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OUTSTANDING SERVICE — President A. I. Thomas receives award to the college for outstanding service in agriculture from Thomas H. Benson, regional manager of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, Dean G. L. Smith of The School of Agriculture (left) joined the President in accepting the award.

Ag School Cited In Federal Land Bank Award to College

Prairie View A & M College has received a special medallion presented by the Federal Land Bank for special contributions to agriculture.

The Award, one of a limited number being presented to individuals, educational institutions and other organizations, was presented to officials of the college by Thomas H. Benson, Regional Manager of The Federal Land Bank of Houston. Dr. A. I. Thomas, Prairie View President, accepted the award at a special ceremony today attended by college deans and directors.

The medal was authorized by Congress and struck by the U. S.



DIRECTS CHORALE — Dr. Robert A. Henry directed orchestra and choir in performance of "The Messiah," a real Christmas season treat.



MISS DECEMBER — To represent this Yuletide season, Miss Barbara Shavers has been selected "Miss December." Barbara is a senior music major from Dekalb, Texas. Her hobbies are music, swimming and sewing. Barbara has that radiance like December.

Mint to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Land Bank.

"In recognizing your college, we realize that you have not only contributed research which has made American farmers the most productive in the world, but much more important, you have provided services to the people who could make practical application of this scientific information," Mr. Benson said in presenting the Award.

Dr. Thomas described a self-study project now in progress by The School of Agriculture and other college areas. He said that the college is projecting its future for several years to come. "We hope that we can continue to make outstanding contributions to American and international agriculture for the next fifty years," the Prairie View official said.

Dr. George L. Smith, Dean of the Agricultural School at Prairie View stood with Dr. Thomas in accepting the award. Other leaders in agriculture who were present included Dr. E. M. Norris, professor of agricultural Experiment Sub Station No. 18, located at Prairie View.

A land-grant college, and part of the Texas A & M University System, Prairie View has emphasized agriculture since its establishment in 1876. The college provided the leadership and preparation for all programs, in this and other areas for Texas Negro communities throughout its history.

Present enrollment in agricultural fields is up at Prairie View as the college begins to reorganize the curriculum and add new programs to meet modern day needs.

Yearbook Staff Makes First Shipment to Printer

The Yearbook Staff is winding up their first of three major shipments due at the publishers by December 31.

The batch of materials to be mailed include all color photos, color arrangements, and several pages of clubs, queens, and campus activities.

Final photographs will be taken beginning January 2 when students return to the campus.

Christmas Holidays Begin Saturday at 1:30

Christmas holidays will begin Saturday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m. Classes will resume at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 2.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT A. I. THOMAS

We are very grateful to the Students, Faculty, Administrators, Alumni, Patrons and Friends of Prairie View A. and M. College for your interest and support during the past twelve months.

We pray this Christmas that God will bless and protect you and your beloved ones through the coming year and forever.

Best wishes for a very Joyous Christmas and a most Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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Campus Improvement Continued —

College Adds New Wagons and Trucks

Three new attractive station wagons and several trucks have been received by the college are now a part of the overall transportation system.

The new equipment is part of a \$60,000 improvement program for the Maintenance and Grounds Department, and a part of overall campus improvement and beautification.

The new station wagons are designed to upgrade the trans-

portation facilities and taxi services for the college community. They will be used for transporting patrons, including visitors to the campus, to and from the bus station. It is proposed that the facilities be used also in transporting members of the college family to and from conferences over the state, whenever necessary.

Maroon in color, the new wagons are eight-passenger, air conditioned with standard equipment. They will be operated by the Maintenance Department.

In addition to the wagons, the college has received two 2½ ton trucks including a dump truck

used by the Grounds Department. Custodial services have received a panel van truck. Also received by The Grounds Department are a large tractor and arreator.

Other transportation facilities on order include eight pick-up trucks, a dump truck and two additional 2½ ton trucks.

Present equipment used by these departments were, for the most part, purchased as Army surplus. It is believed that attractive modern equipment will not only facilitate college maintenance, but will improve the general appearance of the campus.

Biochemist Joins Chemistry Staff

Dr. V. M. Doctor, a biochemist, has joined the chemistry staff in the Natural Science Department of Prairie View A. and M. College. Dr. Doctor received his B. S. degrees in chemistry and in pharmacy from the University of Bombay, India. He arrived in the U. S. A. in September, 1944 and entered the University of Wisconsin, where he received his M. S. degree in 1951. He continued his graduate studies at Texas A. and M. University and received a Ph. D. degree in 1953. He then moved to Houston and joined the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute and was on their staff until 1959 as Rosalie Hite Fellow, Assistant Biochemist and Associate Biochemist. He was awarded U. S. Public Health Service Research Career Award in 1959 to work at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston where he began his teaching career and continued until 1962. From 1962-1965, Dr. Doctor worked as chief biochemist with a pharmaceutical company in India. He came back to the U. S. A. and to a teaching career. See **BIOCHEMIST JOINS**, Page 8



KEYS TO NEW ROLLING STOCK — Superintendent A. E. LeBeaux, maintenance Department and Transportation, receives keys to three 1968 station wagons from the College Business Manager, H. D. Murdock.



Miss Connie Seymour

Miss Seymour Will Attend Religious Conference in Ohio

Miss Connie Seymour, Methodist Student Movement president, plans to attend the 1967 National Regional Conference of The United Christian Movement which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on December 26, through January 1, 1968.

The purpose of this conference is to stress ecumenical movement on college campuses. All religious denominations will be represented from all colleges in the United States, Latin America, and exchange students from foreign countries.

The United Christian Movement is designed to bring all religious organizations together on college campuses, yet enabling each group to keep its own identity.

Other meetings the Methodist Student Movement members have attended this year include the Regional Conference held at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 27-September 1, the area conference held at the University of Houston, December 9, and the area conference held at Lake Sharon, February, 1967.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
From The
PANTHER STAFF

Dean Byrd Receives Appointments to Two Home Economics Councils

During recent weeks, Dr. F. M. Byrd, Dean, School of Home Economics, has been appointed to positions in two national Home Economics organizations. The first appointment is that of Member-at-Large on the Executive Board of the National Council of Administrators in Home Economics. The Council is primarily concerned with furthering education and science in home economics in higher education through promotion of research in Home Economics; encouraging the advancement of public interest in home economics; fostering higher academic preparation and standards; increasing and disseminating home economics knowledge; strengthening family life through helping families shape both the parts and the whole of the pattern of daily living; and fostering and promoting the purposes of the American Home Economics Association.

The second appointment is that of Co-Chairman of the Home Economics Commission of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges for 1967-68 and liaison representative between the Commission and the Association of Administrators of Home Economics in State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Dr. W. Robert Parks, President, Iowa State University, serves as Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission, established in 1965, interprets its function as that of serving as the mechanism to channel to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges those problems in home economics of national importance and with which the Association of Administrators of Home Economics in State Universities and Land Grant Colleges believe that NASULGC, on the behalf of higher education, should also be concerned and when appropriate, take actions. The present focus of the Commission is upon enlarging the scope and strengthening the base of research in home economics.

Originally appointed for a one year term, Dean Byrd was re-appointed for a three year term which expires in 1969.



PV GRAD IS RECRUITER FOR CONTINENTAL OIL — Don L. DeBlanc is shown interviewing Prairie View student for position with Oil Firm. Mr. DeBlanc has since written six letters (see example below) offering jobs in the category of \$800 per month to start.

From The Desk of the Placement Officer C. D. Yancy

The recruiting schedule for the second semester will be extremely heavy. In addition to the large number of Governmental, Business and Industrial Agencies seeking students in the technical areas, we have a number of school districts scheduled seeking teachers from grades K through High School. The industries will also be seeking students in the technical areas for summer employment.

Please check the Recruiters Calendar which will be in each issue of the Panther and come by the Placement Office, pick up Resume' Forms and be prepared for interviews as these opportunities come to the campus.

Students interested in employment with HemisFair '68 San Antonio, Texas may pick up applications at the Placement Office, Room 102 — Military Science Building, or Spence Hall.

There will be jobs as Ticket Sellers, Ground Keepers, Package Machines Operators, Truck Operators, Parking Lot Attendants, Laborers Stores, etc. For information, contact your Placement Office for details through The Texas Employment Agency. Those persons graduating at mid-term may be especially interested as these jobs will be open as of March 1, 1968.

Example — PV Grad Makes Job Offers To Students

The following is an example of letters from a recent Prairie View graduate, of the School of Engineering, Mr. Don L. DeBlanc, making offers to candidates whom he interviewed for CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY, Ponca City, Oklahoma, December 4, 1967 on Prairie View campus.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm our conversation of December 4th. Our supervisors are offering you a position in the Mechanical Design Section of Central Engineering. Your starting salary for that position is \$785.00 per month. In addition, you will be reimbursed on traveling and moving expenses to Ponca City. Assuming you accept your offer, we would like to ask that you give us at least one month's notice so that we can prepare for your arrival and subsequent work assignment.

As soon as you have reached your decision, please call me collect at Area Code 405, ROgers 2-3456, Extension 4561. Yours very truly,
D. L. DeBlanc
Engineer, Mechanical Section
Central Engineering Department.

Dr. Thomas Speaks To Scout Leaders

President A. I. Thomas was the principal speaker at the annual Boy Scout Appreciation Dinner held on December 6 at Willie's Steak House in Brenham.

The Prairie View president gave high praise to the community leaders present for their dedication to a very worthwhile program. He emphasized the growing need for leadership in our communities and pledged the interest and cooperation of the college to boy scout work in this area.

Division leaders, Dr. C. A. Wood, chairman and Eddie Harrison, received Certificates of Appreciation for Service to Scouting from The Sam Houston Area Council, Houston.

Prairie View's Cub Pack 141, directed by Mr. Clyde Christopher, presented opening and closing ceremonies. Awards to outstanding units were made by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Stuart Painter, district scout executive.

Schedule of Recruiters

- January
- 9—U. S. Department of Commerce - Kansas City, Mo.
- 9—International Harvester Co. - Chicago, Ill.
- 10—Beech Aircraft Corporation - Wichita, Kansas
- 10—Prudential Insurance - Newark, New Jersey
- 11—New Orleans Public Schools - New Orleans, La.
- 11—DeKalb Agricultural Association, Inc. - DeKalb, Tex.
- 12—Austin Steel Company - Houston, Tex.
- 24—Humble Oil & Refining Company - Houston, Tex.
- 25—Humble Oil & Refining Company - Houston, Texas
- 25—Worthington Corporation - Harrison, New Jersey
- 31—International Voluntary Services - Washington, D. C.

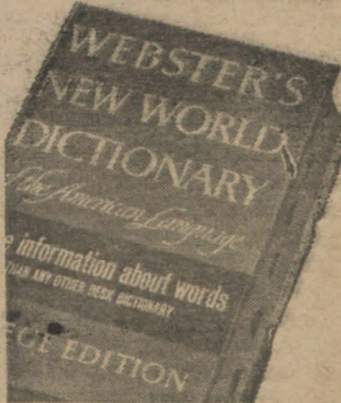
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National Players Present Drama

Bravo, bravo to the magnificent performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" by the National Players. The Broadway-like performance was sponsored by the cultural committee on December 11. This play is only one in a series of upcoming cultural events.

"Much Ado About Nothing" was a light-hearted comedy about love written by William Shakespeare in 1598. A formalized single setting was utilized since the play was one of wit and word rather than physical activity and locale. It was rather difficult to understand why this play was not an immediate success when written by Shakespeare.

The hours of tedious rehearsal was truly reflected through the brilliant performance of each member of the cast. Phillip LeStrange who portrayed Benedict and Judith Gordon, who portrayed Beatrice acted as if Shakespeare had written the parts especially for them.



Epsilon Pi Tau Presents Panel Discussion

The Beta Iota Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau Inc. presented a panel discussion on November 20, 1967. The topic of the discussion was Trends and Developments: "Industrial Arts Curriculum Patterns at the National, State, and Local Levels."

The participants in the program were: Dr. S. R. Collins, co-trustee of the organization, Mr. Euthobius Tviska, Mr. Walter Hall, Consultant, Miss Thelma Hall, Mr. Clarence Porter, Mr. Joe Wickware, and Mr. C. T. Edwards, sponsor. The proceedings of the program are in the process of being prepared, and copies will be available to all field members of the fraternity and other interested persons.

I. E. Honor Society Has 'Buddy' System

A selected group of students from The I. E. Honor Society will serve as a "Buddy" to any student enrolled in Drafting 113 for the remainder of the school year. A recent study indicated that 55% of all students enrolled in Drafting 113 made a grade of C. However, the number of students earning grades higher than C were not as large as the department or the society would like. Therefore, the society is trying to assist students in achieving higher grades in Drafting.

The I. E. Honor Society theorizes that the problem occurs in the resident halls, as an example: Student A is working on his drawings and has difficulty in solving some aspect of the problem. He can not find any one to assist him, therefore, he is unable to solve the problem. The class meets the following day and he turns the problem in unsolved to meet the teachers deadline. The society plans to test this theory by providing student assistance in the resident halls. The students selected are excellent draftsmen and have agreed to serve.

We plan to call these students "Buddies" and the project is titled the "Buddy System" for Improving Drafting Techniques and Skills. The idea originated in a recent meeting, and Mr. J. T. Smith made the suggestion. Mr. Smith has been assigned to head up the project. Research will be made during the project to determine the value of such a system and the findings will be presented in the spring.

All students before the Christmas holidays will receive a memorandum explaining the system and a list of "Buddies" their resident halls, and room numbers, along with their schedules. We encourage all students enrolled in Drafting 113 to contact a "Buddy" as soon as possible.

By Norman Johnson, President
C. T. Edwards, Jr., Sponsor

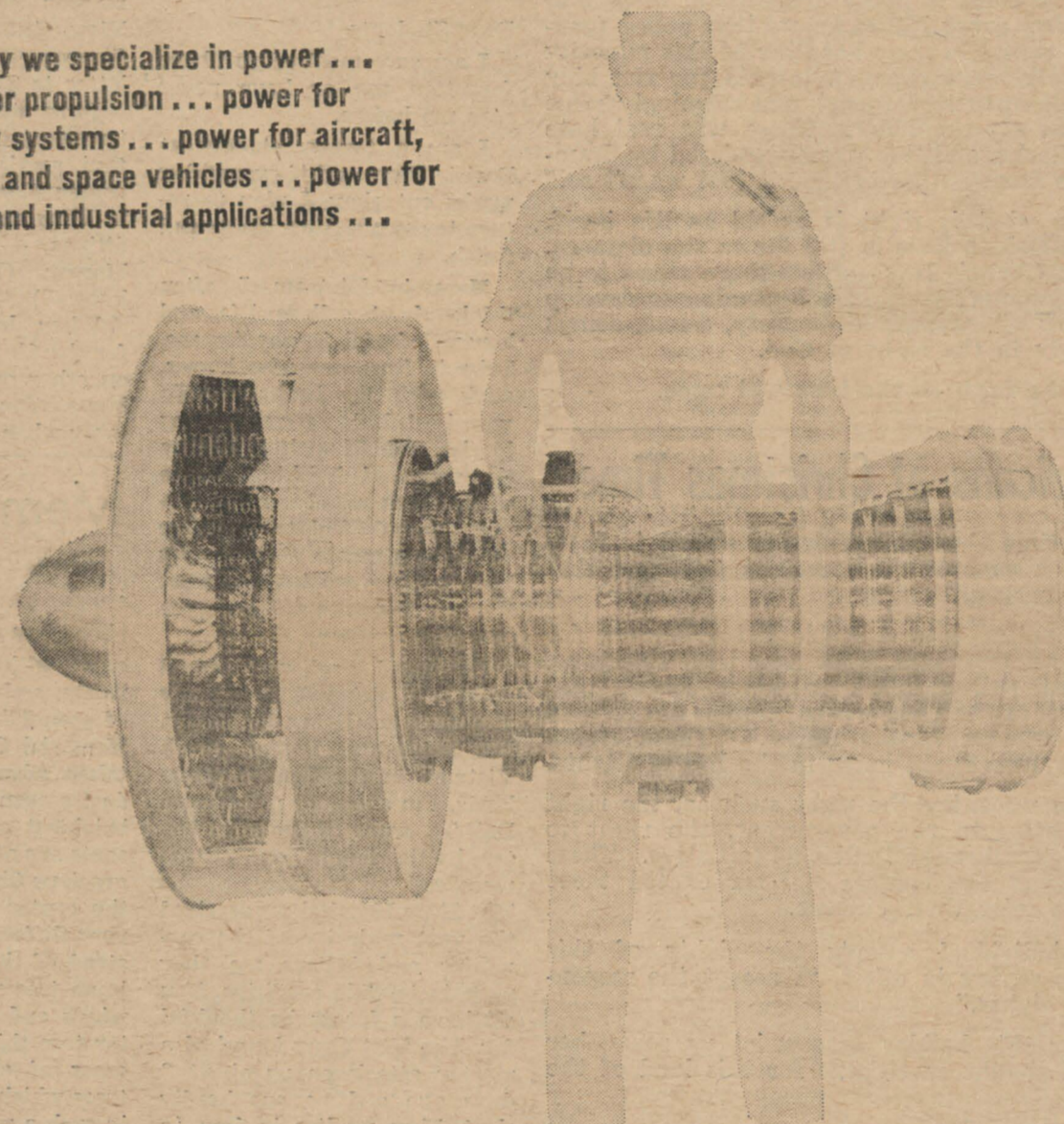
Spence Hall Spreads Christmas Cheer

Spence Hall, fondly called the "war building" has been like a little spark generating yuletide spirit. Last December, seeing that the campus was somewhat destitute of Christmas spirit, Lt. Colonel Stark and Capt. Brown recorded and played Christmas carols for everyone to hear. This December, the spirit of Spence Hall has set the entire campus in, not only a holiday mood, but in the spirit of Christmas. Sergeant Green and Student workers of Spence Hall play the carols during the ten minute breaks between classes hoping that some of the joy of Spence Hall rubs off on everyone who passes by.



PV STUDENTS ENTERING JONES HALL - HOUSTON — Over 300 braved the cold, rainy weather to attend Houston Grand Opera's presentation, "The Young Lord. Bus Trip and \$9.00 opera tickets were for free.

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EDITORIALS

Hope-Faith-Charity At Christmas Time

As we approach the Christmas Season in this year of our Lord, 1968 — perhaps we, as God's creatures, are really beginning to wonder if we can truly work toward "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men."

The fact that man is becoming more humane is evident in every direction we look. The rapid decline of Capital punishment is a good example, just the growing discontent regarding this nation's actions in Vietnam. Actually, the world Army for peace and justice seems to be getting bigger and stronger as the years go by.

There seems to be great hope for the future of justice and Right in the young people of America today. Much of what is regarded as "reactionary" on the part of today's youth can be interpreted as "discontent" with many of the real ills of modern day society. Older Americans are still taking you for granted and making jokes about the disregard for honesty, integrity and justice — so long as such acts are done in the name of the law.

A good case in point is police brutality in respect to Negro citizens. Now every Negro knows that police (generally) have been brutal in their handling of this minority group. Negro heads were common targets for the billy sticks of many policemen in the past, and seemingly some don't want to give up the habit. There was real hate present in such attacks, and this was engendered by dramatic announcements from authority that it just wasn't so.

The fight for what is right is as old as life itself. Realization of the Golden Rule is still far in the distance. But as we come to Christ's Day — 1968 there seems to be just a bit more hope more people are beginning to develop a distaste for mass killings, for dishonesty, wrong-doings and all that is ugly in the right of God.

Let us keep the faith — the time will come.

Free Americans at Christmas Time

What better time than this Yuletide season is there for us to remember some of the numerous privileges that are enjoyed by American citizens.

A great humanitarian and Noble Prize Winner for peace, Ralph Bunche, once said about America, "Everyone, whether he is red, yellow, black or white, knows that America is the land of the free, where all men are created equal and endowed with certain rights." These rights that Mr. Bunche refers to are listed in the Bill of Rights.

As Americans we enjoy the right such as, the right of active participation in the government, the right to advance in occupation through individual initiative. These rights, and privileges are endless and far exceed those that other nations offer their citizens.

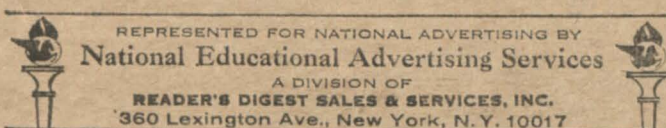
When each individual accepts the rights of this country he is also saying in effect, "I accept the responsibilities of these rights."

When pausing this holiday season, let us remember to include a small thanks as citizens for this land of the free and equal.

By Evonne Jackson

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Panther Hotline

The current policy permits the parent or guardian of any student (male or female) enrolled at the College to have a permanent permit.

The permit authorizes the student to leave the College on week-ends after his last class and go to the location (s) designated by the parent or guardian. Permits will be posted automatically each weekend for students having permanent permits.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Students,

I am sure most of you have forgotten me or have never seen me before.

I am a former student at Prairie View and if everything works out okay, I plan to return to my old Alma Mater and finish.

Here in Vietnam I often think about college life and how wonderful it was for me. Take it from one who knows, stick with the books and do your best. It is very rewarding in the end. Though I was on the verge of finishing college when I was called into the service, I don't feel too bad for the simple reason that I won't have to go very long to meet the requirements for a degree when I do return.

Compared to where I am and what I'm doing I would say you all were living in luxury. I'm located at Pleiku, South Vietnam in the Central Highlands. I'm about 30 miles from Dak To, scene of the most bitter battle fought on Vietnamese soil, so far. Here at the 71st Evac Hospital we received the vast majority of the casualties and believe me they were in terrible condition. You all have a lot to be thankful for. The Viet Cong launched a mortar attack on us about 3 days ago and no one hardly slept. Here we live in fear, in Prairie View you are surrounded by "Peace and Quietness."

So, as I close I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Pray for me and the rest of the guys over here. It will really help.

Sincerely,
James E. Shelby, Jr.
P. S. If you all (any of you) want to write, here's my address:

Pfc. James Shelby, Jr.
RA15959139
71st EVAC Hosp.
APO San Francisco, 96318

Why Misuse The Christmas Spirit

Prairie View has certainly gotten into the Christmas spirit. Christmas trees are beautifully decorated in every residential hall. Lights of many colors adorn practically every educational building on campus. Even the billboard which usually welcomes you to Prairie View is extending Christmas Greetings.

Even though the Christmas spirit is hovering over Prairie View, there are some who are misusing it. Various club mem-

The True Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is that time of year set aside to give thanks and to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ — the Saviour. However, in these modernistic days of outer space travel, rockets, and the mini skirts, Christmas leaves something to be desired. In fact, it has lost a great deal of its flavor.

The Christmas season is indeed a "season to be jolly," but the true meaning — the reason that it is supposed to be celebrated, is getting more and more minute.

Most people think only in terms of what they are getting, of parties, and just "liv-

ing it up." This is a happy time and naturally a time to be merry, but the joy of the season should not overshadow the true meaning of it.

The exchanging of gifts is a symbol of the gifts brought to Jesus and not just a source of getting.

When giving gifts and receiving them, it should be done in the spirit of love. When celebrating the Christmas season, it should be remembered whose birthday it is. With these things in mind, the true meaning of Christmas will remain in the hearts and deeds of all.
by Charles Etta Leavell

Taxis? Three New Ones

by Sudene Oliphant
Maroon! Maroon! Maroon! Hip! Hip! Hooray!!! for the three new maroon station wagons delivered to Prairie View, Saurday, December 9. . . Someone must have written a letter to Santa.

In its attempt to upgrade the transportation facilities and taxi services for the college community and visitors, Prairie View welcomes its new additions — Maroon, Maroon, Maroon. (From Santa? Who knows?)

When leaving the campus for the Christmas holidays and on other occasions, maybe the bus station won't seem so far away when one hails a taxi fifteen minutes prior to the time his bus is to arrive. Maybe the new transportation facilities will allow for more prompt and better service to the passengers. It is hoped that these facilities will allow for more of the courteous service given by the taxi drivers. Of course, it is also hoped that better care can be given luggage which is "tired" from traveling or "sensitive" to harsh treatment.

The end product of these three new 8-passenger station wagons, it is hoped, will be better transportation and taxi services — allowing the patrons more ease, comfort and promptness in traveling to AND from the bus station.

Memorial Center Report

As the Christmas spirit covers the campus and the atmosphere becomes very lively and gay with dancing, bright lights, and the general feeling of soon I'll be homebound, the Memorial Center has certainly taken advantage of this holiday season by making it the brightest one yet. This represents one of the most lively and gracious Christmas' yet in that the center is charmed with a very different type of tree. Instead of the traditional Aluminum tree with all of its fixed wings and ornaments the center tree this year represents a cross of about five different trees which are bound together in such a manner as to provide a full-lasting and refreshing look. The idea was unique and the tree is beautiful. It towers about 15 feet above the floor of the Center decorated with all sorts of funny lights and ornaments. We are very proud of our tree and hope that it has brightened many a person's heart just to look upon it and think of a snowy, beautiful Christmas afternoon with the flakes beating upon the windowsill and slowly melting to the ground.

To aid us in developing the Christmas spirit, the Newman Association and the LBA Club have decorated the tree which stands on the corner of the Administration lot. We are certainly thankful to them for this endeavor and encourage other organizations to in some way contribute to the campus Christmas atmosphere.

On Thursday evening the Center plans to sponsor along with the Acaella Choir and the Band an "Evening of Joy and Merrymaking". We look forward to the full participation of all students and staff members who would like to bring the Christmas spirit even closer to home.

In closing, may your Christmas bring out all of the happiness and joy that 1967 has represented and the New Year that is to come be truly a good and prosperous one for all. In light of the end of '67 and the beginning of '68 we are wishing all a year full of happiness, joy, thanksgiving, and love.

James H. Melton
Center Chairman

Christmas Greetings to All - -

As the advent of the 1967 holiday season approaches, the

Military Science Staff extends to the student body and the Prairie View family, best wishes for a joyous Christmas and rewarding New Year.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace and the coming of a fresh New Year, may we pause and reflect upon our blessings and renew our faith in the Almighty. We need this guidance to meet the tasks that lie ahead.

May the festive season bring joy and happiness to you all and help you to preserve the Christian ideals of faith, hope, and charity.
—the Military Science Staff

This Sunday

By Bertha Maxey, Religious Editor

Lesson for Sunday, December 17, 1967:
Keeping Life's Covenants
Scriptures: Malachi 1:6-9, 2:10, 13-16

The subject of the first outline in this lesson is, "a cheap religion."

As so many of us do today, the people to whom Malachi preached were offering the least they had to God. Malachi was trying to get them to understand the result of a cheap religion.

Malachi addressed them with this question: If then I am a Father, where is my honor? This question was asked to the priests of Israel, who in covenant with their God had accepted spiritual leadership in the nation. Their relationship to God was the relationship of a son to a father. A father is supposed to deserve honor, and these priests were dishonoring their Father which was "God the Father Almighty."

As so many modern children use their earthly father only to provide them with food, clothes, home and education, then deny him respect, love and honor, the same thing these priests were doing to their Heavenly Father. These priests offered shabby sacrifices to the altar, such as lame and sick animals and moldy, polluted bread.

Let us not be guilty of such altar offerings but clean up our souls and hearts because God will not accept lame, sick and polluted hearts of sin.

Have we not all one father? The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man! One God made us all, loves us all. Yet we are faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers." Here, Malachi was warning the Israelites about their violence toward each other. Instead of them living as members of a family, they quarreled with each other and violated the common moral and spiritual decencies passed down

Music and Art Column

By Dr. Noble Armstrong

Two pre-Christmas cultural events of great significance were presented on campus this month. Expressions of gratitude have been expressed on every hand to the Cultural Committee for their devoted efforts in setting high precedents in cultural offerings.

Dr. Robert A. Henry conducted the first presentation of Handel's immortal Messiah Sunday, December 10. It is fervently hoped that this seasonal epoch begins an era of perennial concerts benefitting maturity of cultural taste growing on this campus and destined to increase in the future. Supplementing the superb singing of the 67 Choral members and the ten soloists were the Strings and oboe, and the Brass and Woodwind Ensembles wherein talent from campus and the Houston Symphony Society were happily combined.

A deeply appreciative audience received the entire three Parts of the Oratorio with that seasonal reverence accorded this miraculously inspired work wherever it is performed. Notable as soloists Betty Grant, Joan Holbert, Barbara Howard, and Cornis Wells, soprano; Harriet Christian, the guest artist, contralto; Gladstone Adderley,

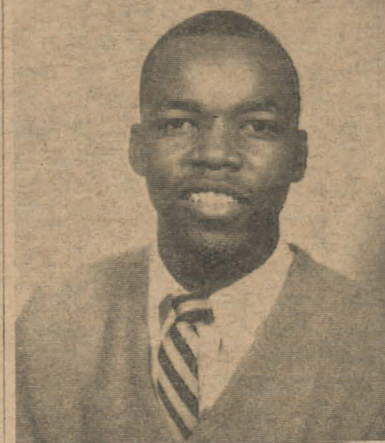
to them by their fathers. They did not love one another, let alone love their enemies, as Jesus later demanded of them. It is said in 1st John 4:20 that, "if a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." That may be hard to take - but perhaps we had better begin to take it.

Malachi 2:14 turns from the priests to the laymen, to accuse them of faithlessness. "Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth. . . ." Malachi uses the instance of human marriage, in which man and wife take their vows (enter a covenant) of faithfulness and loyalty, "until death do us part." The Jews took that marriage covenant seriously when they married, and yet Malachi finds them, later, breaking the covenant by divorcing one another. He finds lustful husbands casting aside the wives of their youth, leaving them for younger women. It is as repulsive to the prophet as spectacle of Israel leaving the old faith and covenants with God to go chasing after the idols of Baal.

The prophet insists that God hates divorce more than the hypocrisy of his people covering his altars with liars of shallow repentance for their immorality, in divorce and other ways and of their moaning and groaning because he refuses to accept their offerings. They said they were faithful to their covenants and promises - and then they turned to divorce as a way out of the commitments of marriage. To desert the wife of your youth, who has been faithful to you, and given you children, and to take younger women is to do violence to the promises you made to her and God. Malachi and other prophets as he, keeps reminding us that moral rot in a nation is the direct result of individual moral rot in the nation's people.

By: Bertha Maxey

SPOTLIGHT



Danny Roy Kelley

Since music plays a key role during the Christmas season, Spotlight has selected a very talented music major to feature for this issue, Prairie View is known through out the United States for its dynamic musicians. Danny Roy Kelley is among the vast number of music majors that our music department is presently helping to mold. Danny is a junior from Cameron, Texas and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Kelley. He graduated valedictorian in 1965 from O. J. Thomas High School. He has been an honor student for every semester since enrolling at Prairie View.

Where there are campus activities going on Danny is usually in the midst of them all. He is an active member of various clubs and organizations, such as the Music Club, Music Honorary Society, YMCA, advance ROTC and student accompanist for the college chorale.

When asked what does he do with his leisure time Danny replied, "Oh, I enjoy doing numerous things like listening to jazz, playing cards, playing tennis, sleeping and dancing, especially with a lovely pre-medicine major. Oh, yes! Would you believe skiing?"

Pantherland is indeed very proud that Danny Kelley selected it as his alma mater.

By Evonne Jackson

What Is The Hang Loose Ethic?

The Happenings that adults find so disturbing are the concrete manifestations of an emerging ethos in American society that some most aptly called the "hang loose ethic". This ethic is cool and irrelevant and it reflects a good deal of disaffection toward many of our traditional roots. Its deep-running feature is that things once taken for granted as God given or American constitution given are no longer taken for granted or given automatic allegiance.

Changing times and divergent interests always create something of a barrier between generations. To present day youth, today is the draft notice and the girl who talks about the taste of honey. Today is the problem of growing up absurd, and of parents out of tune. Today is the teacher, for those who believe in the principles of the hang-loose ethics, deciding is their right to be in the Great Society Game.

Joan C. Daniels.

Alpha's Founders Day Observed

Dr. John T. King, President of Huston-Tillotson College was the principal speaker at the

On Campus with Max Shulman
(By the author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!", "Dobie Gillis," etc.)

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

Yuletide is almost upon us. Let's stop wasting time in classes and get on with our Christmas shopping. Following are a number of gift suggestions, all easily obtainable at your nearest war surplus boutique.

First, a most unusual gift idea, brand new this year and certain to please everyone on your list—a gift certificate from the American Veterinary Medicine Association! Each certificate is accompanied by this charming poem:

Merry Christmas, north and south,
Does your cow have hoof and mouth?
And your dog, fidele semper,
Here's a cure for his distemper.
Little kitten, cute and squirmy,
Bring her in. I think she's wormy.
To bunnies, turtles, parrots green,
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Interestingly enough, Mr. Renthol did not start out to be an inventor. Until age 50 he was a Western Union boy. Then fate took a hand. One day while delivering a singing telegram to a girl named Claudia Sigafoos, Ralph noted to his surprise that the telegram was signed "Claudia Sigafoos!" She had sent herself a birthday greeting!

(When pressed to explain, Claudia told Ralph a heart-rending tale. It seems that when she was only six weeks old, her parents were killed in an avalanche. The infant Claudia was found by a pair of kindly caribou who raised her as their own. They taught her all they knew—like how to rub bark off a tree and which lichens are better than other lichens—but in time they saw that this was not enough. When Claudia reached age 18, they entered her in Bennington.

(Unused to people, Claudia lived a lonely life—so lonely, in fact, that she was reduced to sending herself birthday greetings, as we have seen.)

(Ralph, deeply touched, married Claudia and tried his best to make her mingle with people. It didn't work. They went nowhere, saw no one, except for an annual Christmas visit to Claudia's foster parents, Buck and Doe. To while away his long, lonely hours, Ralph finally built a work bench and started to futz around with inventions, as we have seen.)

(It is pleasant to report that the story of Ralph and Claudia ends happily. After the birth of their two children, Donder and Blitzzen, Claudia joined the PTA and soon overcame her fear of people. Ralph joined the Elks.)

But I digress. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night! Ho-ho-ho!

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The makers of Personna and Burma Shave join Old Max in extending greetings of the season.

Merry Christmas

By Harriet Waddleton

Soon everyone will be going home for the holidays, and people will be saying, "Merry Christmas". Have you wondered

Founders Day Program sponsored by Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. The Theme of the observance was "Quality Education for Responsible Leadership."

if everyone will have a "Merry Christmas"? Many people will spoil theirs by looting, creating disturbances, driving carelessly, and causing other avoidable hazards. Some will even spend Christmas day in jails.

Let it be that when one says, "Merry Christmas" to you it will mean more than two words. Be cautious, considerate, and make your holidays happy ones. And have a "Merry Christmas".

Dallas-PV Club

Season's Greetings Panthers! The members of the Dallas P. V. Club would like to extend to you a very "groovey" hello.

For the past three swinging months we have along with our most captivating and vivacious President Horace Townsend held various activities such as the "big" dance at Lou Anns in October during the fair, and the "boss" dance that was held in the Memorial Center in November. We are still in the process of planning for more "juicy" surprises so be on the lookout Panthers!

We would like to extend consideration to our lovely queen or this school year, Miss Faye King, who is a very loyal and dedicated member of our club. Miss King is a very charming queen.

During the Christmas holidays we have planned to have an annual Christmas dance at the exciting Blue Room. So all you "soul" sisters and brothers get your S. P. (Secret Passion) and go on out and have a good time.

Once again I would like to say from all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas!

Cecelia McBride
Reporter

Club News

Fort Worth PV

Hello PVites, this is your soul brother, Little Al and your soul sister, Jackie, bringing you news and views of different activities. We hope everyone will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On last weekend, we had two distinguished guests from the city to come down and visit the boys. Frank (smooth) Roblow and H. Rap Bowser took time from their graduate study work to come and see us. They were driving a miniature Eldorado and a miniature Riviera. Jerry ((Tip) Grant schooled them on the latest happenings on and off the yard.

We are very sad over the news of our brother, our soul brother, OTIS REDDING. He will long be remembered in all of our hearts and souls.

We, the Fort Worth-PV Club and my club brothers, the Lines of Club Crescendo wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So see you next year everybody.

Reporters, Alvin Bowser
Jackie Fuller

BOI-KOB

The Barons of Innovation and the Kappa Omega Beta Social Club gave their annual Christmas party, December 11, 1967. The party was held in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:00 Mid-night.

The delay in setting up the Ballroom for the party sort of dampened the spirits of the club members and their invited guests. However, the swing was finally "in" and the party was like wild-fire.

The party was well attended and party-crashers were few, which is admirable and most commendable.

The BOI presented their queen, Miss Delores Francis, a gift as a memento of their appreciation for her serving the club graciously with her beauty and charm. Mr. Samuel Montgomery, the sponsor of BOI was also presented a gift as a token for his long-lasting and diligent service to the club. Peer Lee Vern Kennedy made the presentations.

Miss Sudene Oliphant and Mrs. Hazel W. Ward, KOB sponsors, were present. The presence of Miss Oliphant's guest is acknowledged.

United Ministries Hold 3rd Luncheon

"We can not enjoy rights of the United States without individual responsibility" was the opening statement made by Lt. Col. Lloyd Stark at the third United Ministries luncheon for student leaders, that was held December 5, in the Memorial Center ballroom.

Lt. Col. Stark's address was entitled "Evidence of Maturity-Responsibility", and he stated that, "Real evidence of maturity is shown through individual interest. The shortest route to maturity is to know yourself, and be an individualist. Everyone must determine who he is, what he is and where he is going? College students have the responsibility to themselves to utilize every education opportunity, to improve written and oral communication, to develop a yard stick of good taste, to establish high moral standard, and to think independently."

Lt. Col. Stark concluded his dynamic address by reiterating a comment made by Dr. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, "Anyone who has no responsibility will never mature."

Evonne Jackson

may God bless you. Mrs. Grace Hudson was the narrator of the skit.

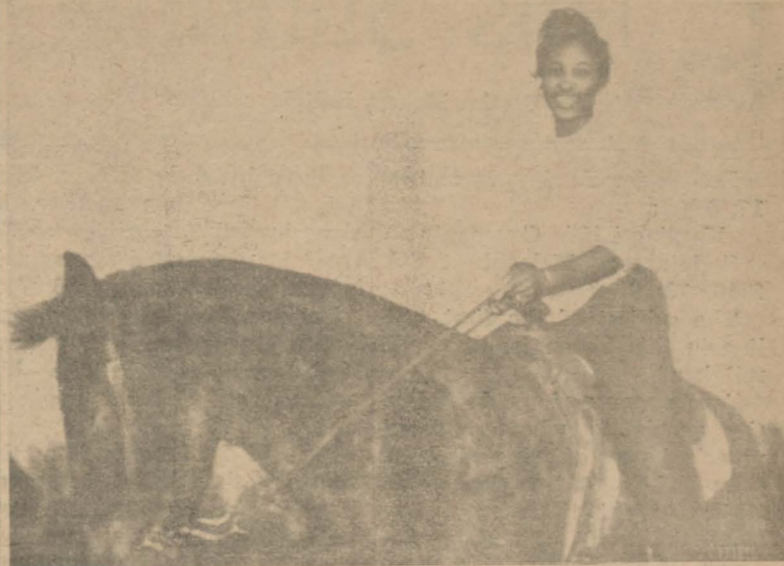
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PV Rodeo Club



PV RODEO CLUB — THIS IS FUN! This is what Othene Haywood is saying about the Prairie View Riding and Rodeo Club. Young ladies as well as young men are invited to join our organization. Faculty members are invited to join also. President Thomas has given strong approval of the club. Be sure and watch for notice of our next meeting after the holidays.

John P. Hollier
Public Relations

Pershing Rifles Sweeps Fall Assembly

Yes, fellow students and faculty members, the members of Company Q-17th Regiment National Society of Pershing Rifles are doing exactly as they planned at the beginning of the year. In preceding articles it was published that we were going to win every meet we attended and thereby win the most improved Regimental Company award.

On December 8, Company Q-17th Regiment National Society of Pershing Rifles traveled to Company L-17 - Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. We participated in the Fall Regimental Assembly which included Company Commanders Conference, Selection of the Regimental Sweetheart, Drill Team and Squad Competition, and a Steak Banquet.

The drill team of Company Q-17th Regiment under the outstanding command of P/R 2nd Lt. Booker T. Williams performed so well that they won the first place trophy in Standard

Platoon drill. This event is stressed greatly by the Regimental Commander. Listen to this, out of a possible 100 points our drill team compiled 99.564 points under great competition.

Ten members of Company Q-17th Regiment under P/R Johnny Shepard participated in the Standard Squad Drill. These Pershing Riflemen won second place in this event in which they obtained 98.625 points out of a possible 100. The Company Commander P/R Captain Nobelson Jones, the Executive Officer and Drill Team Commander P/R 2nd Lt. Booker T. Williams and finance officer P/R 2nd Lt. Ira Smith, won 3rd and 5th place in individual drill and tactics. P/R Williams won 3rd with 330.9 points out of 345, P/R Captain Jones won 4th with 330.0 points out of 345, and P/R 2nd Lt. Ira Smith won 5th with 326 points.

The competition was very strong. Schools participating in See PERSHING RIFLES, Page 7

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FASHIONS

By Loris Bradshaw, Fashion Editor

Change of Fasion Fads

Come with me and let's take a look at fashion fads years ago.

Yesterday, we wore padded shoulders, semi-long dresses, dirty saddled oxfords, but today, we want to look 20 pounds thinner and we really want our legs revealed.

In the early thirties, the "male robbery" was put into operation. We wore jeans, dirty saddled oxford shoes, yellow slickers, blazers and even tailored shirts.

Knee high socks, the velvet collared chesterfield coats, peasant costumes, finely pleated "broomstick" skirts were also a part of the dynamic 30's.

Paris fashion in the 40's was a wistful memory, but Clara McCardell's "pop over" dress fitted everyone. The Wave's chic navy suit made us want to run away to sea.

Also in the 40's, Washington regulated clothes which aimed at war short fabric so, skirts became brief and too tight. Sitting was a problem so, to console us, designers designed the padded shoulders. We grew our hair shoulder length.

Finally, thanks to Dior, we were finally converted back to little girls. Femininity reigned again. Our shoulders were again lady-like. Straps were shedded from evening dresses and they were made ballet length.

Later, Anne Fargarly climaxed the 40's with the full cinch waisted, full skirted dresses that called for all the petticoats we could scrape up.

Anything and everything

Now Then



went in the fifties from doe eyes, poodle cuts to pony-tails and Bardot wigs. Our waist line went up as far as our bust and down as far as our hips until the sack took over. Skirts went up and down in this era. During the sixties, we were introduced to the fashions that we feel are here to stay. We feel that the fashions today are more for us.

But wait, all is not finished until we mention the shirt-waisted dresses and Chanel suits which have been a part of our fashions for a long time and will probably stay with us for a long time.

Around The Campus

By Evonne Jackson

Ah! Isn't Christmas a wonderful time of year when everyone seems to have more love for mankind.

Each department has begun to decorate their respected buildings with beautiful and cheerful Christmas ornaments. The ROTC department has contributed that final touch to the Christmas season with carols echoing through out the campus.

Campus clubs and organizations are busy with festive parties for their members and guests. Pledges can get a little rest from their big sister and brothers and of course from constant singing and walking the sidewalks.

Asking around last week about the Christmas gifts that

students wanted to receive, I got these replies.

1. (Female) A diamond ring for my third finger left hand.
2. (Male) Some green bills from my parents, and not clothes.
3. (Female) I'd like a gift of a M-I-N-U-S eight pounds so I can buy that foxy pink dress for Christmas.
4. (Male) The only present I want is a "Charlie" from Doc Brown in economics, that's all just a "Charlie".

Our fiscal office was in the Christmas spirit early by having students checks ready on time for the first time this year. Students were very pleased with the improved check system, so keep it up fiscal office, it may just become a regular habit each month.

Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that the dormitories will be sprayed, heating systems adjusted, blown out light bulbs replaced, and television in working order.

Looking back over this year, we have progressed in the direction of an improved Pantherland. We are having air-conditioning installed in the dining hall for this summer, the expansion of the library, and permanent permits for young ladies. And with the prospect of fraternities coming to Pantherland, the future looks very bright.

The Panther Staff would like to wish everyone a safe journey home and a joyous Christmas. Don't forget fellow Panthers, to remember the men in Viet Nam during the holiday season.

Pershing Rifles

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the fall Regimental Assembly were: University of Texas, El Paso, Texas; Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; New Mexico State, and Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas.

Our deepest appreciation and congratulations goes out to Miss Geraldyn Hayes who is Company Q-17th Regiment Sweetheart. She accompanied us and became second runner-up to the Regimental Sweetheart of the 17th Regiment National Society of Pershing Rifles.

Again we would extend our appreciation to Lt. Col. Stark, Maj. Z. White, and Sgt. Green, for their assistance. At this time I say with pride that it's great to be a winner and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

P. I. O.
P/R Sergeant Major
Issac Gouldsby, Jr.

PV Named Test Center For National Teacher Exams

Prairie View A. & M. College has been designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations on February 3, 1968, Dr. Stafford, Director of the Counseling Center, announced today.

College seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems, which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on the National Teacher Examinations along with their other credentials are eligible to take the tests. The examinations are prepared and administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

The designation of Prairie View as a test center for these examinations will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidates through-

out the country who take the tests, Dr. Stafford said.

At the one-day test session, a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in Professional Education and General Education, and one of the thirteen Teaching Area Examinations which are designed to evaluate his understanding of the subject matter and methods applicable to the area he may be assigned to teach.

Bulletins of Information describing registration procedures and containing Registration Forms may be obtained from the Counseling Center, 208 Adm. Bldg. or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Prospective teachers planning to take the tests should obtain their Bulletins of Information promptly, Dr. Stafford advised.

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Rifle Team Defeats Four Teams, Placing Third in State Meet

The Panther Team, led by Cadet Carroll Craney, defeated Rice University, St. Mary's University and Two Teams from Texas College of Arts and Industries to finish third in the Fourth U. S. Army Marksmanship competition on December 2, 1967.

Thirty five marksmen from six colleges and universities competed at Ft. Sam Houston and Cadet Craney fired 270 of a possible 300 points to clinch the third place award.

The Panther rifle team fired a total of 1220 of the 1500 points maximum. The University of Houston, with four out of its five team members selected as All-Americans, fired a score of 1310 to take first place. The University of Texas squeezed in second by firing a score of 1265, just 45 points better than the Panther's score.



Cadet Craney

Cadet Craney is to be highly commended for his outstanding performance because the 1st and 2nd place winners fired scores of 274 each, just four points better than Craney. The first place Cadet is a member of the 1966-1967 All-American Marksmanship Team. Craney is a resident of Houston, Texas.

Other members of the Panther Squad are Cadets William Scott-Captain, William Guillory, Buddy Walker, Gerald Lemond, Eural Knotts and Tom Duncan.

Basketball Roster

Name	Pos.	Hometown
Bolden, Clarence,	F,	Houston
Boney, Marcus,	C,	Houston
Hines, James,	F,	Center
Hunter, Moses,	G,	Galveston
Manning, Billy,	F,	Oakwood
Mitchell, David,	F,	Amarillo
Parker, Glenn,	F,	Houston
Parker, Wilbert,	F,	Houston
Ricks, Tommy,	C,	Lubbock
Settles, Carl,	G,	Houston
Whitmire, Julius,	G,	Houston
Williams, Oscar,	G,	Gibbsland, La.

Biochemist Joins

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when he joined the University of Houston as Associate Professor of Chemistry in 1965 and continued there until he joined the Prairie View A. and M. College staff. He is a member of the American Society of Biological Chemist and Sigma XI. Dr. Doctor has contributed fifty articles to various scientific journals.



Oscar Williams

Staffer's Daughter Awarded Ph D Degree

Miss Janice Lee Stickney, daughter of W. H. Stickney, head of the printing department in the School of Industrial Education and Technology, will receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Michigan on Saturday, December 16.

Her father and brother, William Stickney, Jr., a Prairie View student, and other relatives will attend the ceremonies at Ann Arbor.

Miss Stickney completed all requirements for the degree in the Pharmacology department at Michigan last September. The subject of her dissertation was "On the Relationship Between Catecholamines and Digitalis-Induced Arrhythmias."

A native of Prairie View and graduate of the high school here, Miss Stickney is scheduled to join the staff of the Medical Center of the University of California as a post doctoral scholar.

PV Cagers Win Four Of First Five Games

The Panther basketball team has won four of its first five games, losing only to Pan American in a game played at Edinburg.

Carl Settles, sophomore guard, has placed the Panthers, scoring an average of 20.9 points per game. David Mitchell, a junior and forward has averaged 19.0 points. Marcus Boney leads in rebounds with 14 and Mitchell is second with 12.

Coached by Leroy Moore, the Panthers complete the pre-holiday schedule playing Howard Payne Saturday night in Brownwood. The Team will open the

conference schedule with Arkansas AM&N here on January 6.

Record to date:

OUR SCORE	THEIR SCORE
87	East Texas State 62
96	St. Edwards 85
78	East Texas State 73
86	Pan American 96
114	Huston-Tillotson 92

Merchant Signs With Prairie View

The most sought after athlete in the Houston area in football this year has signed a letter of intent to enter Prairie View. Alan Merchant, who leads the recruiting list of many colleges and universities and led Kashmere in the 1967 football year to the district of playoff, will enter Prairie View A & M College in September as a member of the Panther squad.

Merchant is considered as being the top quarterback in the state by many followers and has displayed this title being chosen a member of the 1967 All District High School team in quarterback.

Scholarship offers from colleges and universities such as Michigan State, Tennessee A&I State, Southern University and sixteen others were given to Merchant but his intentions were to play for a Texas College, preferably Prairie View.



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