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ROYAL SMILE

Dellenor Miles was escorted by her grandfather during her coronation as "Miss Prairie View." For additional pictures of homecoming week activities, see pages 12 and 13.

Reaganomics slashes Student Financial aid

By Yvonne Buford

Prairie View has lost \$1.2 million in financial aid funds over the last five years because of Reaganomics, according to the director of student financial aid at PV.

"If the present administration is continued," A. D. James, Jr. said, the financial aid program funds at Prairie View will continue decreasing."

"During the 1979-80 school year," James said, the university received more than \$8 million in federal loan and grant funds. These funds have been decreasing rapidly since that time, to our present allocation of about \$6.8 million.

"The Reagan administration has affected the financial aid funds available to our students to the point that students either have to take a part-time job or drop out of school to earn additional funds."

Although financial aid funds have decreased, James said that aid is still available to qualified students on the basis of financial need. That need must be assessed and validated by a financial analysis, he said.

All freshmen and returning students need the following paperwork completed before receiving financial aid for the 1985-86 school year:

* GENERAL APPLICATION for financial assistance

* PELL GRANT STUDENT AID REPORT

This is a three-part report which the Pell Grant Program sends directly to each student. The student is responsible for bringing all copies to the Financial Aid Office as soon as they are received. No financial aid funds can be disbursed without this report.

* FINANCIAL AID FORM (FAF) This form is required from the CSS office in California. It is a financial analysis and determines whether the student is qualified to receive financial aid.

* INTERNAL REVENUE TAX FORMS 1040 OR 1040A for 1984
Copies of parents' tax return or students' tax return if self-supporting for at least one year.

* FINANCIAL AID TRANSCRIPTS

This is required of all students transferring to Prairie View. The financial aid office must receive a financial aid transcript from each college or university attended by the students, even though no financial aid was received.

* AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS The student's parents must sign this form in the presence of a Notary to verify that the student is self-supporting.

* STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE/REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE

* CERTIFICATION OF NOT FILING INCOME TAX RETURN
If a tax return was not filed, this form must be completed and returned to the financial aid office.

* HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

* COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

For students who qualify, James said, there are loans, scholarships, work-study positions and other grants.

Satisfactory academic progress, James said, is one of the criteria for obtaining financial aid. If a student does not maintain satisfactory academic progress, the university cannot legally disburse federal or state funds to the student.

If a student is below the standards set for academic progress, a probationary period of one semester is allowed before financial aid suspension. Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid includes:

* The student must register for and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

* The student must maintain a semester grade point average of 2.00 and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

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Student Service Fee Raised by 50 percent

In compliance with a recently passed senate bill, the student service fee at Prairie View A&M University will be raised from \$60 per semester to \$90 per semester and from \$30 to \$45 per summer semester.

The plan calls for the following distribution of the fee:

	Per Semester	Per Summer Term
Athletics*	\$37.50	\$20.00
Band	1.50	1.50
Health Services	25.00	12.50
M.S.C. Activities Program	10.00	12.50
Student Publications	10.00	6.00
University Yearbook	2.00	.00
	4.00	.00
	\$90.00	\$45.00

*Including fifty cents to support the cheerleading program.

There was also a recommendation to establish a Student Center Complex Fee of \$10. However it was established by the 68th legislature that an increase in this fee must be approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election called for that purpose. This is the final plan as revised by the Presidents office and approved by the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

The original plan was put together by a committee of 12 students and one representative from the University Fiscal office. The final plan differs very little from the original one which allotted \$39 for athletics, but the plan took a \$1.50 of this amount and give it to the Band program. The plan was submitted on April 4, last spring semester by the committee that consisted of former student body president Gerald Wright, Cathy Evans, Willie Roaches, Terry Bullock, Kevin Dennis, Donna Hill, Bennie Randall, Donna Shanks, and Fiscal office representative Jackie Wanza.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Pierre, Dr. Coleman and Rev. Van Johnson.

P.V. alumnus donates To All Faiths Chapel

A member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, Dr. John B. Coleman, recently made a \$10,000 donation to the Prairie View A&M University All Faiths Chapel. This is just one of many donations that Coleman has made the Chapel, which total in excess of \$20,000.

Dr. Coleman, in addition to being a Board member, is a practicing physician in Houston. He also is involved with the United Negro College Fund, Houston Urban League, Houston Parks Board and very active politically.

The donation was made in memory of the late Rev. Dr. J. L. Price, formerly of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, where he served as Pastor. Rev. Price was also President of the State Baptist Missionary Conference and a former Board member at Texas Southern University.

The chapel is scheduled to be completed in April next year. Rev. Van Johnson, the Prairie View A&M University dean of Chapel said, "the chapel will be more than just for religious services, it will also be for this community."

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The Panther serves the university community and the surrounding area. It also serves as a laboratory for Communications majors and gives them hands-on-training in their chosen career.

All comments and questions about material published in the Panther should be sent to: The Panther, 2nd Floor, Hilliard Hall, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

News briefs

PRAIRIE VIEW GRADUATE David L. Brewer III was recently promoted to the rank of Commander (the equivalent of lieutenant colonel) in the United States Navy.

CDR Brewer is a 1963 graduate of Jones High School, Houston. He was commissioned as an officer in the Navy in 1970 at Prairie View. Currently, Brewer is the executive officer of the USS Fresno, a tank-landing ship with a crew of 250-350 and carrying capacity of 20 tanks.

HISTORY CLUB OFFICERS for the current year were chosen during the club's first meeting October 31.

This year's officers are:

- President James Stevens, Jr.
- Vice-President Janie Flores
- Secretary Gilliam Channer
- Treasurer Willie Toney
- Reporters Bill Spence
Brian Barksdale

Advisor for the club is J. Harris.

DR. M. A. SOLIMAN of the college of business has been chosen to evaluate nominations for the Kuwait Prizes for the current year.

The Kuwait Prizes are awarded annually in five different categories, and recognize the contributions of distinguished scholars in the fields of basic sciences, applied sciences, economics and social sciences, arts and Arabic and Islamic cultures. Prizes consist of \$35,000 and a gold medal.

DR. PURVIS M. CARTER of the department of History participated in the 69th annual meeting of the Association for the study of Afro-American Life and History in Washington, D.C. October 17-21.

Dr. Carter participated in presentations entitled "The Black Community in America: The Socio-Economic Perspective" and "George Washington Buckner: Black Diplomat and politician."

DR. MILLARD EILAND of the communications department represented Prairie View at the national meeting of the Speech Communication Association in Chicago, November 2-4.

In his first major task as the new president of the Texas Association for Communication Administration, Eiland presented a request for affiliate for the Texas group to the executive board of the National Association for Communication Administration.

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION of Houston spoke at a meeting of the Prairie View NTA chapter October 16. Participating Houston members were Edward Simmons, Mary Dyer Shockley, Gerald Miles, Billy Herve, Ronald Hammons, and Leon Adams. Steve Henderson is the president of the Prairie View NTA Chapter.

KINNATH ROOPWAH, president of Tau Beta Pi at PVAMU, was the chief delegate of his chapter to the national convention of Tau Beta Pi in Tempe, Arizona October 11-13. Tau Beta Pi is the only national Engineering Honor Society, and will celebrate its centennial birthday in 1985.

STUDENTS IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. has reorganized and will be meeting weekly to help better serve the Communications Department.

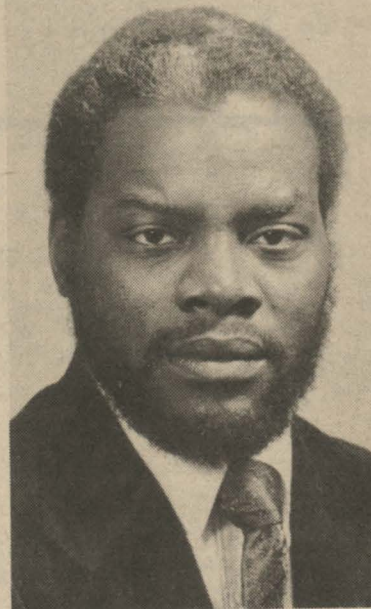
The student organization, which became defunct four years ago, held its first meeting October 9, when they elected officers. The new officers are Bernita Turner, president; James Hill, vice president; Kristia Bennett, secretary; Victoria Lackey, assistant secretary; Harold Guidry, treasurer; Kamala Grant, assistant treasurer; Kelvin Nash, sergeant at arms; and Rayford Outland, reporter.

"I would like to see our club go into full swing; the general purpose is to present communications majors with activities and fund raisers for the department," said Bernita Turner, president.

OFFICERS FOR THE AMERICAN HUMANICS CLUB were chosen at the first meeting of the year. 1984-'85 officers are:

- President Jerry N. Massie
- Vice-president Rhonda Stevenson
- Co-treasurers Marion Cohen
Sheila Nowling
- Recorder Janie Flores
- Committee Chairperson Taelietha Bonds

Club members are planning activities to raise funds for attending a management seminar in Kansa City in December.



Opera star Gives funds

By Brett Horn

Dorceal Duckens, renowned opera singer and graduate of Prairie View A&M University, is donating a portion of the proceeds from two upcoming performances, on his Texas tour to Prairie View A&M University. The Texas tour by Duckens will include Galveston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and Houston.

Duckens received his Bachelor of Art and Masters degrees in music from Prairie View A&M University and has played several different roles since graduation. His performances includes the character of Luddud in 1975, and Ned in 1982 in the opera "Tremonisha" by Scott Joplin. He has also appeared with the Texas Opera Theatre in Oklahoma, Idaho, Colorado, and Oregon. He has appeared as the priest in "The Saint of Bleeker Street," Papagona in "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, Sid in "Fianciulla del West" and Marcello in "La Boheme," both by Pucinni. He also performed at the Spoleto Festival in Spoleto, Italy.

Dorceal is the eighth of twelve children, a native of Temple, Texas who attributes his success to God and the moral support of his family. "All that I have, all that I hope to be, and all you will hear from me, is due to the grace of God," Duckens said.

Dr. Robert Henry, a former professor at Prairie View A&M University convinced Duckens that he had something to offer to classical music, and he has trained extensively for the past 15 years to achieve that goal.

Duckens has chosen a field in which it is traditionally difficult for Black artists to succeed. But Duckens believes "I was blessed with the talent to sing and despite the difficulties, I am determined to sing."

The proceeds donated by Duckens will be used for Project 88, which is a \$2.8 million fund raising campaign to upgrade the Department of Communications at Prairie View A&M University.

New sociology program To begin next semester

For Prairie View students who want a career working with young people, a new program in the Sociology/Social Work department may be the perfect answer.

American Humanics, a program started in 1949 by a Boy Scout executive, trains students to work in the field of youth agency administration.

The program works through a partnership among national youth agencies and 15 colleges and universities in the United States.

Currently, only Texas A&M and Pan American University offer the American Humanics curriculum in Texas. Prairie View's program, which will offer classes in the Spring semester, will be the third in Texas and the sixteenth among United States universities.

Lowell Overby, who will head the American Humanics program at Prairie View, said that youth organizations need between 1,800 and 2,500 new staff members each year. Their first choices, he said, are graduates of the American Humanics program, and current demand is much higher than the number of program graduates each year.

The American Humanics program has a core curriculum of 24 semester hours, and concentrates on areas such as management, communications and program development. Participating universities provide these courses and American Humanics provides the co-curricular program.

The co-curricular program provides workshops, summer employment placement for students, internships in youth agencies, national conferences and training seminars, and career placement.

The co-curricular program is managed by the national executive director of American Humanics, who also actively recruits students for the program and administers the national student loan and scholarship program.

Youth agencies which participate in the American Humanics program include the Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, Boy's Clubs of America, YMCA, American Red Cross, 4-H, Girls' Clubs of America, and YWCA.

Although American Humanics is a relatively new program at Prairie View, Overby said student interest is already high. An American Humanics club has been formed, and members are currently raising funds to attend a management seminar in Kansas City the first week of January.

Overby, who holds a masters' degree in Community Mental Health from Northern Illinois State University, is enthusiastic about the program's potential.

"I've worked in many different kinds of programs," he said, "from alcohol abuse to resettling Cambodian refugees, and they've all been rewarding in different ways. But I think I'm going to enjoy working with American Humanics more than anything I've ever done."

"It's a great program," he said, "and we expect great success with it."

For further information about the program, students may contact Overby or Mrs. Jimmie Poindexter in the Sociology/Social Work Department in Hilliard Hall.

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Scholarships, Faculty To come from P.U.F.

By Ron Pillot

The end of the general election marked a new beginning in the funding of state-supported colleges and universities through Texas.

Proposition 2, a constitutional amendment for restructuring the Permanent University Fund, was approved by Texas voters with a 71 percent majority.

Proposition 2 now gives Prairie View A&M University direct access to an excellence fund of \$6 million a year for a period of ten years.

However, university president Percy Pierre cautioned, "We're not rich" because of the new funds. The money, he said, must be spent wisely to gain maximum benefits.

The university, Pierre said, will submit requests to the A&M System Board of Regents in January.

"We are doing the spade work right now," he said. "We have a plan that has been one year in the making; we want to take a look at that plan and refine it one more time."

Pierre said that he will rule on the final recommendations for spending the funds, but all departments

in the university will have a chance to provide input.

"The money does not make us rich overnight," he said. "We cannot just throw money as some areas, and I don't expect that will be done."

Student scholarships, new faculty members and computer software are the university's top priorities, Pierre said.

Scholarships that were granted to entry-level students for the first time last year will be continued on a competitive basis, he said, and some scholarships will be available for upper classmen.

The university, Pierre said, will be conducting a nationwide search for new and distinguished faculty members.

"I know that there a lot of expectations on the part of students, faculty and staff," Pierre said, "but we must keep in mind that we have to maintain our priorities and objectives. Students will benefit from the improvement of programs and facilities and this will result in better preparedness in the real world."

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Peace Corps service rewarding In experience, training, benefits

By Ron Pilot

When Mendall Rogers graduated from college she wanted to help people, travel, and get job experience.

Today Rogers helps others who share her goals. A Peace Corps recruiter who serves Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico, Rogers recently visited the Prairie View campus to inform students of the opportunities in the Peace Corps.

Twenty-four Prairie View graduates have participated in the volunteer program, whose members work for two years in one of 91 countries throughout the world.

The Peace Corps, Rogers said, was established in 1961 by President John Kennedy to promote world peace and friendship. Since that time, she said, there have been over 100 thousand Peace Corps volunteers, and the organization now has over five thousands active volunteers.

Peace Corps volunteers must meet certain minimum standards to be accepted:

- * they must be 18 years old and United States Citizens;

* they must have three to five years work experience or a college degree;

* they must meet medical and legal requirements of the program.

Upon assignment, a Peace Corps volunteer can expect an eight to ten week training course in the country assigned to them. This course, Rogers said, is for on-the-job training and to help the volunteer develop cultural awareness and knowledge of the country's language.

Job assignments in the Peace Corps are centered around the needs of the assigned community. Rogers said. Many skills are needed, she said, including foresters, fishery specialists, science professionals, agriculturalists, architects, skilled tradesmen, health professionals, teachers, math and computer specialists, and business professionals.

Although the Peace Corps does not pay a high salary, Rogers said, there are many benefits that supplement the average monthly salary of \$300.

When the two years' service is completed, volunteers are paid an additional \$175 for every month of service as a re-adjustment allowance.

"The Peace Corps," Rogers said. "Is also a stepping-stone to international positions."

Peace Corps volunteers have the opportunity for non-competitive eligibility with government agencies. This exempts them from taking the civil service test when applying for government jobs. They are also eligible for designated university scholarships.

"The unique opportunity of working with people of other countries," Rogers said, "gives the volunteers an added advantage for employment with federal government, international and private foreign service organizations."

For more information about the Peace Corps, students can call the toll-free Peace Corps number 1-800-424-8580 Extension 93, or write Peace Corps, p-301, Washington, D.C. 20526.

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Student Opinions 'On the Yard'

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Photos by Rayford Outland



HELYN DONALD: I feel Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks to God for all He has done for you; every day should be Thanksgiving.

RELONDA SPRADLEY: Thanksgiving is a time for being with the family, having a good time while out of school, good eating and rest.

KEITH MOORE: Thanksgiving means giving thanks to God and to your family. Thanksgiving is also the time to party, eat, and party some more.

KEVIN OSTEN MOTEN: Thanksgiving means giving thanks for all that God has created. It also is a time to be thankful for people who love you. Last, but not least, it's a time to share.

DARRYL BLAIR: Thanksgiving is the most self-explanatory holiday of the year. It's a time for people to be thankful for what has been given both in the past and the present.



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ALAN COLEMAN: Thanksgiving means a time of family unity. This is the time of year when we can really appreciate the idea of family, the time when football is on TV, food is on the table, and no school is on your mind.

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Roberts enjoys Duties as aide

By Brett Horn

"I am the president's right hand man. I guess you couldn't find better words to describe me and what I do," Frederick Roberts says about his job.

As the president's assistant, Roberts handles student and outside complaints for the president. He does research to help the president make informed decisions on many subjects.

Roberts also does follow-up work on complaints, and is the president's office manager.

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Roberts is a Prairie View graduate, class of 1977. He is from Nassau in the Bahamas, and attended Nassau Technical College, where he received a degree in accounting.

Roberts graduated at the age of 17 and started work at the Central Bank of the Bahamas. He held that position for three years before deciding to continue his education.

Roberts came to Prairie View in 1973 as part of a Bahamian student recruitment program sponsored by the university. He was one of 35 students selected for the program.

After graduating from PV in 1977, Roberts spent one year at Bowling Green University before returning to Prairie View to complete his Masters' degree in finance in 1982.

While completing his graduate degree, Roberts began working as a student assistant in the library, where he was promised an assignment in accounting, but was placed in the acquisition department.

In December of his final year, Roberts applied for a holiday job, and was sent by a Financial Aid counselor to work in the president's office. He has been working there ever since.

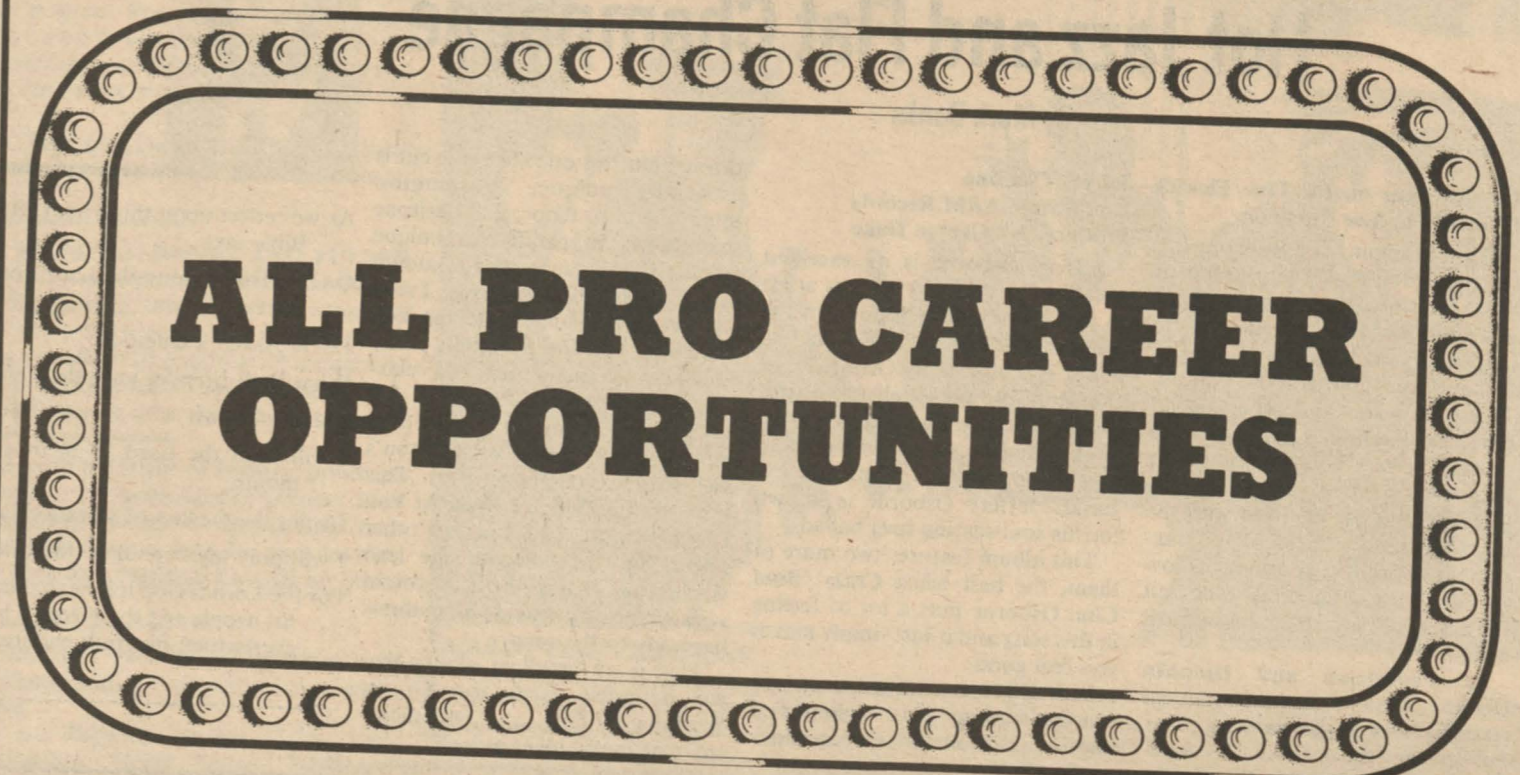
Roberts moved up quickly in his new job. "I think that my rise in the president's office had a lot to do with my work experience," Roberts said, "and the fact that I was a little more mature than some of the students in the office because I had worked in the private sector before coming to Prairie View."

After graduation, Roberts stayed a full-time as an administrative assistant. "Through the change of presidents," he said, "I was able to move from that position to become the president's assistant, which provides an opportunity for decision making."

In his spare time, Roberts likes to read inspirational books and business magazines. He also likes to sew, and to play tennis and backgammon.

He would recommend Prairie View to potential college students, Roberts said, "because it is a university that is growing and can provide opportunities for a better education."

"I am sure," he said, "That at Prairie Viwe you can get a well-rounded education with opportunities for leadership development."



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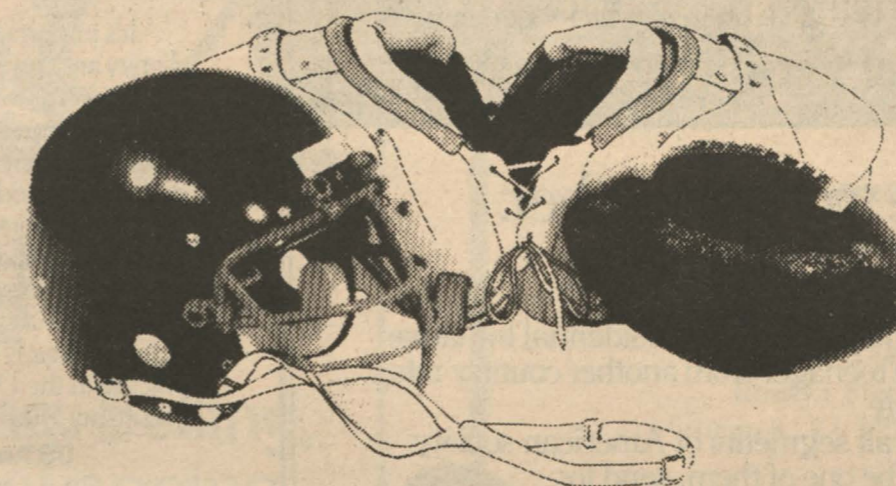
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ALBUM REVIEWS

Hot Jazz and Flat Champagne

By Mark Banks

Lee Ritenour on the Line/Elektra
Produced by Lee Ritenour

On this album, Lee Ritenour has surrounded himself with some of the greatest jazz musicians. Ritenour features on this album performers such as Dave Grusin, Ernie Watts and Harvey Mason. These musicians and others, combine with Ritenour's guitar solos to produce a very good album. **Star-bright** is especially pleasant. Ritenour's guitar is mixed with the harmonic tones of Ernie Watts' saxophone to produce soothing mellow vibrations. Several other tunes on the album are similar to this musical delight.

In **Pedestrian** and **Dolphin Dreams**, Ritenour shows his musical versatility. In **Pedestrian**, he plays the guitar much like a R&B guitarist, but in **Dolphin Dream**, he is much more soothing and relaxing.

The tunes that especially stood out were **Heavenly Bodies** and **Tush**. Once again Ritenour mixes his expert guitar playing with the talents of the men who play with him on this album, and once again it works and produces excellent vibrations.

The Rit Variations and **California Roll** were the only tunes I didn't enjoy, but only because they were not as soothing and mellow to the ear as the other tunes on this album.

(On a scale from 1 to 5, this album rates a four.)

Jeffery Osborne
Don't Stop/A&M Records
Produced by George Duke

Jeffery Osborne is an excellent vocalist; his previous albums attest to this. **Don't Stop** follows in the footsteps of those albums. The fact that it is produced by George Duke contributes to the excellence of this album. The title cut features Duke on keyboards, as on every other tune, and Michael Sembello on guitar. Jeffery Osborne is known for his soul-scaring love ballads.

This album features two more of them, the best being **Crazy 'Bout Cha**. Osborne puts a lot of feeling in this song and it just simply makes you feel good.

Is It Right is another song into which Osborne puts feeling and emotion. It is one of the best tunes on the album.

George Duke's presence can be heard throughout this excellent album. Several of the songs have his distinctive style.

Duke and Osborne come together on **Don't Stop** to produce a great sounding album.

(On a scale from 1 to 5, this album is a 5.)

Grover Washington, Jr.
Inside Moves/Elektra Records
Produced by Ralph MacDonald and Grover Washington

This album is a musical pleasure. The deep-soul-saxophone sound typical of all Grover Washington albums is very prominent

throughout this one. The title cut is especially unique. Washington mixes the alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones to produce a unique sound. Other tunes on the album are laid-back and mellow. Tunes such as **Dawn Song**, **Watching You Watching Me** and especially **Sassy Stew**, are sweet sounding and relaxing.

Only one song on the album mixes vocals with Washington's soul-searing saxophone solos. This tune, entitled **When I Look At You** is a little more R&B than the other tunes, but the voice of the lead vocalist and that of the background vocals helps to provide a rhythmic harmony to the song.

This is an excellent album that will definitely excite true Grover Washington fans, and will please any true music lover as well.

(On a scale from 1 to 5, this is a 5.)

Evelyn "Champagne" King
So Romantic/RCA Records

I have never been a fan of Evelyn Champagne King, and this album doesn't do anything to change that. There is no variety on this album. It is monotonous. It has the same beat over and over. The only songs that even sound good are **Heartbreaker** and **Til Midnight**. The both show a little variety and imagination.

This album is produced by several different people, among them Quincy Jones. But even the musical genius behind **Thriller** couldn't help this album. (1½)



Kollar Korner

By Rev. R. D. Hayes

As we reflect upon this Thanksgiving season, let us be reminded what the Bible says . . .

O Give Thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; because his mercy endureth for ever.

David Asked a Question:

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

The Reply was:

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pray my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

For the Lord is God it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture; The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; his truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

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News briefs

FALL PLEDGES OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY have been working on community service projects. For Hallowe'en the pledges went to the Wee Care Day Care Center to distribute candy treats to the children. They entertained the children with games and songs, and also made artificial flowers to help the center decorate their float for the PV Homecoming parade.

The 1984 fall pledges of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are: Cheryl Gatlin, Alta Bennett, Karen Jackson, Phyllis Spates, Paula Wooten, and Dina Branford.

A PANEL OF SIX JUDGES SELECTED BANKS AND FULLER HALLS as having the cleanest and best decorated lobbies during the week of Homecoming. Overall appearance, creativity, color coordination, originality and style were the categories used to judge the winners. Drew Hall was cited for its overall participation as all community bay areas were decorated in that residence hall. The freshmen of Bancker College in L. O. Evans Hall were a close third in the voting.

DR. ANASUNYA S. RAO, associate professor of History, presented a paper at the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies October 27 in Houston. Dr. Rao also presented a paper at the 6th International Symposium on Asian Studies held in Hong Kong in July. Dr. Rao has been appointed to serve a three-year term on a National Council for Social Studies advisory committee.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY MEMBERS entertained the children at Brown's Day Care Center with a Hallowe'en party, awarding prizes for the best costumes.

Sorority officers this year are: Basileus, La Resa Torry; Anti-Basileus, Debra Martin; Tamiouchos, Melva Hodges; Parliamentarian, Donna Anderson; IVY LEAF Reporter and Pan-Hellenic representative, Patricia Gibson; Dean of Pledges, Mellany Wilson.

Metoya Brown (Miss Alpha Kappa Alpha) represented the sorority in Homecoming activities, along with Miss Pink, Sandra Bolden and Miss Green, Carol Blair.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

The traditional cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the Marine Corps birthday was held November 10. Dr. Purvis Carter, who is a former Marine, was guest speaker for the event. A message from Marine Corps Commandant, General P. X. Kelley, was read by Midshipman Warren Blackmon before the cake was cut with the traditional ceremonial sword.

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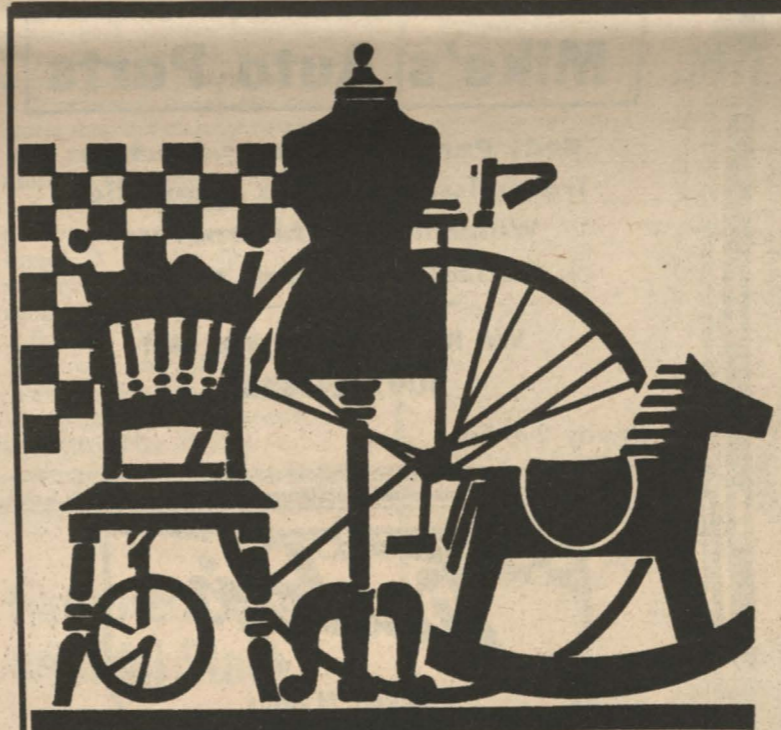
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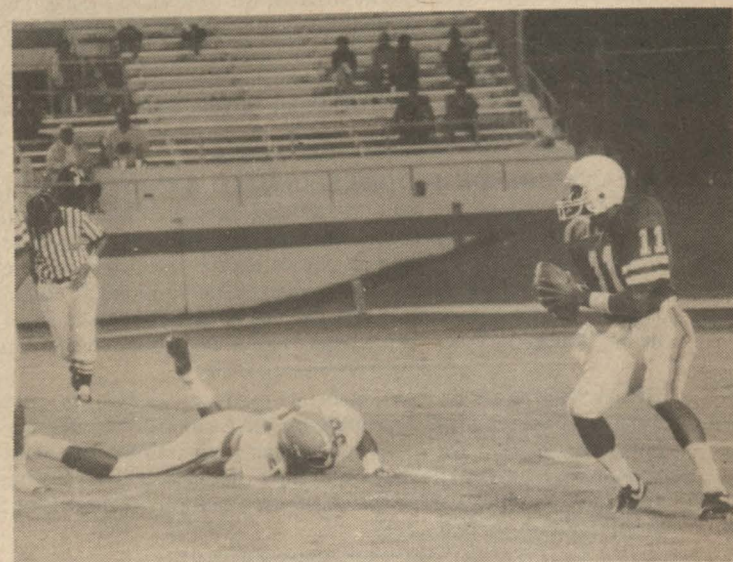
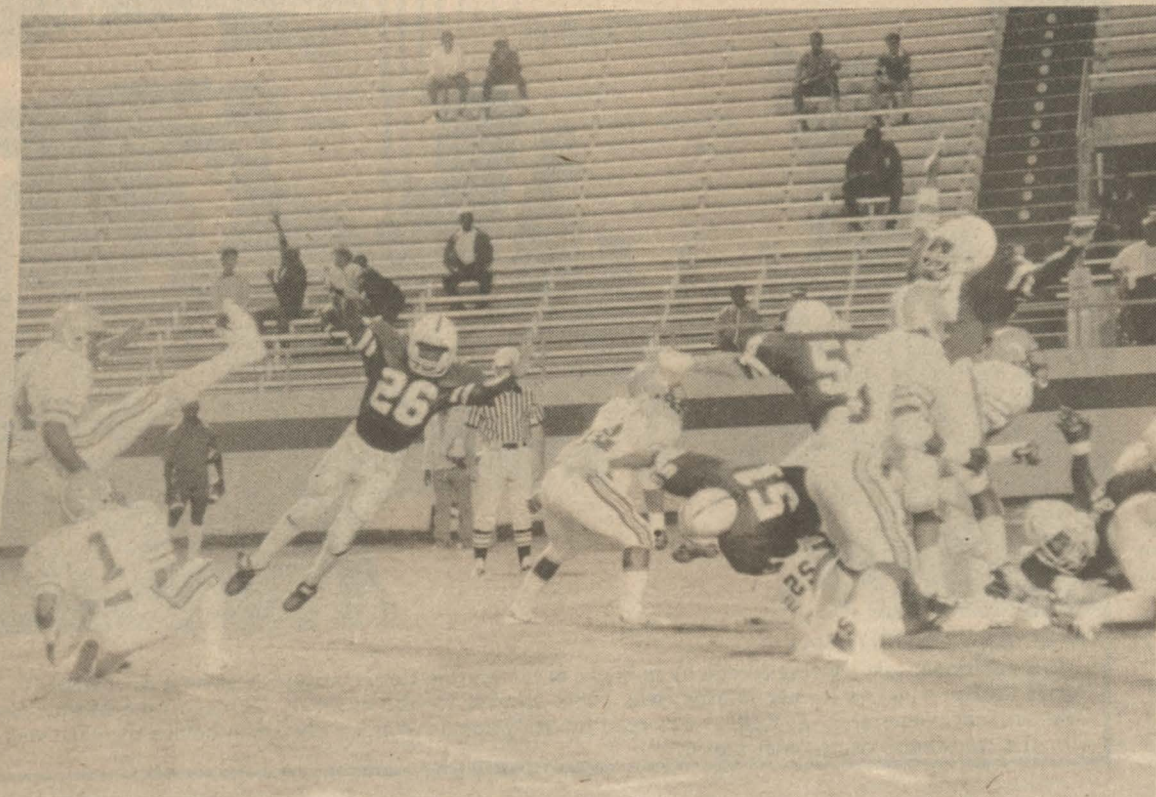
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Panthers still winless



Photos by Charles Crump

The Prairie View Panthers remain winless this season after losing to Florida A&M in Tallahassee and to Alcorn State during homecoming at Blackshear Field. The Panthers lost to Florida A&M 41-8 and lost the homecoming game 35-12. (Right) A PV defender tries to block a kick by Florida A&M. (Above) PV QB Craig McFarlane looks for someone to pass to. The Panthers' losing streak is now at 26 games in a row.

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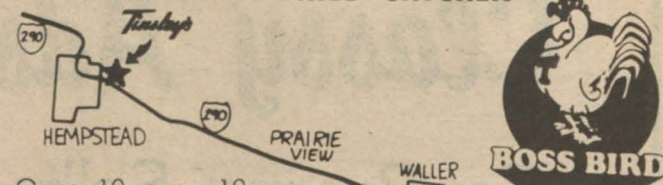
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Pantherettes win At Baton Rouge

The Prairie View women's cross country team won first place in the SWAC women's division cross country meet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Pantherettes finished with 43 points. The scoring was calculated from the placement of the first five finishers for each team.

Prairie View's top five finishers were: Brynette Smithe, who placed second in the meet with a time of 18:35; Pamela Beaty, sixth, with a time of 19:15; Cathy Taylor, tenth place, with a time of 19:26; Norrie McAfee, eleventh at 19:27; and Regina Bennette, fourteenth at 19:37.

Other finishers for Prairie View were Lavonda Lucket at 20:32 and Regina Henry at 22:01.

The Panthers competed against seven other teams in the meet. Jackson State and Mississippi Valley took second and third places respectively.

Hempstead stuns Brookshire Royal

The Hempstead Bobcats are now in sole possession of second place in their division with their victory November 2 over Brookshire Royal 21 to 0.

Bobcat fullback, Michael Newcomb, opened the first quarter with a three yard touchdown. Newcomb later scored another touchdown on a five-yard run, and Bobcat quarterback Michael Dade threw a 49-yard pass to John Perez to give Hempstead a 21-0 shutout.

Even though Brookshire failed to score, they did manage to gain 351 yards of total offense. Hempstead rolled up 493 yards offense.

Newcomb gained 114 yards rushing, and was the game's leading rusher. It was the first time this season the Hempstead running back gained over 100 yards.

Bobcat Quarterback Michael Dade was four of nine with 109 yards passing, and Marcus Lang was the game's leading receiver with two catches for 60 yards.

Hempstead punter Derrick Ragston kicked three times for 121 yards.

Gamblers split with All Stars

November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. the Intramural Sports Department hosted a Memorial Softball Game in honor of past Prairie View Students and Employees. This event featured the Prairie View All-Stars against the Houston Gamblers in an afternoon double-header.

The Gamblers took the first game by a score of 8-7. In the night-cap the All-Stars flexed their muscles and banged out a victory of 8-6.

Following the game a social was held at the Newman Center for the Gamblers.

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Students improving, Chief says

By Joyce Norris

Willie M. Burditt, chief of the Prairie View A&M police department, retired at the end of August.

Chief Burditt first came to Prairie View A&M as a patrolman in March 1965, after 20 years of military service. He has served as chief since 1978.

Pending the choice of a new chief, Rusaw Knowles is serving as acting chief.

Knowles has been with the security department for almost five years. In addition to the basic certification required by the state of Texas, he has completed courses in crime prevention at the Southwestern Texas State Crime Prevention Institute.

When Chief Burditt first came to Prairie View, security employees were watchmen with limited authority. Burditt was here during a time of increasing requirements and opportunities designed to make law enforcement more scientific and professional.

All officers in security at PVU are now certified peace officers in the state of Texas, having met the same requirements as officers in other agencies.

Although Knowles has had less time with the department than Burditt, both men agree that there has been a definite improvement in student behavior during their employment.

This has been reflected in the in-

cident statistics. Although burglary and theft are still a campus problem, arrests for disorderly conduct and assault have declined in recent years.

"Security will always have that five percent you can't do anything with," Burditt said.

However, Knowles added, "Most students are here mainly to learn. The majority are serious about getting an education."

Anyone needing an officer, Knowles said, can notify the dorm manager, who in turn calls the security department.

"Anytime we receive a call," Knowles said, "we make the call." In severe emergencies, he said, security can be called direct at 857-4823.



CONSUMER ALERT

by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

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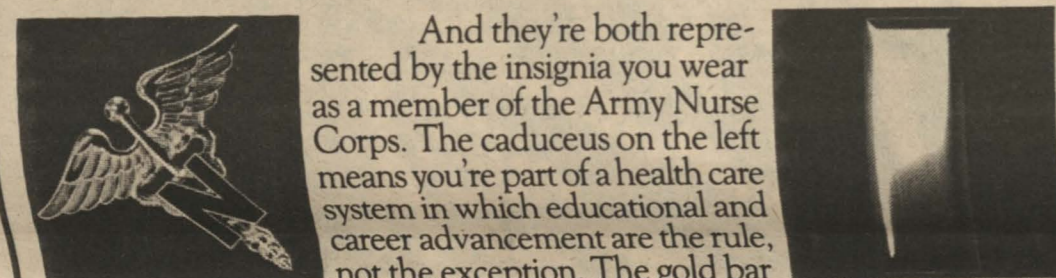
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Gaiter to graduate PV As first woman Marine

By Wanda Chaney

Valerie Gaiter, a senior from Albany, Georgia, will be the first female graduate from Prairie View's NROTC program as a Marine option.

When a freshman, Gaiter joined the NROTC program as a Navy option.

All Navy options are required to go on cruises, Gaiter said. The cruises allow midshipmen to receive full summers of hands-on experience before their actual commissioning.

Gaiter attended the Naval Science Institute in Newport, Rhode Island, for six weeks, and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, for three weeks.

Gaiter also completed the Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia, a prerequisite for midshipmen's commissioning. She is scheduled to become a

commissioned officer in the Marine Corps on December 14.

Gaiter, who has worked with recruiting more students into the NROTC program, says that there is a lot of hard work involved, especially for women, but that it all pays off in the end.

"I really recommend more women look into the NROTC program here at Prairie View," Gaiter said. "It's a very good program with high academic standards for its participants."

After her commissioning, Gaiter will be stationed in Quantico, Virginia, where she will go through the basic training school.

Gaiter is also a communications major, and worked on her first professional internship at Prairie View's radio station KPVI. She is presently working on her second professional internship at KTRK-TV, Channel 13.



Athletic Club donates Two analysis projectors

By Brett Horn

In an effort to assist the University athletic program, the Prairie View athletic club donated two 16mm analysis projectors and purchased 100 football season tickets at \$35 dollars per ticket.

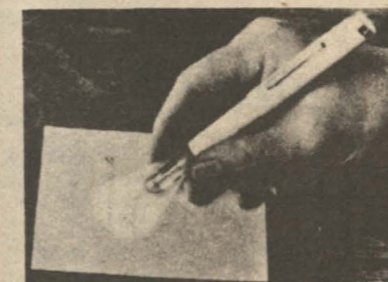
The projectors are considered to be a valuable tool for sports analysis because of their slow motion feature. "These projectors are a welcome addition to the football program," said head football coach Conway Hayman.

The projectors were presented to Coach Hayman by the president of the Prairie View athletic club, Mr.

George Higgs and corresponding secretary, Dr. Clyde Ashley.

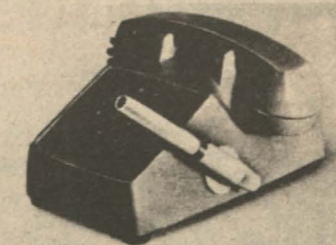
Dr. Ashley said the Prairie View athletic club is organized exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, advancing, and supporting the university's athletic programs. "The PV athletic club has been a major contributor over the past two years. The organization has approximately 100 members who are totally dedicated to fostering a first-rate athletic program at Prairie View A&M University," Ashley said.

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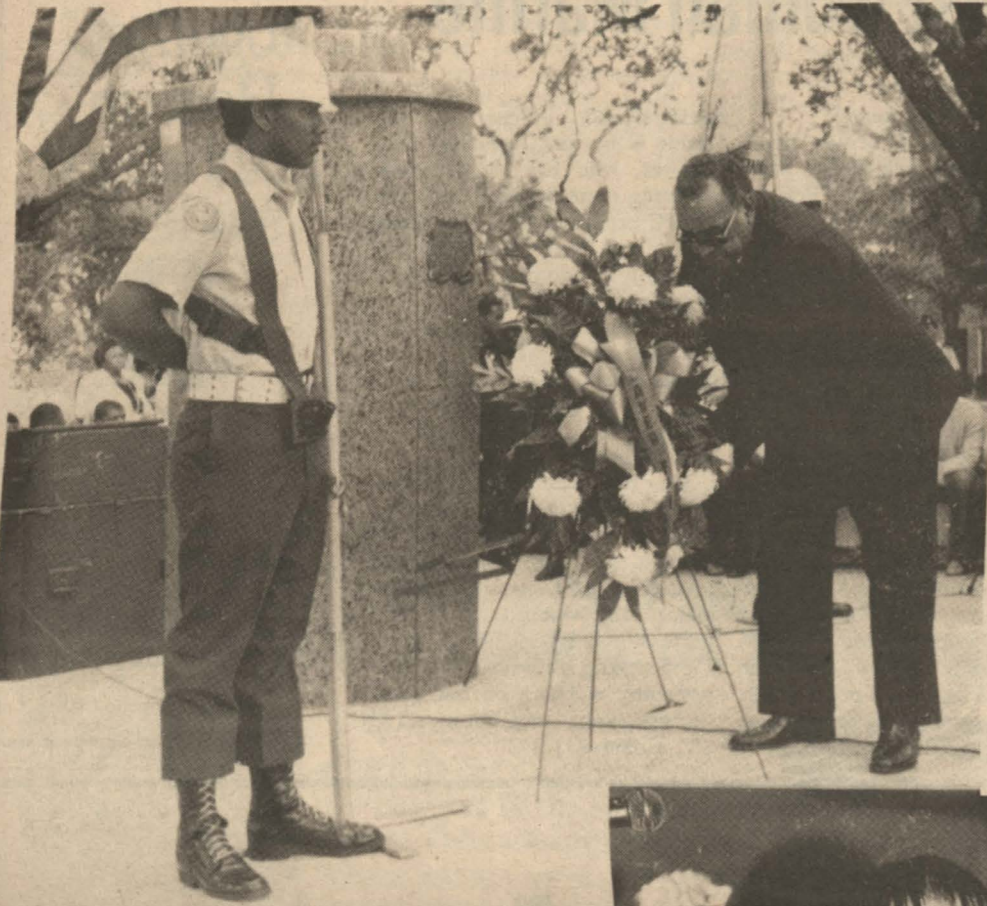
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Homesickness, culture shock Trouble PV African students

By Ignatius Dikas

American college students may wonder why some African students leave their parents, friends, native cultures and languages to study at Prairie View A&M, a distance of over 10,000 miles. "Searching for worldwide knowledge is our main objective," said Ignatius Obide, a Nigerian student. "Americans," he said, "need to understand that Africa is a continent of underdeveloped Third World countries. The only way to develop these countries," Obide said, "is for students to go out into the world and acquire knowledge. The biggest drawback in African countries is a lack of technological expertise." "African students are all over the world in search of new knowledge to use in developing their countries," Obide said. Before African students go to study abroad, many have wrong

impressions about foreign countries. Their choice of a country in which to study is made based upon impressions of other students who have lived or studied abroad. "The United States," said African student Phillip Osoimeme, "is thought of by many students in Africa as 'Fantasy Island,' full of milk and honey." "Many students," he said, "don't think about missing their parents and friends or cultures until they reach their destinations. Then," he said, "they are confronted with a major 'culture shock' in the form of language differences." "The first week I was in Prairie View was horrible," Osoimeme said. "I missed my parents so much." "That first couple of weeks," he said, "is the point at which students usually make a choice - to continue their academic career or head home for a reunion with their

parents." Osoimeme said that the increasing number of African graduates in different fields each year encourages other students to leave Africa and study abroad. "If they can do it," he said, "why can't I do it, too?" "Nine out of ten African students who study in the United States want to return to Africa as soon as they graduate," Osoimeme said. Liberian student Moses Gibson said that if there were any way he could graduate today, he would be "headed for home tomorrow." Climate is another factor cited as difficult for many Africans to adjust to. Chux Agwunobi, a transfer student from an Ohio university, burned his heavy-duty winter shoes and jacket when he arrived in Texas. "The weather in Ohio," he said, "was a threat to my life."

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Home Economics. Teachers graduate level course must have a doctorate degree and experience teaching at the graduate level.

The University offers scholarships and financial assistance programs for qualified students interested in the program.

Washington said that he would like to see the program become more sophisticated and more competitive.

Prairie View offers most of its graduate courses on the main campus. However, each semester a number of graduate and career educational courses are offered off-campus.

The average time taken to complete graduate work is two years for a Science degree and one year for an Educational degree.

Upon graduation, students may seek jobs as teachers at high schools, junior colleges and small colleges, Washington said. They also may continue their education at professional schools.

P.V. student Wins robot

By Carol Alexander

Two Prairie View A&M University students won prizes from the BPI SOURCE Teleconference held in October.

Nathan Griffin, a mechanical engineer major won an electronic personal Robot named "MAXX STEEL" by Mattel. "MAXX STEEL" is a mobile robot controlled by radio or a programmable memory system. He can speak 140 pre-programmed words and phrases, pick things up, wake you up and play electronic games. MAXX can even serve you your favorite beverage.

Jacqueline Kennedy, a finance major, won a Texas Instrument calculator.

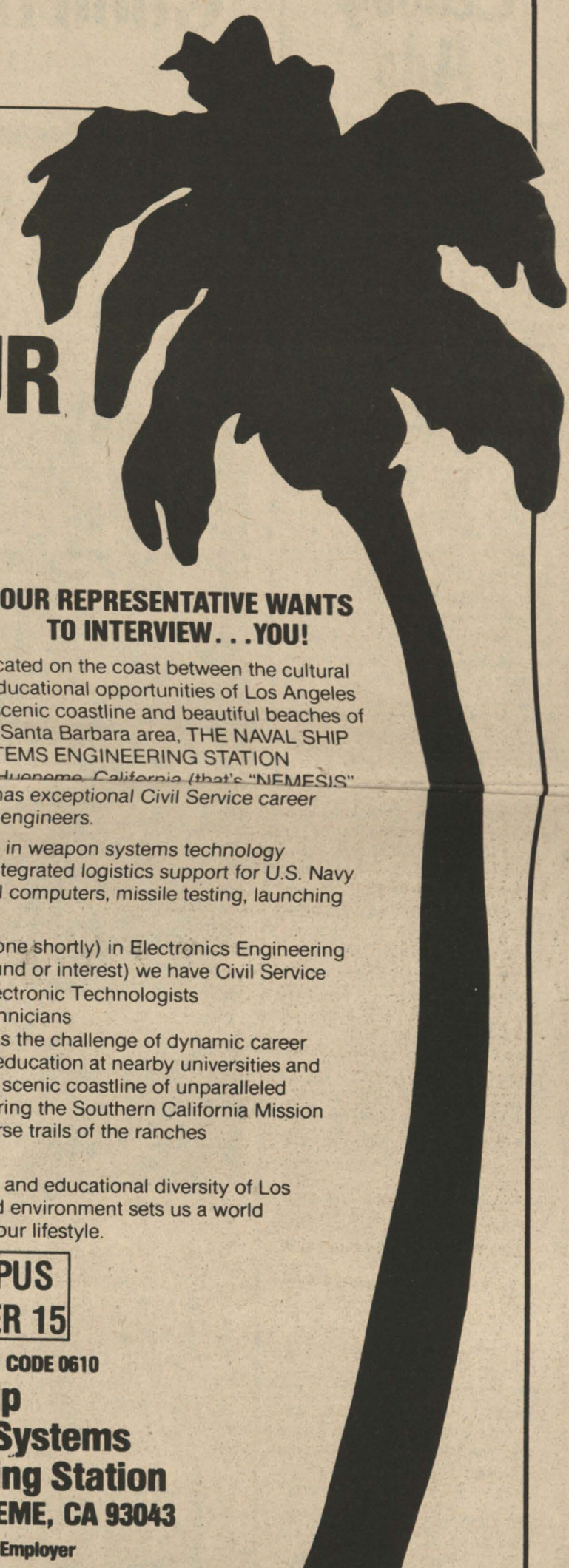
One hundred and fifty PV students participated in the BPI SOURCE teleconference last month along with other students from 30 colleges across the country.

The BPI SOURCE teleconference premiered in October in Washington, D.C. where traditional methods of recruiting qualified technical students from the nation's colleges and universities have moved into the space age.

The Satellite Communications Recruiting Network broadcasted a live full-color video teleconference from Washington, D.C. Six of Prairie View's students were on the air asking questions over the telephone.

The purpose of this meeting was to recruit college students for positions at high-technology concerns. As one company representative put it, "it will be a new high-tech way for high-tech companies to hire high-tech people."

The entire electronic event was sponsored by Business People Incorporated, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. BPI, which is not an employment firm, but rather a publicizer of recruitment activities, already is a leader in organizing technical career job fairs, known as Tech Fairs in various locations in the United States.



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CONGRATULATIONS Senior Corps! Keep up the motivation in the Army classroom every day. Lt. Thompson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! To: Kenneth Davis, a very nice guy. May all your dreams come true. Love three co-workers.

TO DONNA BROWN: Do you want to break dance? You know what I mean! Happy Birthday! Love, Gail, Kim, Laura, Bree, and Sharonda.

SPHINXMEN wish **BIG BROTHERS,** Darrel Oliver and Terry Provost a happy birthday!

Good friends will give you a break when you're broke.



The dinner was sensational. So was the check. The problem is, the theater tickets that you insisted on buying broke your whole budget. Enough to declare bankruptcy by the time the coffee arrived.



A nudge under the table and a certain destitute look in the eye were enough to produce the spontaneous loan only a good friend is ready to make.

How do you repay him? First the cash, then the only beer equal to his generosity: Löwenbräu.



Löwenbräu. Here's to good friends.

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