perkins, Jackson
- Dorsey Richard, Grambling
- C Kevin Gray, Alcorn
- PK Wilfredo Rosales, Alcorn

DEFENSE

- Pos. Player, School
- DE Willarthur Jackson, Alcorn
- DE ^{tie} Arthur King, Grambling - Frank Thompson, Jackson
- DT Mike Barker, Grambling
- DT Larry Jackson, Texas South.
- LB Larry Werts, Jackson
- LB Tony Gibbs, Alcorn
- LB James Hooper, Southern
- DB Leslie Frazier, Alcorn
- DB Robert Salter, Grambling
- DB Lee Harris, Texas Southern
- DB ^{tie} Dennis Dupree, Jackson
- Hubert Owens, Miss. Valley
- P Skippy Ezell, Grambling

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Larry Werts, LB, Jackson

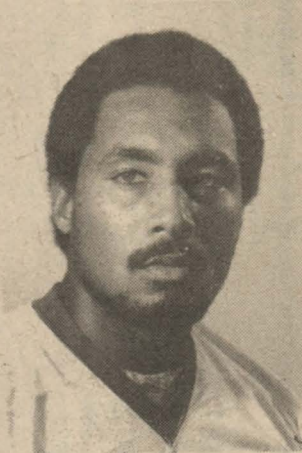
CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:

Keith Taylor, Jackson and Robert Parham, Grambling

Harold Norfleet, 6-6 by 262-pound senior offensive tackle from Baytown, Texas, was among the 29 players picked by Southwestern Athletic Conference coaches as player to watch in the SWAC Coaches Pre-Season All Conference team.

The team was named after the seven coaches completed the second annual SWAC Press Tour with stops in Bossier City, Louisiana, Houston, Texas, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Jackson, Mississippi.

The Panthers were also tabbed to finish dead last in the seven-team race in the pre-season coaches poll. Alcorn, co-champions with



Harold Norfleet

Grambling last year, was a narrow one-point choice to win the 1980 race. Grambling was second, Jackson third followed by Southern, Texas Southern, Mississippi Valley and Prairie View.

Jackson State and Grambling each had seven players picked on the pre-season All Conference team, Alcorn had five, Southern had four, Mississippi Valley had three, Texas Southern two and Prairie View one.

SWAC COACHES PRE-SEASON POLL

| Pos. | Team (First) | Points |
|------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. | Alcorn (3) | 43 |
| 2. | Grambling (4) | 42 |
| 3. | Jackson | 34 |
| 4. | Southern | 33 |
| 5. | Texas Southern | 17 |
| 6. | Mississippi Valley | 16 |
| 7. | Prairie View | 11 |

1980 Football Schedule

| Month | Date | Opponent | Location |
|-----------|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

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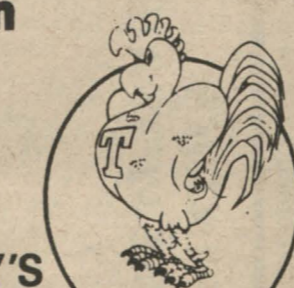
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