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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified, that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them that hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses that the true spirit of this Christmas Season its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith may live among us that the blessing of peace be ours the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.



**GIFT TO COLLEGE** — Representative of Marathon Oil Company presents check to President A. I. Thomas as a gift to The College Development Fund. Paul Thomas, alumni and development officer is pictured at left.

## PV Receives NSF Grant of \$38,000 For Institutes

Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A. and M. College, announced that the Division of Natural Sciences has received a grant of \$37,489 to conduct the Tenth Summer Institute in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Sciences for Secondary Teachers.

The six week's Institute will emphasize new approaches in the teaching of sciences through special seminars conducted by outstanding scientists. Stipends are available for teachers which pay up to \$75.00 per week for a six-week period — Tuition, travel and allowance for dependents.

The Institute will be held from

## SECOND MEETING SUCCESSFUL—

## Centennial Council Takes Serious Look at PV's Role

The Centennial Council for Prairie View A&M College looked into the needs and problems of the college and established sub-study groups to bring in solutions by February, 1969.

The 79-member group of citizens met at Houston's Hotel America on December 14, in what was designed as a fact-finding conference. It was the second general meeting of the council which was appointed in September by the Texas A&M University Board of Directors. Prairie View is a part of the Texas A&M system.

Prairie View's president, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas outlined what he felt the institution's mission should be over the next 10 or 15 years. Other major business included the formation of an ad hoc committee to administer the council while a permanent chairman is being selected, and the work of the four task force groups studying every aspect of the college program.

"The mission of the college

June 2 to July 12, 1969, and will be under the direction of Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Professor of Chemistry and Chairman, Division of Nat. Sci. Interested persons may receive applications by writing to the director. The deadline is February 15, 1969.

should be that of providing an impact on the individual and society," Dr. Thomas stated in an opening statement before the council. He proposed to emphasize the role of the individual both through research and services with excellence prevailing at certain levels at all points, he said.

Appointed to the ad hoc committee heading the council were George G. Smith, construction executive, chairman; Hubart Taylor, Sr., businessman; W. C. McGee, industrialist, R. V. Lewis, contract executive; and John Lindsey, insurance executive — all of Houston; and Roy B. Davis, industrialist of Lubbock.

Chairmen of the four task force groups are Dr. Barnet, M. Levy, Houston, researcher; Sam K. Seymour, Columbus businessman; A. G. Hilliard, Tyler educator; and Howard Tellepsen, Houston instruction executive.

The task forces met throughout the day and reported their actions of the groups at a final afternoon session. A large number of special proposals and action recommended were in the areas of improvement of facilities, funds and student services. Tentative position papers were presented and approved for instruction, research and continuing education.

## A Christmas Thought

by Emmitte Noel

Oh Lord, thank you for this glorious day

When we can all gather and pray For the joys and remembrance of things past

For this year that slipped by so fast.

With the New Year not very far Let everyone strive to reach a star

That will bring happiness all around

To every country, city, and town.

## Students Await Holidays

Many students are eagerly awaiting the Christmas holidays and are chasing the time. They can hardly wait for December 21, at 12:30 to come. Everyone is sending for money, deciding the means of travel, and making plans for ticket purchasing. There are many students who have not gone home since they arrived here in September. For those who go home often it will appear to be a long weekend. For others, it will be a short vacation that ends January 6, at 7:30 a.m.

There are only a few more days to wait.

## Service Fraternity Nearing Completion of Project for Needy

The Sigma Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is nearing completion on a project to aid needy families of the Hempstead-Waller area for the Christmas season.

The fraternity in its attempts to live up to its world-wide principles, purchased baskets of groceries to be presented to needy families through the churches in Hempstead and Waller.

As a result of the finance from various fund raising activities, including dances, the fraternity is able to insure a happier holiday season to families that otherwise would not have one. The members of the fraternity will leave for the holidays very satisfied to know that they have aided in great service to fellow human beings.

## Chemistry Professor Elected Fellow At Recent Meeting

E. E. O'Banion, Professor of Chemistry and Chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists at a recent meeting held in Chicago, Illinois for contributions to the profession of Chemistry. He received the Ph. D. degree from Indiana University and has done additional study at The Oakridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Tufts University and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Data Processors Play Role of Good Fellows

The Veteran's Club of Prairie View A&M College under the sponsorship of Mr. Samuel Montgomery extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of the Data Processing Staff of the College for their willing and gracious cooperation in helping the Veterans Club make less fortunate youngsters

happy during the Christmas season.

This group of Prairie View employees, under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Kirkwood, volunteered to provide two large boxes of fruit, candy and other goodies to be presented to the underprivileged and orphan children of the DePelchin Faith

Home and Julia C. Hester House of Houston, Texas. The presentation of this gift was made at a party for the children given by the Veterans Club on Saturday, December 14th, 5:30 p.m., at the DePelchin Faith Home on 1900 Solo Street, Houston, Texas. The party was a heart warming success.



**EDUCATION CHIEF VISITS** — Dr. Jack Cross, assistant commissioner for higher education in Texas is pictured during conference on campus this week.



**STAFF IN DATA PROCESSING INCLUDE** — top row, l to r, Mrs. Diana Fontenot, Mrs. Velma Toler, Mrs. Vernell Yepp, Mrs. Homai Khaujautia, Mrs. Mary E. Kirkwood, Supervisor; Mrs. Marcus McCall; Front — Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Margaret Foster and Mrs. Glodene Bledsoe.



### Houston's Library to Be Named In Honor of Business Ed. Instructor

Mrs. Savannah Jones Collier is fortunate to have had a group of citizens ask permission to name a library in her community after her.

She credits her present position to the untiring fortitude of her parents, Mrs. Celia Ann Jones and the late, Mr. Thomas Jones, who insisted on aiding a daughter in furthering her education, during the years of war and rationing.

Mrs. Collier, who attended elementary school in the same community, a one-room school, under Mrs. Clara J. Scott, attended Harper Junior High School, graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Houston, in 1942, from Prairie View in June, 1946, with a B. S. in Business Education, Economics minor and August, 1965 with a Master of Science in Business Education.

She has worked at the Court of Calanthes, The Houston Informer, The Houston Defender, and the United States Post Office.

In 1956, she joined the Carverdale School faculty (Cvness-Fairbanks School District) as instructor of business, where she taught eleven years. She also served as a cooperating teacher for Mrs. Ruby L. Bradford, currently employed as secretary in the Business Administration Department; Miss Mary Jones, clerk-typist at Kashmere Gardens High School; Miss Eric Jones, now teaching business at Carverdale High School, and

### Chemistry Professor Delivers Paper

Dr. Charles Urdy, Professor of Chemistry, delivered a paper "The Crystalline Structure of Bis Tri Fluoro Methylmercury at the regional meeting of the American Chemical Society which met in Austin, Texas, December 5, 6 and 7th. The work was done in the laboratories of Prairie View A & M College under a grant sponsored by the Robert A. Welch Foundation. The paper was co-authored by Mr. Billy Paul Smith who received the M. S. degree here. Mr. Smith, while in the army, was one of a team which was sent to Greenland to recover the atomic bomb which was lost. He is presently employed as a Health Physicist at Las Vegas, New Mexico. Dr. Urdy received the Ph. D. from the University of Texas and also did Post Doctoral research at the University of Texas.



PRESIDENT CONVOCATION — Dr. Jack Echols, director of the graduate division (second from right) was the principal speaker at the President's December Convocation. Other platform guests include Miss Barbara Reynolds, Special Assistant to SGA; Dr. J. L. Brown, representing the President; and Miss Delores Francis, Miss PV.

### PV Alumnae Publishes First Book



Bobby Jean Haywood

Ann Arbor Science Publishers Inc., at 6400 Jackson Rd., has just published a new book entitled "Thin-Layer Chromatography: Annotated Bibliography — 1964-1968" by Miss Bobbie Jean Haywood, research chemist at Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital.

The 1,000-reference bibliography of selected abstracts has been designed as a laboratory analysis aid for anyone involved in clinical chromatography. Each abstract is complete, including information that enables the reader to perform most of the experiments without re-searching the original work. Thin-layer electrophoresis as well as chromatography is included.

An alphabetical index is provided in the back of the 284-page book.

According to Miss Susan Skillern of Ann Arbor Science Publishers, Miss Haywood was graduated from Prairie View A&M College in Texas and received her master's degree from the University of Michigan. She lives at 603 Robbin.

This is her first book, although she has published a number of articles in the field.

### Future Debs Attend "Sa-Lome"

by Harrienne Odum

Among the many activities planned on their calendar of events, the potential debutantes of 1968-69 journeyed as a group to Houston recently to see the famous opera "Salome" presented by the Houston Grand Opera at Jones Music Hall.

The opera, "Salome," produced by Richard Strauss, was the second opera of the season presented by the Houston Grand Opera.

There was also a very large turn-out from the Prairie View student body. P. V. chartered buses to and from Jones Hall in Houston for anyone with the desire to see the opera.

Everyone anxiously awaited to see "Salome" although it came as a disappointment to us that the famed Prima Donna, Miss Felicia Weathers, did not perform due to acute illness. However, the show went on and was very well performed.

The Future Debs have many more activities planned on their calendar before they make their debut February 15, so be on the watch for them.

### Negro History Week Plans Are On The Drawing Board

By Roy Fitzgerald  
The History Club is in the process of planning activities for Negro History Week, celebrated in February 9-15 of next year. Mr. James New, Director of the activities for Negro History Week, says that all clubs, fraternities, and organizations on campus should turn over their plans to the History Club at least by January 10.

One activity for the Negro

History Week Celebration is a Book Fair. Some of the major publishers throughout the United States shall send some of the most popular literature in the field of Negro History. These books will, in turn, be sold to the faculty and students of the college.

The History Club endeavors to gain more participation this year from all clubs and organizations on campus.

### Biology Groups Make Medical Tours

Thirteen students and four faculty members of the Department of Biology motored to Houston last Saturday morning to visit the Baylor University College of Medicine and the Ben Taub Hospital Department of Medical Technology. Those students who were chiefly interested in medical technology toured Ben Taub and those interested more in medicine visited Baylor Medical College and the Methodist Hospital.

The medical technology group visited the laboratories and classrooms of the hospital which were devoted to that study. They found the laboratories to be exceedingly well equipped. One very unusual and expensive piece of equipment which is found in very few schools of this type is the blood freezing machine. This machine makes it possible to store blood for very long periods of time. A movie relating to medical technology was shown to the group. Blood banking and innovations in hematology were explained.

The second group — those interested in the field of medicine — also viewed a movie shown by Dr. J. R. Schofield, Dean of Aca-

demie Affairs at the Baylor Medical College. With the film and information supplied by the Dean and Mr. Leo Orr, a Prairie View graduate and senior medical student at Baylor, it was explained to prospective medical students just what the requirements are in securing a medical education.

A highlight of this particular tour was the opportunity to view, for about thirty minutes, cardiovascular surgery being performed by Dr. Michael DeBakey and a team of surgeons. The procedures were observed "alive" from one of the observation rooms above the operating room. This experience was followed by "dinner on the house". Following dinner, the group toured the laboratories and classrooms of the medical college. This tour included a visit to the anatomy laboratory where preserved human bodies are studied by the medical students.

Both groups reported extremely interesting tours and enjoyed the "all-out" hospitality of the personnel at both Ben Taub Hospital and the Baylor University College of Medicine. See HISTORY, Page 8

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COLLEGE ENTERTAINS HIGH SCHOOL CADET — Dr. J. L. Brown, representing the President and Lt. Col. Stark are shown with the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross winner, Larry Jones of Jack Yates High School.

### Instructor Cited In Arts Society

Recently Mr. Leroy C. Weaver, Associate Professor of Art Education was cited in Arts In Society.

Arts In Society is an art journal that discusses, interprets and illustrates the various functions of the arts in contemporary civilization.

Mr. Weber was questioned on his viewpoints concerning art in our society and its function today.

Mr. Weaver stated that "The Arts should have high priority in the fight for Negro equality". He stated also that, "It is imperative for existing and developing wholly white, upper middle class cultural institutions to draw in more Negro participation." In the sixties we have had crash programs to stimulate interest and participation in the fine arts to all people, regardless of income, race or creed.

### Prairie View A&M — Just Another Name

By John P. Walton

March 11, 1878 saw the creation of a small all black college in Texas, Alta Vista. On the first day of classes Professor L. W. Minor saw a total of eight students enroll, but before the year had passed several had withdrawn to the cotton fields. The school was resigned to give the decidedly uneducated blacks a chance at a college education.

Alta Vista managed to survive until April 19, 1879 when its purpose and name were changed. Instead of offering general education courses the school was to focus its attention on the "Preparation of Colored Teachers". Its name was changed to Prairie View Normal. The word "Normal" in relation to American schools, may best be interpreted as a "model" or "proper" institution. Thus, a school that trains teachers for the masses.

This idea was not to survive very long. For on March 14, 1891, the name was once again

changed. This time to Prairie View Normal and Industrial College. This change in name was to be accompanied by a somewhat broader curriculum and an increase in the duration of studies. The majority of these increases were in the area of industrial trades.

Prairie View Normal and Industrial College lasted until the end of World War II. When as a result of numerous studies on black deficiencies and illiteracy in the military. Further improvements were made at Prairie View. On June 1, 1945, the name was changed to Prairie View University. This time the areas of arts and sciences and education were granted and well established. Prairie View University was under the direction of President W. R. Banks during this time.

The changes in nomenclature were not completed until March 3, 1947. On this day Prairie View University became Prairie View



PV GRAD, AMONG RECRUITERS — Representatives of Lockheed Aircraft Company and NASA are pictured above during a jovial mood in a science laboratory.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Mr. A. G. Hilliard, principal of Emmitt Scott School, Tyler, is pictured lecturing to a group of high school students attending the Conference.

### Speaking of PV Grads . . .

#### PV Grad Rendering Outstanding Service In Armed Forces

Willie Lowery, Jr., a 1967 graduate of Prairie View A & M College, now holds the rank of 1st Lieutenant and is presently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Lt. Lowery is a Platoon Leader in the 141st Signal Battalion at Fort Hood. Under his leadership, this platoon recently won the Bruce C. Clark Award which is given each year for the most outstanding Battalion. This is a very significant achievement for service men.

He is further distinguished by the fact that he is Battalion Athletic and Recreation Officer of the entire Battalion. In addition he coaches teams in football, basketball, softball and track. The basketball team, un-



der his supervision, has a 3-1 record.

#### "Hang Your Dean"

The History Department in its endeavors to further enrich the history of Prairie View as a residence for scholars, is attempting an intercollegiate project called "hang your dean".

In this project, all students from the various organizations and departments on campus will have a radiant crayon portrait of their department head or school dean painted and hung in the respective office buildings on the campus. The price of the paintings are somewhat economical; they are done by a Houston artist.

The History Department holds several sample portraits of "hang your dean" to be seen by all interested students. This project will be very significant in a collection and enrichment of the history of the college.

A list of prices and portrait sizes in addition to sample portraits is available in the History Department office located in Spence Hall.

By Roy Fitzgerald

Agricultural and Mechanical College.

New Prairie View A&M offers undergraduate and graduate studies in all areas on a competitive basis with many of the other colleges and universities in Texas.

The name game seems to have played its role in Prairie Views history and development. If the past is any indication of the future, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical (P. V. A&M) may someday be officially known as the Hempstead Institute of Legal Law (The "Hill").

Well don't be too concerned, it's just another name.

While a student at Prairie View, Lt. Lowery was very active in Athletics. Some organizations he supported and held positions in were: BOI, Pershing Rifles, Advanced ROTC, Seaboard and Blade, YMCA and the Mathematics Club, etc.

Willie Lowery, Jr. is a native of Navasota, Texas, where he taught in the Public Schools before entering the Armed Service. His major work was Mathematics with a strong minor in Physical Education.

Lt. Lowery, Jr. your Alma Mater and friends congratulate you and wish for you continued success.

#### Student Assistants

#### In Information Sought by USDA

The Department of Agriculture is offering an opportunity to selected college students to work in its Washington information offices during the summer of 1969. The USDA Summer Student Assistant Program in Information is open to students who:

(1) pass the Summer Employment Examination given by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

(2) will have completed their Junior year of college by June 1969.

(3) have some course work in Journalism or English composition. Previous experience in mass media communications such as writing or editing for a newspaper, preparing material for radio and television broadcasting; editing and rewriting of publications; motion picture film production would be helpful.

Interested students should contact the College Placement Office or the PANTHER office.

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# EDITORIAL Comment What Happened to The Grass In Front of Alexander?

What happened to the grass? This question was asked by many of the residents of Alexander Hall as they viewed a postal card with a picture of Alexander Hall of past years, with flowers, green shrubbery and a beautiful lawn.

In seeking the answer to this question a resident remarked that the question should not be "What happened to the grass?", but that the statement should be "Let's grow some grass!" Following this positive statement, some positive steps have been taken.

First of all, the residents of Alexander Hall were asked if they wanted a beautiful lawn, and once the yes response was given, the next question was: "Are you willing to work toward this end and protect the lawn?" An overwhelming yes was given.

The Alexander Beautification Committee arranged a meeting with Mr. Perkins, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Mr. Thomas Cleaver, Chairman of the Campus Beautification Committee, who both pledged their full support and cooperation.

The Building and Grounds Department has prepared the grounds and planted the seeds. Alexander Hall Beautification Committee has roped off the area which, in effect, says: "Please use the sidewalk!" and is presently sprinkling the area to promote germination of the seeds. The residents are cooperating by using the sidewalks.

We are asking students who have developed the habit of walking across our lawn in route to classes in the Animal Industries Building to please use the sidewalks and observe Alexander Hall, day to day, as beauty springs forth.

The question is not where is the beautiful landscape on Prairie View's campus; the question is "How can we beautify the campus?"

We are urging that all residents of Alexander Hall, as well as other residents, observe the beautification project as a step toward progress in the institution; and, furthermore, we would like to see Prairie View A. and M. College emerge as an inspiration second to none throughout the institutions of this, "our country."

Reporter: Howard Rhoder

# Things Can Change

Have you noticed that the phrase "the Black People" is becoming universal, that the word Negro is used infrequently and that the Negro race is coming on strong.

If you pick up a newspaper, watch television or listen to the radio, you will find that the word "Negro" is interchangeable with the term "Black". Whenever a Negro athlete achieves a victory, he is referred to as the black athlete, or if a Negro officer in Viet Nam receives an honor, he is the Black officer.

We as a group are now proud to be called Black. If we were called Black several years ago, many of us would have been offended and someone would probably have ended up with a busted lip.

We are inversely becoming aware of our identity which we have been seeking for three hundred years.

It wasn't so long ago when our men would burn out their hair with the lye from processes so that his hair would be straight, our women were faced with advertisement quoting, buy this, buy that, for a lighter, brighter complexion. All these gimmicks are in our past. We are proud of our smooth black and beautiful skin and our kinky hair.



# DRIVE IN ONE LANE

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Ready Name Press

# Evolution Not Revolution

By John P. Walton

The problem of peaceful co-existence among the peoples of the world have always seemed to be unsurmountable ones. Minority groups seem to make this a dominate characteristic. The Jew, the Negro, the Christian, the Indian, etc., all minorities have at one time or another found themselves in a life or death struggle with their fellow man. The cure for this ailment is not in the treating of the symptoms, but with the destruction of the disease.

A close look at this 20th century generation, so called "new", may bring to light some startling realities. By definition this "generation" is nothing new, but another link in the evolutionary chain of man and his society. The violent attitudes, the extremist groups, the radical leaders, the generation gap. All of these by products of the atomic age are nothing more than old situations given new names.

Have you ever wondered why there are no truly great minds in the areas of human relations? It would seem that a thorough study of past social and human behavior trends, would have led man to note certain indicators which would enable him to forecast behavior patterns, as economists predict trends and developments. Even though the scientific study of an economy is a new one, certain situations may be projected and its predictability proven through time. While the study of human behavior is a much older one, and though closer to man, we seemingly know very little about it. If man were all-wise as his highly sophisticated society would lead us to believe, there would be no need for a two million man plus standing army. Greed, ambition, jealousy, contempt, deceit, are but a few of mans flaws and weaknesses. These flaws and weaknesses should and could be directed toward the betterment of mankind. The sign of a truly great nation of people is shown by their ability to evolve positively, not revolve negatively.

If we look to discover the solution, there can be no answer. If we realize the solution, there can be truly a new generation.

# Know Your Congressman

Rep. J. J. Pickle  
Room 137, Washington, D. C.  
Cannon House Office Bldg.

Dear Mr. Pickle:

I once felt that the United States was wasting money with all the funds given to the poverty stricken in America and foreign countries. But after working with Head Start about two weeks this summer, I realized the importance of these projects. The children aren't responsible for their parents' income or actions, so it is up to the citizens of America to become the mothers and fathers of them.

Most people are grumbling because of the high taxes but if taxes will keep the poverty rates down, then that is what we should have.

My stand is for the poverty stricken families that can't provide for themselves, not for the families who try to live on welfare when they are perfectly capable of working. Those types of people are a disgrace to our society and the United States should not support them. We are looking for a backbone of Americans who by working together intelligently can settle the vast problems of our country, not Americans who have to depend on others to feed and clothe their families.

The most common thing Americans say is, "Why does the United States send so much food and money to China, India, and other countries when they need to help their own people?" My answer is usually stated in this manner, "Are there any true Americans?" Most people don't stop to think of where they originated. American citizens constitute every race and descent in the world, so why can't we help our own sisters and brothers?

I am a Negro American and very proud of my culture, values, and heritage. I know we are having race problems now but with the help of God, we shall overcome. One day we will again say, "I am a citizen of the United States of America." I believe this with all my heart because where there's a will, there's a way; where there's a way, there's an opportunity. All we have to do is take it.

My prayers go with you and I wish you success in representing my district, especially my hometown of Elgin, Texas.

Yours truly,  
Othene Haywood

Miss Othene Haywood  
P. O. Box 2371  
Prairie View, Texas 77445

Dear Miss Haywood:

I received your letter and appreciate very much having the benefit of your thinking on the poverty programs.

As you probably realize, Head Start has proven to be one of the most popular of these programs and it was decided earlier this year to keep its integrity by maintaining the program in the Office of Economic Opportunity and not in the Office of Education.

I believe the comments you made on our welfare reflect precisely the good we all seek which is to give everyone the opportunity to succeed without allowing welfare to become a way of life.

Again, thank you for passing on your ideas.

Sincerely yours,  
J. J. Pickle

# New Furniture in Memorial Center

by Sharon D. Shipmon  
Santa Claus came early this year for P. V.'s Memorial Center. His sleigh was full of beautiful new and colorful furniture and carpet for the lobby.

The cost of the wonderful present was approximately \$16,000.00. Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The care of the furniture is left up to each of us. If one piece is damaged, we all must pay. So let's keep our Memorial Center attractive.

On behalf of the Memorial Center Board and sponsors, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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# This Sunday

By Glenda Faye Henderson, Religious Editor

DECEMBER 22, 1968

(Today's Scripture for responsive or unison reading: I John 1:1-4; Revelation 15:36, 4; 11:15b.)

A Hallelujah Chorus

The month of December is characterized by a number of outstanding things among which is the celebration of the birth of the divine Son. We do not contend that He was born in December, but it is the month in which we pay homage to the fact that he came into the flesh and dwelled among men. Also, all eyes are focused on the celebration of Christmas. Appropriate decorations will be seen in almost every home and business establishment, music designed to depict the birth of the divine Son will be heard on radio and television programs, churches will be presenting special Christmas cantatas, and many will be looking forward to exchanging gifts with their friends. But few will think of giving their enemies gifts. When God gave His only begotten Son to the world, He not only gave a gift to His friends but to His enemies also. When would He be so interested in saving the lost that He would voluntarily give up equality with the Father and take on the form of a servant? He came to seek and save the lost because He was interested in taking them unto Himself in the final consummation of all things.

When we go home for this Christmas and we sing the familiar Christmas hymn, "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come," may it be with a new sense of appreciation of the full meaning of the Incarnation.

By Glenda Faye Henderson  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

# "Ask Alda"

## LONELY HEARTS COLUMN

Merry Christmas, Readers

Christmas is coming, but that doesn't stop problems. One perplexed coed would like to know: Dear Alda,

I've got to buy my boyfriend a present for Xmas. How much do I spend? D. S.

Dear D. S.,

The amount you spend should be decided by you because you and only you know how much you can afford to spend. However, I would not advise you to make your gift the only indication of your feelings because undoubtedly this would be an extreme impossibility and that is not the purpose of the gift. Try and select a useful item with consideration for his preference and don't worry about the price meeting any standard.

Another young lady with a longer letter writes: Dear Alda,

My boyfriend and I have been going together now for several years and for every minute we have been getting along beautifully. But for the last few months we seem to do nothing but disagree. He is forever standing me up over and over. Each time I tell him about it and ask him what is he trying to move all he does is give excuses. Then by the time I decide to break up with him, he treats me like a Queen, and I start all over again. But before the week is ended the same thing has happened again. I can't say I don't believe he doesn't love me because he still comes over and respects me. I really like this guy but I can't take this much longer. Please tell me if you

think he really loves me or is just leading me on?

Heart Trouble

Dear H. T.,

The primary clue to understanding a person's actions is to understand his motivation. Why does he do these things? Perhaps he has problems that he can't even tell you about. Or maybe this is a stage in his maturational development which has several catalysts that even he is unaware of.

But I do agree with you in believing that he still loves you, for if he didn't he wouldn't try to keep the friendship going. Nevertheless, regardless of what causes his behavior, you should try and make it clear that it must differentiate in relation to you because of the fact that you are a human being with feelings also and his constant seemingly lack of attention and/or interest is harmful to your self-concept. Best of luck with your problem and as you search for your solution, don't forget about the fact that he does love you.

Confidential Message To "Honefully Waiting":

The personal nature of your letter prevented me from printing it. However, I think your question must be decided by you and only you - for who else will it affect for a lifetime? Make-up your mind slowly; give consideration to both pro and con factors. Remember whatever you decide: no regrets!

Good-bye readers. Enjoy your holidays. Don't forget your resolutions for the New Year. And even though, the next semester is 1969, it's still a good year to "ASK ALDA".

### TUITION AND FEES SECOND SEMESTER

	Non Air Con. Dorm	Air Con. Dorm	Day Student
Tuition (Non-Residents, \$200.00)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Student Service Fee	24.25	24.25	24.25
Library Building Use Fee	4.00	4.00	4.00
Room Rent (For 2nd Semester)	100.00	145.00	
Laundry (Thru March 10, 1969)	8.50	8.50	
Meals (Thru March 10, 1969)	76.50	76.50	
plus tax (on meals above)	2.30	2.30	
Sub Total	\$265.55	\$310.55	\$ 78.25
Property Deposit (see over)	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total	\$275.55	\$320.55	\$ 88.25

# Jack of All Trades

Most students on Prairie View's campus are aware of Miss Gloria Ann Mosby because of her academic achievements, namely a 3.94 grade point average. But her intellectual abilities and accomplishments are not her only assets. Miss Mosby takes pride in developing herself not only intellectually, but socially, emotionally and spiritually. Affectionately called "Glo" by her dear friends, Miss Mosby is an active member of the Junior Fellow Organization, elected Miss Journalism for '68-'69, member of the Austin P. V.

# Catering Queen Crowned for December

Miss Wanda E. Davis, a sophomore Nursing Education Major, from Houston, Texas was crowned Tuesday, December 17, 1968, as catering queen for the month of December.

Miss Davis was selected as catering queen for saving the most catering Panther slips. Panther slips were issued with each purchase made at the catering stand.

Miss Davis was honored with a special catering menu prepared by Mr. Ford, Food Service Manager. The menu consisted of T-Bone Steak, Crisp French Fries, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Toast Bread, Ice Cream and Cake, Tea.

On Miss Davis guest list were LaVivian Callis, catering Queen; Leo Thomas, President of Catering; Johnny Edwards, Sales Manager; Marilyn Smith, Inspector; Mr. Donald Sowell, Memorial Center Director; and Mr. Conrad Hargest, Memorial Center Accountant.

# Club News

## Squires Open Social Season

It happened! Yes, there was an invasion, not of little green men from Mars, but fifty beautiful and intelligent young ladies invaded the Alexander Esquires' Social Session on November 26, 1968.

The Alexander Esquires was the first social club in our residence hall to give a most outstanding social session on November 26. As you entered the

## Dynamic News of Suarez-Collins

The ladies of Suarez-Collins Hall were entertained by a very delightful as well as enlightening speaker. He was none other than our own President, Dr. A. I. Thomas. The purpose of Dr. Thomas' dynamic as well as enchanting speech was to improve student-faculty relations and in addition, the ladies of Suarez and Collins Hall have invited Dr. Hendrick to speak on, **Background of the Opera** and Miss Marion Pugh to speak on **Challenges which Face Black Women**.

Of supreme essence to our future blueprints, are that we have begun a campus-wide campaign of selling desk calendars, and that we now publish our own hall paper, titled "The Reporter." Continue to look for news pertinent to Suarez-Collins Hall.

Betty Shepherd, Reporter

Club, the Newman Club, English Club, elected "Most Likely To Succeed" by the Senior Class for '69, and serves as one of the trustees for the news publication, "FOCUS". She attends St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church at Prairie View.

Miss Mosby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Mosby, Jr., of Austin, Texas. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy '66 and entered Prairie View that following fall. She is an English major and French minor.

Miss Mosby's interests include sewing, swimming, traveling, writing, dancing and playing the organ and piano. In regard to her future plans, she had this to say: "Marriage is, of course, every girl's ambition and I hope to link a happy marriage with a successful, challenging career."

Thus one can see that this is a profile of a very versatile young lady.  
By Delores Burns

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# Gold Coast Demands A Cappella Concert Choir

## Charles Gilpin Players Presents "The Fantasticks"

Tuesday night, December 17, 1968 the Charles Gilpin Players really "socked it" to the audience with their presentation of Tom Jones musical comedy, "The Fantasticks" in the old gymnasium.

The entire cast gave an excellent performance, as they vividly made each character come to life on the stage. The acting was superb. So great were the performances by the characters, that during several occasions the actors received standing ovations from the audience.

Costumes, make-up, stage setting and props were excellent. The exit and entrances made by some of the characters from the trap door (trunk) was really carried out effectively and showed a touch of genius by members of the production crew.

Not only was the acting superb, but the music and musical

selections were also. Some of the selections were: "Try to Remember", "Never Say No", "It Depends On What You Pay", "The Rape Ballet" and many others.

The comedy was the story of a young man and young woman desperately in love, but because of an endless feud between their fathers, feared that they would never marry. Thus began the play, depicting the struggles with their fathers, the world and themselves.

The members of the Company were as follows: The Mute-Cavin Washington, El Gallo-Larry White, Luisa-Cassandra Dutton, Matt-Arthur Wilson, Hucklebee-Larry Jackson, Bellomy-Eddie Duckens, Mortimer-John Honore, Henry-Rabian Jackson.

The play was directed by Mr. Ted Shine and the Music Director was Mr. Kenny Arnold.

## The Hong Kong Flu

by Harriane Odom  
Although there have been a few alleged cases of the Hong Kong Flu, it is not very evident on our campus although reports have affirmed its presence in Houston.

The rapidly spreading news of the epidemic hit P. V.'s campus like wild fire. Rumored symptoms have made everyone conscious of every ache that they may encounter. Some of the symptoms stated are, first of all, a sore throat, followed by fever, nauseated stomach, back aches, and the like.

The caption "Hong Kong" before flu makes it too obvious

where it originated. It really got its name when the virus, local newspapers in Hong Kong called the "killer flu" had run its course after killing 22 persons and contributing to at least 100 other deaths.

However, Hong Kong officials anxiously protest the flu's name. They say that it really began in China. They report that Hong Kong papers had carried reports as early as last January of an influenza epidemic that had swept through parts of Red China. Hong Kong doctors say it originated in central communist China and was brought to Hong Kong by travelers in July.

Prairie View is very proud of the A Cappella Choir. The choir is widely known from coast to coast and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. This year on February 20th, the well known choir will embark for Marlin, Plainview, Lubbock, Midland, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Stockton, Fresno, San Diego, Tucson, Amarillo, Dallas, and Tyler, and concertize in the above named places.

The choir under the direction

## A Loud Hello From PEMMS

PEMM sends a loud hello to everyone in Pantherland. Have you heard of PEMM? PEMM is composed of Physical Education majors and minors, with a few enrolled in Health. PEMM was not organized for the sake of having an identity but, for the purpose of promoting a better relationship and interest in physical education. Members of PEMM take great pride in their club and profession. They recognize that they will be very instrumental in contributing to a better society.

PEMM is in its infant stage now - this is its first active year. In future years, PEMM will be striving for maturity so that society may benefit from its resources. May PEMMS go "Up, Up, and Away" into a New Horizon.

President of the PEMMS is John Honore and Vice Presy, Pat Caney.

Reporter: Deborah Collins

Four months later, travelers allegedly brought it here to the U. S.

Regardless of whose "flu" it is, we have tagged it the A-2 Hong Kong 68 influenza.

Supplies of the new vaccine to combat the Hong Kong flu have been administered in Washington, D. C. and supplies of this vaccine are expected to arrive in local Metropolitan areas soon.

of Dr. H. E. Anderson, consists of forty-two members: FIRST SOPRANOS, Cornis Wells, Section Leader, Zephyr King, Barbara Thompson, Iva Hopkins, Judy Lusk; SECOND SOPRANOS, Shirley Vaughn, Section Leader, Earnestine Ware, Dolly Chaney, Sandra Keener, Francis Heath, Rita Small, FIRST ALTOS: Joy Fridia, Section Leader, Gloria Smith, Sandra Emanuel, Sharman Jefferson, Shirley Haynes; SECOND ALTOS: Turk Charmaine, Section Leader, Jatona Walker, Yvonne Harrison, Roberta Esther, Willie Wright; FIRST TENOR: Kenny Arnold, Section Leader, John Scott, Leonard Williams, Danny Moffitt, Douglas Washington; SECOND TENORS: Joe Barry, Section Leader, Stanley Ferguson, Thomas Beasley, Michael Jackson, Travis Estelle; BARI-

TONES: Charles McFail, Section Leader, Alvin Dread, Travis Sampson, George Miller; BASSES: Tom Jones, Section Leader, Archie Blackwell, Eddie Duckens, James Jackson, and Ervin Emanuel.

The choir is a cross section of campus including people from various departments such as English, Mathematics, Biology, Agriculture, Business, Elementary Education, History, and Music, and covered 66,460 miles in nine years of history of the organization in approximately 38 states.

Officers: President, Tom Jones; Vice President, Joe Berry; Secretary, Shirley Vaughn; Treasurer, John Scott; Business Manager, Charmaine Turk; Parliamentarian Barbara Thomason; Chaplain, John Scott; Reporter, Cornis Wells.

## A Solution to Your Christmas Problems

by Harriane Odom  
Around this time each year, many of us get disoriented and regret that the holiday season of Christmas is here once again because of the many gifts that we need to get our relatives and associates. Many of us often times forget the true meaning of Christmas because the age-old tradition of gift-giving overwhelms us.

To those of us who are still deliberating on a gift to get our younger sisters or brothers, here is a solution.

What gift for children can't be outgrown, won't have pieces lost, positively will not be broken and can not be worn out in six months?

Answer: Books.

Today, book costs vary from thirty-five cents to many dol-

lars. And if you really want to be economical, what is easier to wrap and mail?

Although toys get smiles and excited outbursts, books get a happy kind of delayed reaction.

Giving a book as a gift is more than giving paper and print; it's a new adventure, new knowledge, new insight about people around us.

Children like to read books about other children in other times. Consider a gift of the past when you shop this year. You will find books to stimulate the child's interest in history and also show him that times change, but people stay the same.

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## "CHIT CHAT ON THE HILL"

As the Christmas holidays approach everyone is on "cloud 9". They are packing their bags and getting ready to move on down the line. Let's hope Santa brings a lot of good things to all of the soulful Panthers, but if they aren't good, they better watch out!

King Arthur is still seeing the Queen more than E. G. thinks he is.

Have you heard that D. I. (Wichita Falls) and C. H. (Houston) are thinking about the altar!

Oh yes! Casanova's heart has been captured permanently by Adrian. Too bad girls!

Tippy (Alpha) and his girl Bobby (Houston) will be separated for two weeks, but don't worry Bobbie, he regrets it just as much as you.

G. F. A. (Beaumont), so you are taking T. H. back.

A certain young lady by the name of Ruby (Houston) was going with a certain high school boy of Houston, and he calls her Green Gobbia because of her looks.

Jackie (Calvert) and Charles (Alpha) know that love is alright.

I hear that Doris (Marshall) and James (Alpha) are making plans for their future, and they sure sound groovy!

Say J. H. (San Antonio) are you really a square?

Have you noticed Sandra B. and Lawrence K., don't they make an ideal couple?

Hello Alphas Bough, Mayfield, Susberry, Jones, and Blair.

David (Alpha) claims he has

all the riches any man can claim because he has Judy (Houston).

Clarionette (Houston) keeps telling Willie "Baby you send me" and he keeps asking Where? (smile)

Vivian (Houston) is sporting the most beautiful ring on campus.

Bruce (Alpha) and Lynette (Beaumont) have been having a few disagreements lately, but love conquers all!

Melba (Houston) and M. Davis have gotten together, I wonder how long that will last.

J. F. (Houston) can't find her way home without T. F. and others.

Karen (Houston) thinks no one exists except her one one only, Bobby (L. A.)

D. A. M. (Beaumont), so you don't love W. A. S.

Y. G. (Houston) and L. M. are really up tight.

Shon (Beaumont) has eyes for a certain young man, and he is beginning to respond.

Gail (El Campo) is getting married to her high school sweetheart, best wishes to you Gail!

It is true that wedding bells will soon be ringing for "papoose" and a certain T. S. U. junior?

Sylvia (Dallas) and George (Dallas) are walking around in a world of their own which is filled with love.

Shirley (Zeta) and Danny (Houston) are going to spend a life with happiness together.

Sorry (Sigma) Bolden not this time, check you later!

The Chatters

## Zipper Problems

One part of sewing that may cause consternation is application of the zipper. The reason for seamstresses having problems applying zippers is because they have never seen it done properly. To aid in eliminating this sort of problem, new products are put on the market to aid women who shop for patterns and material. The latest, called the invisible zipper, is being manufactured by Talon and this zipper requires a special machine foot for application and when finished, is completely hidden behind what looks like a normal seam.

Oddly, a favorite way to apply standard zippers these days is with the old fashioned needle and thread. It doesn't take nearly as long as one would suspect and the finished zipper has a quality, hand finished look. When applying a zipper, don't place it too far up toward the neck. Measure one inch from the top stop of the zipper. That inch should remain free, allowing for hooks and eyes.

So whether you prefer the standard zipper or the new zipper by Talon, be a great seamstress and apply that zipper in your garment correctly so you can look good!

## Christmas Shoppers Beware

The Christmas rush has begun. The nation's shopping spree started slowly, but has reached hectic proportions in the past weeks, it will probably shatter all records before it ends. With everything looking just great as the country heads into 1969, it will be hard to restrain gift buying this year.

It has been predicted that gift prices will be in last year's range with exceptions. Clothing gifts will cost more. So will furniture and home furnishings items. It has also been predicted that in costumes purchase such items as radios, jewelry, and perfumes which are traditional gift favorites, you will find prices lower than a year ago.

Keep in mind that swindlers multiply at this season. You'll find them setting up shops in vacant stores, offering everything from cheap watches to doctored perfume. Beware of mail frauds of offers of gifts that are not delivered in time for Christmas and are not what was advertised. Be on the lookout for these slick pitchmen who are likely to be at work this year.

## Pershing Rifles Win Trophies

Prairie View's Pershing Rifle Drill team participated in the P/R Winter Assembly Drill Meet at New Mexico State University in Las Curzas, New Mexico. The competition was scheduled from December 13 to 15.

The Drill team won, P/R 2nd place, Regulation Drill trophy; P/R 1st place, Exhibition Drill trophy; open meet 1st place Exhibition Drill trophy; and P/R 17th Regimental Champion Sweepstake trophy.

Many of us would be pleased to pay as we go, if we could only catch up paying off where we've been.

## FASHIONS

By Sondra Nicholas, Fashion Editor



## Total Elegance

Today's fashions emphasize total elegance from heel to toe. Faint make-up, mini dresses, chunk mini shoes and plenty of pleats are part of today's fashion.

Here, pleats are illustrated to the fullest extent in this cream beige chiffon. They extend from the bustline to the hemline. The dress is accented with nylon printed lace at the sleeve and around the bodice.

But wait, all is not finished until we mention the long waist design of the dress which will be a part of our fashion for a long time.

Adrian Cooper - Model

## Focus Appears on Campus

"FOCUS", a daily bulletin published Monday through Friday by the Prairie View Student Affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English and the Journalism Club, made its first appearance on campus this past week. The purpose of the publication is to inform the student body of daily and approaching campus events that might otherwise be missed due to lack of publicity or forgetfulness.

"FOCUS" serves a real need for all students for it provides an important communication link between the students, their organization and interests.

All student organizations are asked to use "FOCUS" as an in-

strument of publicity and communication. News items are collected from the various schools and departments by assigned reporters who also compile and set up the publication each day. Students may submit their notices to any English major or minor or drop such articles by Room 209 of the Education Building.

Copies of "FOCUS" may be picked up in the Memorial Center, W. R. Banks Library and the Dining Hall.

Guiding figures behind "FOCUS" are Mrs. Frankie B. Ledbetter and Mr. William Chapman. Special thanks go out to Dr. Anna Campbell, Dr. McNeil, and Dr. Alvin I. Thomas.

## Final Examination Schedule

Subject	Exam Time	Location
4:30 MWF Classes	7:30-9:30	Reg. Classroom
7:30 TThS Classes	9:30-11:30	Reg. Classroom
All Eng. 118-123 Classes	11:30-1:30	Reg. Classroom
7:30 MWF Classes	1:30-3:30	Reg. Classroom
11:30 MWF Classes	3:30-5:30	Reg. Classroom
All Pol. Sci. 113	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Harrington Sci.
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 14</b>		
3:30 MWF Classes	7:30-9:30	Reg. Classroom
All Chem. 114-124 Classes	9:30-11:30	Reg. Classroom
8:30 MWF Classes	11:30-1:30	Reg. Classroom
10:30 TThS Classes	1:30-3:30	Reg. Classroom
All Soc. Sci. 113 Classes	3:30-5:30	As announced by Instr.
All Pol. Sci. 113	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Field House
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15</b>		
8:30 TThS	7:30-9:30	Reg. Classroom
11:30 TThS	9:30-11:30	Reg. Classroom
1:30 MWF	11:30-1:30	Reg. Classroom
12:30 TTh	1:30-3:30	Reg. Classroom
2:30 MWF	3:30-5:30	Reg. Classroom
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 16</b>		
9:30 MWF	7:30-9:30	Reg. Classroom
1:30 TTh	9:30-11:30	Reg. Classroom
10:30 MWF	11:30-1:30	Reg. Classroom
12:30 MWF	1:30-3:30	Reg. Classroom
9:30 TTh	3:30-5:30	Reg. Classroom
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 18</b>		
Graduate Classes		
8:30 Classes	11:30-1:30	As announced by Instr.
11:30 Classes	8:30-11:30	As announced by Instr.

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**Finnis Taylor**  
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Fleet Finnis Taylor, a 6'2" 185 pound safety on the Prairie View Panthers football team was named to the N. E. A. All-American Honorable Mention team. Finnis, known as "chief", is high among several pro scouts draft list. The former Dunbar of Lufkin, two sports star, was a member of Prairie View's record setting 304.9 mile relay team, second best in nation. Coach Hoover Wright, who coached him in football and track thinks he's potentially a great pro prospect. "He has been a constantly improved football player. He came along slowly and this is due to his concentration on track. He has been clocked at 45 flat quarter and 9.5 100. His best in football is yet to come," stated Wright.

### Negro History-

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Students making the tours were: Otto Brown, Jeanette Tucker, D. Walker, Ira Bell, Wanda Jones, Frances Simmons, Mattie Marcus, James Bryant, Carolyn Williams, Kenneth Sam, Robert Mosley, Jacqueline Gibson, and Danny Nelms.

Faculty members accompanying the students were: Dr. L. C. Collins, Dr. E. W. Martin, Mr. A. E. Coleman, and Mr. C. L. Ward.



**TESTIMONIAL** — Dean G. L. Smith, School of Agriculture was honored last week by the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Dean Smith, who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization for over 30 years, received a plaque and a \$100 Savings Bond.

### How to Find Christmas Spirit

Every year about this time, it seems that everyone is disappointed because they don't feel the "true" Christmas Spirit. Comments like "It just doesn't seem like Christmas," and "Christmas isn't anything special to me any more" are common expressions.

While some people are waiting for the Christmas spirit to suddenly attack them, a certain person gets a strange but familiar look in her eye. It's the look which tells everyone that she's looking for something else to decorate with besides the traditional wreaths, bulbs and trees. And that's the signal to keep watch and wait for the surprises to come.

Then boom! there you are painting oak leaves and branches and putting glitter on everything that isn't nailed down. You find yourself with hundreds of others helping to create an atmosphere in which all who enter will feel welcome. And with-

## Bolden, Williams Lead PV Cagers

The Prairie View basketball team made one of those dramatic come from behind efforts and defeated a fine Howard Payne team 108-98. 6'2" junior guard-forward, Clarence Bolden and 6'0" senior guard Oscar Williams led the Panthers in scoring with 37 and 30 respectively. The Yellow Jackets from Howard Payne led most of the game and held a 56-50 halftime advantage. Fred Davis, the Jackets 6'5" junior center poured in 29 points the first half. The Panthers began to come alive midway the second half on two stolen passes by Clarence Bolden and Oscar Williams to narrow the Jackets margin 69-65. Carl Settles, playing for the first time this season stole a pass and drove in to put the Panthers ahead 85-85. Dan McGhee gave the lead back to Howard Payne 86-85 making two free throws.

With 6:05 left in the game, Bolden hit for two and the Pack regained the lead 87-86. A violation by the Jackets and a lay up by David Mitchell increased the Pack's lead 89-86. McGhee made a fine pass to Coleman, who laid it up to tie the score 89-89 with 3:25 remaining in the game.

Clarence Bolden made two free throws with 2:45 in the game to give the Panthers a 93-90 lead which they never lost. The game was a nip and tuck struggle throughout the final two minutes but the Panthers proved to be the stronger opponent.

Prairie View is now 3-1 for the season and will not play another home game until January 9, when they meet the tough Southern Jaguars in a SWAC game. The Panthers have scored 416 points in four games. Clarence Bolden has scored 89 points in his last three games. The team will travel to Springfield, Missouri Friday in a game with Southern State.

Through the eyes of a little child, the world is still very beautiful. How much better for us grown-ups if we would quit moaning and complaining about everything and everybody and still see some of the beauty evidenced in each passing day.

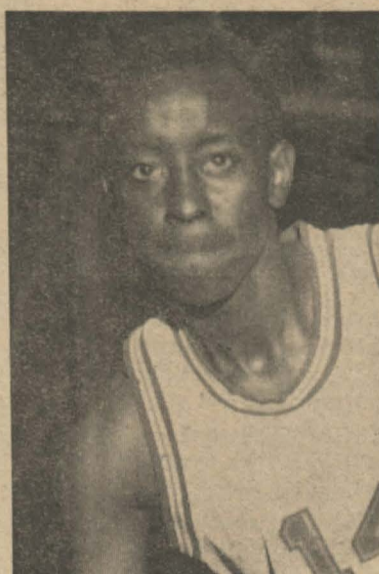
### Golfers Ready To Defend Title

The Prairie View A&M Panthers Golf Team will be defending the SWAC championship for the fourth straight year. Since Martin Epps has taken over the team, they have made national appearances as well as winning the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships in 64, 66, 67, and 68. Last year the conference champs averaged 73.4 strokes for 18 holes, the best ever for a P. V. golf team. Returning for this year will be captain, Leonard Jones, Paul Reed, and three fine freshmen, Leslie Valentine, Richard Land, and Robert Jackson.

out any deep soul searching, you find that you are filled with joy of giving of yourself, your time, service and/or creative ability.

So if the joyous feeling of Christmas hasn't attacked you yet, try helping to decorate a door, a tree or perhaps a dormitory and see what happens. You'll be surprised.

by Sandra F. Jones



**Oscar Williams, Sr.**  
Tri-Captain 6-0 Guard



**Clarence Bolden, Jr.**  
6-2 Forward

## PV Track Team Sets High Goals

Can the Prairie View track team win the N. A. I. A. indoor meet again? Run faster than cars? Leap tall buildings? Most people are asking the above questions about Coach Hoover Wright's crack track team. The fleet Panthers track team was big winners in every town they ran in last year. Some of Wright's achievements last year were: Winners of the 1968 N. A. I. A. indoor meet at Kansas; in the Fort Worth meet they won the 2 mile relay, sprint medley, intermediate hurdles, open quarter, pole vault, freshmen 440 and mile relay; at the TSU Relays they were also big winners. The two mile relay, sprint medley, freshman mile relay and 440 relay were all captured by the Panthers. The Panthers made a big hit at the Pelican Relays by winning the two mile relay, sprint medley, intermediate hurdles, mile relay, 440 relay and 880 relay. The Panthers won almost every event at the conference meet held at Southern University but lost the meet to Southern on a controversial call by one point. One of Wright's biggest wins came over the University of Texas in the California Relays. Texas boast their famed Craig Morton in the

California Relays but the fleet Panthers from Prairie View ran Morton and U. T. off the track. After a great year in 1968, Wright isn't about to sit down and rest. In fact, he hopes to better last years performances— Is it possible? "We have the same team back and hope to do the same or better than we did last year. We have three top freshmen who we hope can help us this year. The only thing we need is to get to the meets", stated Wright. Wright has taken his team to two meets, the Houston Relays and the Northeast Louisiana Indoor Meet in Monroe, Louisiana. They won the half mile and placed third in the shot put and mile relay. Their 154-9 half mile was a new meet record. After a great performance in the Northeast Louisiana Meet, Wright is waiting to receive an invitation to the Sugar Bowl Meet in New Orleans, Louisiana. When one looks over the 1968 Panther record and their present performance it won't be hard to convince people that the Panthers can run faster than cars or leap tall buildings. Their next scheduled meet is the N. A. I. A. Indoor Meet in Kansas City, Mo., January 24th and 25th.

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