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University Gifts and Grants



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD — Betsy Hansberry of **Nalco Chemical Company** presents \$5,000 check to chemistry and engineering to instructional heads **Dr. John Williams**, (chemistry) left, and engineering **Dean A. E. Greaux**. Ms. Hansberry also awarded four Nalco scholarships.



ENGINEERING GRANT — **Alcoa's** personal manager presents check to **Dean A. E. Greaux** for assistance in university's engineering programs.

Marine Corps Project

Give Toys For Tots

The Marine Corps Personnel of the NROTC Unit, Prairie View A&M University, are sponsoring their "Eleventh Annual Toys for Tots" drive in Waller County. They are soliciting toys from businessmen, churches, and organizations in Prairie View, Hempstead, Waller and surrounding towns. Through these contributions, they will be able to reach needy children in Waller County and provide a better Christmas for them.

The toys will be distributed to all families who have properly registered their children on December 18, 1980 at Prairie View A&M University (Burlleson-Ware Hall), starting at 3:00 p.m.. Parents are encouraged to bring their children. Both church and social welfare organizations will have the first opportunity to recommend families with children who may benefit most. Organizations are asked to respond promptly as the number of toys are limited.

If you are interested in making a donation, please bring your toys to Prairie View A&M University (Burlleson-Ware Hall), Prairie View,

Texas or call (713) 857-2258 for pick-up service. If you know of children who need a Merry Christmas or would like registration information please contact Captain J. R. Thomas, USMC or Gunnery Sergeant W. J. Brock, USMC at (713) 857-2258.



TAP DANCING CLASS — Students work on "The Right Step" during dance class in Health and Physical Education. Interest in modern dance is up.

Good Faith Efforts by Regents

Increased Integration

Planned for PV and TAMU

GRANBURY — More White students will be enrolled at Prairie View A&M, while more black and Hispanic students will be enrolled at Texas A&M, Tarleton State and Texas A&M-Galveston, officials say.

The Texas A&M University System board of regents adopted the policy Friday aimed at cutting in half the disparity between the proportion of black and Hispanic high school graduates who enter the four institutions and the proportion of white high school graduates who enroll.

The action came at a special meeting of the board, held in conjunction with the dedication of a fine arts center at Tarleton State named for regents chairman Clyde H. Wells.

Wells said the new policy will not affect the universities' academic standards, and does not establish quotas.

He said students must be able to meet the existing standards for admission in the A&M system.

The program, he said, "calls for a good-faith effort to expand equal educational opportunities."

Frank W. R. Hubert, chancellor of the A&M system, emphasized that the regents took the action on their own and not under mandate from the government.

Hubert was asked to submit a detailed plan, with goals and timetables to implement the new policy.

Multimillion Dollar Project for PV

Energy Affairs Center Planned

A proposed multimillion dollar energy affairs center to study the impact on energy on minorities has been given the green light at Prairie View A&M University.

The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, of which Prairie View A&M is a part, authorized the school "to establish an Energy Affairs Center and appoint the appropriate staff for conduct-

ing the activities of the center."

The organization, initially expected to attract \$1 million in grants and contracts, would serve as a regional center for teaching, research and public service in the area of energy, said Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, Prairie View A&M president.

Thomas explained the center would deal specifically, but not exclusively, with the impact on energy on low-income people.

Thomas said Prairie View is recognized as one of six leading minority universities in the area of energy affairs.

"The center is viewed as an administrative mechanism that will create a working relationship among all faculty, students and departments at Prairie View A&M; small public and private universities and their faculties; and small towns and individual entrepreneurs in such communities," said Dr. Thomas.

Establishment of the center would provide Prairie View national and international visibility while strengthening efforts already under way in this field, he said.

Texas Public Colleges Seek 64 Percent Boost in Funding

(Houston Post Story by Felton West)

Austin — State higher education institutions, which sought 44 percent biennial funding increases from the 1979 Texas Legislature and got hikes of about 32 percent, are asking the 1981 Legislature to boost their appropriations about 64 percent.

Public senior colleges, junior colleges, health-related institutions and other parts of the state-financed higher education system have submitted budget requests for the coming biennium — the 1982 and 1983 fiscal years — totaling \$5,659,685,233, a compilation by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, showed Wednesday.

That amount is \$2,212,909,522, or 64.2 percent, higher than the \$3,446,775,711 the 1979 Legislature appropriated for the 1980-81 biennium, the Coordinating Board summary showed. The institutions failed to get another \$700 million they sought from the 1979 lawmakers.

PV A&M's budget request for 1982-83 is \$65.2 million compared with \$33 million in 1980-81.

The Coordinating Board produced the funding request totals by compiling the institutions' October requests to the Legislative Budget Board, which screens the requests and normally recommends lower amounts to the new Legislature in January.

The board summary shows public senior colleges are requesting appropriations of about \$2,544 billion for the next two years, 59 percent more than their funding this biennium, which ends Aug. 31. Public junior colleges are seeking about \$812 million in state funds, about 65 percent more than appropriations this biennium, health-related units are requesting about \$1.444 billion, a 68.5 percent increase; and other higher education institutions, which include higher education institutions, which include extension and research agen-



ARMY ROTC CADETS pose with basket of goodies to be presented as Christmas gift to a needy family.



Kappa Fraternity Sponsors Several Civic Projects

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Omega Fraternity won the Aluminum Can Drive sponsored by the Prairie View A&M University Band. For winning the event, the fraternity was the guest of the band at the Texas Southern vs. Prairie View game. The trip proved to be rewarding as well as enjoyable. During this month the fraternity is sponsoring a Can Goods Drive to benefit a needy family in the Hempstead-Prairie View area. The fraternity is also sponsoring a Gospel Musical to benefit the Baptist Student Movement Choir in its effort to go to their National Convention.

Activities completed, initiated, or participated in were:
1. Sponsor of Essay Contest I-What College Means To Me
2. Aluminum Can Drive Winner
3. Promotion and Attendance at a Child Abuse Seminar
4. Selling Tickets to a YWCA YWCA
5. Essay Contest II
6. Volunteer Service at Child Care Center
7. Initiation of Petition for Martin Luther King's Birthdate To Be Recognized as a National Holiday
8. Issuance of Informative Paper on Child Abuse
9. Spiritual Concert

YOUNG EDUCATION LEADERS — Drs. Carl Settles and Clarissa Booker were among only 20 young educators in the country who received honorable mention in the Young Leaders in Education Project sponsored nationwide by Phi Delta Kappa, the professional fraternity in education. Dr. Settles is associate director of counseling services and Dr. Booker is professor and head of the Department of Reading at Prairie View A&M University. The pair will be named along with other award winners in the special section of the January, 1981 Diamond Jubilee Edition of KAPPAN, national monthly publication of the fraternity.

PV Gets Community Action Grant

The federal Community Services Administration has announced that Prairie View A&M University is one of 15 predominantly black college in the country to receive planning grants to prepare proposals for rural intern programs at their schools. Nine of the 15 institutions will be selected in February to receive the program grants. Those grants will provide for the selection of 150 students to intern in rural community action agencies. Prairie View's planning grant is for \$9,000.



RECEPTION — Students and staff members are shown at refreshment table during one of many receptions held on campus regularly. Location: President's campus residence.

Texas University Plans Studied

Seventeen recommendations for higher education in the upcoming legislative session were considered by the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board when it met December 4 in Houston. The meeting was held at the Host International Hotel at Houston International Airport. The recommendations to the Legislature are incorporated in a long-range plan for Texas college and universities in the eighties, which will be proposed for adoption by the board in January. The board heard testimony on the recommendations and other aspects of the plan from several representatives of the state's public junior and senior colleges, as well as special interest groups. If adequate revenue for higher education is not available in the future, the draft plan proposes several alternatives for spending cuts in specific areas as a means of

Bill Filed in Texas House To Increase Funding for PV

Austin state Rep. Wilhelmina Delco has thrown into the legislative hopper a bill that would "clarify" the Texas Constitution by declaring that Texas A&M University is actually a branch of the University of Texas.

At stake is more than a football rivalry; Delco's bill would give UT total power over the \$1 billion-plus Permanent University Fund, power it now shares with the remnants of the A&M system.

The bill would reduce the share of the permanent fund proceeds that would be dedicated to both UT, which now gets two-thirds, and A&M, which gets the other third. The winner would be Prairie View A&M University, which would get a new 16 percent share and would be a part of the same university system.

The main goal of the bill is to aid Prairie View, a predominantly black school that is now part of the A&M system. Federal civil rights

College of Home Economics Present Fashions

On November 18, 1980 the College of Home Economics presented "The Shine Time," along with a beauty luncheon, to members of the Army percent, compared with its current 66.7 percent.



Delco has been battling with Attorney General Mark White for months to get a clarification of the morass of constitutional provisions, statutes, and longstanding practices that govern the fund.

The constitution provides that the fund be established specifically for UT "and its branches, including the branch for the instruction of colored youths." If A&M is receiving money from the constitutionally dedicated fund, Delco reasons, then it must technically be a part of the UT System, and, therefore, so is Prairie View.

Blockman, Diane Egans, Evelyn Jackson, Rose Gildean, Terry Griggs, Debra Hawkins, Robert Chinn, Kim Smith, Jackie Holland, Sharon Marshall, and Ricky Walker. Shine Time, puts more fashion life on the holiday scene in fabrics, that dazzles and gleam! It is glamour all the way silks, satins, wool, cotton, stripes, and plaids and solids, from left to right. Constance Moore, Diane Babb, Bivia

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PV-ite Named Top College Business Teacher of Year

Myrna Gilstrap doesn't know who to thank, but she's the College Business Teacher of the Year 1980-81 in district 10 of the Texas Business Education Association.



The assistant professor of business education and secretarial administration at East Texas State University received the award at the district convention Nov. 22 at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas. The honor made her a candidate for the state honor, which will be announced March 21.

"It was a complete surprise," Mrs. Gilstrap said. "I don't know who nominated me, and I was too embarrassed to ask when the award was presented."

The award, which was presented by 1979-80 recipient Dr. Katherine Hegar of Mountain View College, cited Mrs. Gilstrap "for her contributions to business teacher education, committee work at ETSU, research and publications, community involvement and for her work with the Texas Business Education Association, where she serves as state reporter, chairman of the state public relations committee, past chairman of TBEA District 8

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Portrait of **Joseph Fourier** (1768-1830) with mathematical diagrams and text. The text includes: "Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier 1768 - 1830", "Joseph Fourier", and various mathematical notations and diagrams related to his work in heat conduction and Fourier series.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

To: Panther Readers and Contributors
From: The Panther Staff

Facts About Your

Memorial Center

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The departments of the Memorial Student Center are as follows: Management Office; Student Activities; Food Service; Game Room; Veteran Affairs; Beauty Shop; Post Office.

Food Service Hours:
Monday thru Saturday: 7:30 a.m. til 9:45 p.m.; Sunday: 3:00 p.m. til 9:45 p.m.
Steak Dinners: Top Sirloin-\$5.50; N.Y. Strip-\$6.50, to include baked potatoe, salad, your choice of dressing and accessories.

The TEXAS ROOM is now open in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

Game Room Hours:
Monday thru Saturday-1:00 p.m. til 11:45 p.m.; Sunday-2:00 p.m. til 11:45 p.m.

Events for November:
November 4-Dominoes day and night; November 5-Cards day and night; November 6-Pool day and night; November 13-Pool Tournament. Entrance Fee: \$2.00 per person; 7:00 p.m. until.

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Navy Midshipmen Fly to Florida on Field Trip

Recently, 28 Midshipmen from Prairie View's NROTC Unit flew to Pensacola, Florida for a 3 day Naval Aviation Indoctrination Field Trip. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the Midshipmen with various aspects of Naval Aviation, as well as offer them a basic overall view of the life of a student Naval Aviator. To accomplish this, the Midshipmen were given a variety of lectures and demonstrations.

They observed in-flight simulations, enjoyed slide presentations on Primary Flight Training in helicopters and jets, and toured the aircraft carrier LEXINGTON. The high point for several Midshipmen had to be a ride in the "Dilbert Dunker," a training device that simulates an aircraft ditching at sea. After passing a quick swimming test, which included a jump from a 12 foot tower.

The students were strapped into the simulated cockpit in full flight gear, then at the push of a button the cockpit slid down into the water and inverted, leaving the students to release themselves from the cockpit and swim free. The Midshipmen also enjoyed the social aspects of a military officers' life. They visited several Officers Clubs and took a short excursion to downtown Pensacola for a night of dancing and relaxation.

Overall, the trip was a tremendous success. The students were given a rare opportunity to experience an officers' life first hand. This field trip is one of many conducted to give Midshipmen first hand experience with the many exciting career possibilities in the NAVY. Midshipmen 3rd Class Judith Greene

Notice To All Aliens

If you are an alien in the United States you must report your address to the United States Government each January.

In view of serious penalties for failure to comply with the law, the Government has made it easy for you to meet this requirement.

Go to your nearest United States Post Office during the month of January, and at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service after January 31st, to obtain an Alien Address Report form. After filling out all items on the form, sign it, place a stamp on the reverse side and drop it in a mail box.

If you have alien children under fourteen (14) years of age, a parent or guardian must fill out the form for them. If you are disabled, a friend or relative can obtain the form for you.

Seeks Boost

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cies connected with Texas A&M University, are asking for about \$859 million, a hike of 72.5 percent.

The senior colleges' faculty salary requests, generally based on Coordinating Board recommendations for 20.1 percent and pay raises in 1982 and 12.6 percent additional raises in 1983, call for almost \$243 million higher appropriations next biennium just for such salaries. A Senate-created Special Committee on Higher Education Financing has recommended even bigger raises to overcome a cumulative loss of several years in faculty purchasing power.



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I Have Promises To Keep

by Mr. E. J. Johnson, Sponsor BSM



But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. —Joshua 24:15 RVS
"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep."

These lilting lines of Robert Frost once heard, are not easily forgotten. The beat of the words speaks to us of our journey through life, and the vision of the woods suggests its mystery. But the unexpected thought that drums its way into the heart and mind is: "I have promises to keep!" There, in five words is an interpretation of our human life.

Whatever else may distract us, or confuse us, or even crush us on the way from childhood and adolescence through the middle years to old age, this a star of truth that shines over us undimmed: "I have promises to keep!" God brings us to worship to refresh our memories, to renew our deepest loyalties, and to send us out again into the traffic of our daily lives with this star to guide us, this unforgettable refrain sounding within us: "I have promises to keep!"

The most basic and life-directing promise that any man can make is recorded in the bible story of Joshua addressing the tribes who were about to settle in the Holy Land. As Moses' Successor he had the daunting task of welding a restless, frightened, bickering, panicking group of people into a nation under God, a people unified by a determination to obey God's laws and to fulfill the destiny promised to Abraham that "in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed!"

Joshua knows that the choice before him is basic and decisive. It has to do with the fundamental loyalty of any person or nation. Who or what is going to be central, the ultimate value, the one loyalty by which all others are judged? So he throws out the challenge. Are they going to set in the center the one God who has

been revealed as good and holy and merciful, the God of the commandments, the God who had rescued them from slavery? Or are they going to scatter their loyalties among a host of other gods, choosing perhaps to worship the less demanding and sometimes more attractive deities that were as available then as they are today — with names like self, success, money, sex, and Ideologies of Power?

All those gods were there — then as now. So the people had to choose — as we have to choose. Human beings don't naturally gravitate to the worship and service of the holy God. Adam keeps listening to the voice of the serpent: "Yea, hath God said? I'll show you an easier way." So Joshua threw out the challenge: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve" and followed it with the most resounding promise a person can make. It is the leap of faith responding to the grace of God. It is the commitment of a man who doesn't care if he is in a minority of one. Let them choose these other gods if they must. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

And, for the most part, these confused and dispirited people decided to go along with him. We know what immense power there is in the public commitment of a leader to the service of God. From that day on, Israel was to be a people with "promises to keep!"

The Old Testament is the record of how often the people failed. So fierce is the denunciation of that failure by the prophets that the old Testament, in places, reads like an anti-semitic tract. But there was always a faithful remnant; there was always a people who kept that promise through hell and high water. And what an immense debt our world owes to this people of God from whom have come our moral code, our bible, and our Savior!

The Ten Best Sellers

- FICTION
1. The Covenant, by James A. Michener.
2. The Key To Rebecca, by Ken Follett.
3. Firestarter, by Stephen King.
4. Come Pour the Wine, by Cynthia Freeman.
5. Rage of Angels, by Sidney Sheldon.
6. The Fifth Horseman, by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapiere.
7. Loon Lake, by E. L. Doctorow.
8. The Tenth Commandment, by Lawrence Sanders.
9. The Second Lady, by Irving Wallace.
10. Unfinished Tales, by J. R. R. Tolkien.
NON-FICTION
1. Cosmos, by Carl Sagan.
2. Crisis Investing, by Douglas R. Casey.
3. The Sky's The Limit, by Wayne Dyer.
4. Side Effects, by Woody Allen.
5. Craig Claiborne's Gourmet Diet, by Craig Claiborne with Pierre Franey.
6. Ingrid Bergman: My Story, by Ingrid Bergman and Alan Burgess.
7. American Dreams, by Studs Terkel.
8. Goodbye, Darkness, by William Manchester.
9. A Field Guide To The Birds, by Roger Tory Peterson.
10. Unfinished Business, by Maggie Scarf.
Dr. A. I. Thomas, President, Prairie View A&M University
Dr. Clarissa Booker, Chairman, Century II Book Review Committee
New York Times Book Review, November 23, 1980, p. 48.



SCENES FROM EXTENSION HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP HELD EARLIER IN DECEMBER.

Campus Health Center to Expand Services

By Jack Weeks, News Director

The short, attractive woman smiled first when she heard the question, then frowned slightly.

"No," Dr. Janice Kelley said, "We are not actually looking for more patients, but we certainly want those needing medical assistance to know that the care is here."

The administrator of the spanking new Owens Franklin Health Center since July of this year, wanted every one of the students and faculty of Prairie View A&M University and the surrounding community to better know "their health center."

Located on Avenue 'A' in the western part of the campus, the modern and up-to-date health center has just passed an important milestone in its short life.

"People here at Prairie View have been working for this two years, and it has finally come around," Dr. Kelley said. "I am speaking of the Certificate of Need recently granted us by the State Health Facilities Commission."

To be asked to the health center in the very near future will be specialists in physical therapy, eye care, bone problems, foot care, an X-ray technician, a pediatrician and a pre-natal clinic with child birth classes and health education.

"We have had the rooms where these specialized medical problems are practiced, but we have never had the specialists," Dr. Kelley explained. "We will also expand on services to take care of hearing testing for school aged children."

These additional specialists will augment the current staff of two full time practitioners.

Plans Studied

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preventing dilution of quality across the board.

For example, lower finding rates for off-campus courses or merger of nearby institutions are suggested as preferable options.

Other recommendations include initiation of high school competency tests for graduation as a means of reducing state costs for remedial education, possible reduction of medical school enrollments and opposition to the establishment of any additional public senior colleges and universities.

three Registered Nurses, three LVN's, and one nurses' assistant.

"The grant for the health center states that we serve a community function in the low income bracket," said Dr. Kelley. "That's why we can charge a minimum amount as compared to a physician in private practice in the big city!"

She explained that students at the university constitute the bulk of patients, but that "student fees are just not enough."

"We want the faculty and

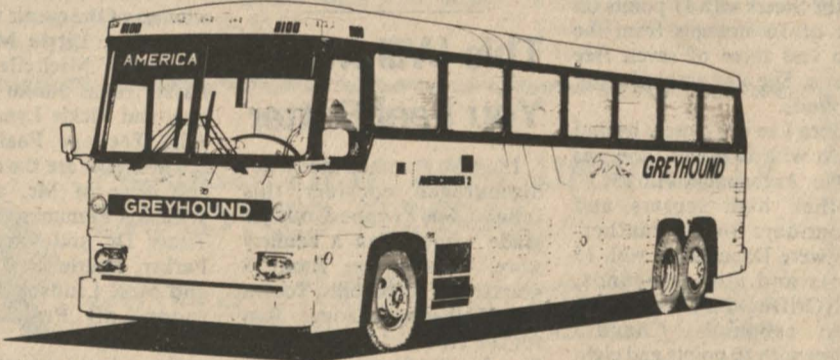
staff and the outside community to understand they are welcome to use the center's facilities just as they would any other clinic, except our fees are minimal, and I believe if we can correct any misinformation the better chance the center will have to function to its potential!"

The building, opened in 1978, has 43 beds, including two isolation beds, and one acute care bed. Operating similar to any clinic, the center is not functional for overnight stays, except in acute cases involving students.

Adds Dr. Kelley: "I think it is just a shame that many people travel to Houston for a doctor visit, and perhaps some tests with the same things available right here and for cheaper!"

The center was named after two physicians who were, and one still is, Prairie View legends in their own time. Dr. Emory Roswell Owens, is still the resident physician at the center, and Dr. James Madison Franklin, was his counterpart and preceded him years ago. Both Medicare and Medicaid are accepted at the center.

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Lv College Station	2:49 PM	Lv Waco	4:20 PM
Ar Waco	5:10 PM	Ar College Station	6:41 PM
Ar Dallas	7:35 PM	Ar Prairie View	7:49 PM

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