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SEASON'S GREETINGS



The Real Meaning of Christmas

So God Loved the World
That He Gave His Only-Begotten Son,
To The End That All That Believe in Him
Should Not Perish, But Have
Everlasting Life

St. John III, 16



PREPARING CHRISTMAS GOODIES — Nursery School youngsters get help from Home Economics students as they whip up goodies for the school's annual Christmas party. Santa Claus was there and all the trimmings.



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Phi Beta Sigma

Fraternal Group Sets State Convention at Prairie View A&M

A state convention will be held at Prairie View A&M University on January 16-18, 1976. The upcoming convention is being sponsored and coordinated by undergraduate students, who are members of Delta Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

This convention is one of the most significant events that has occurred in the history of the institution. The major thrust will be to develop strategies that can be employed to reduce unemployment, underemployment, and the welfare rolls, throughout the state and the nation.

A major feature of the convention will be to bring National, State, and local leaders to the campus, to assist

in developing strategies that can be implemented to eliminate welfare type situation. The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has come to the realization that problems of this nature are so severe, that such organizations must take a leading role in solving some of society's problems. The planned convention will focus on identifying available jobs, job training, job placement, and counseling activities necessary to reduce unemployment. Much emphasis will be placed upon educating program participants as to their role in aiding the total cause for reducing unemployment.

Symphonic Band Presents Christmas Music on Campus

The Prairie View A&M Symphonic Band presented A Program of Christmas Music on Thursday, December 11.

Held in the open, in front of Alumni Hall, the group performed during the noon hours. The Band is directed by Dr. Lucius R. Wyatt.

PV Band To Play At Oiler Game

The Prairie View A&M Marching Band and "Black Foxes" will be a feature attraction at the Houston Oiler-Cleveland Browns game Sunday in the Astrodome.

The entire group of nearly 100 will delay their Christmas holidays departure to be on hand for the big game Sunday.

Who's Who Among PV Students to Be Recommended

A total of 46 PVA&M students have been recommended for the national list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Final selections came from recommendations of teachers, department heads, deans and directors and were screened by the University's Information Committee with Reverend W. Van Johnson, Director of Student Activities, and other officials, including the President. Considerations were based on academic standing,

Army-Navy

Commissioning Exercises Mark Close of Semester

The Army ROTC and the Navy ROTC held their annual mid-year commissioning exercise on December 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Memorial Center Ballroom.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Major General Kenneth A. Kuykendall, Commander of the 75th Maneuver Area Command (Houston, Texas). General Kuykendall will present the challenge of office and the oath of office to the commissioners.

The exercises marked the close of the First (Fall) Semester and the advent of the participation in extracurricular activities and community service.

The list of students will be ready for publication in the January 15 issue of The Panther.

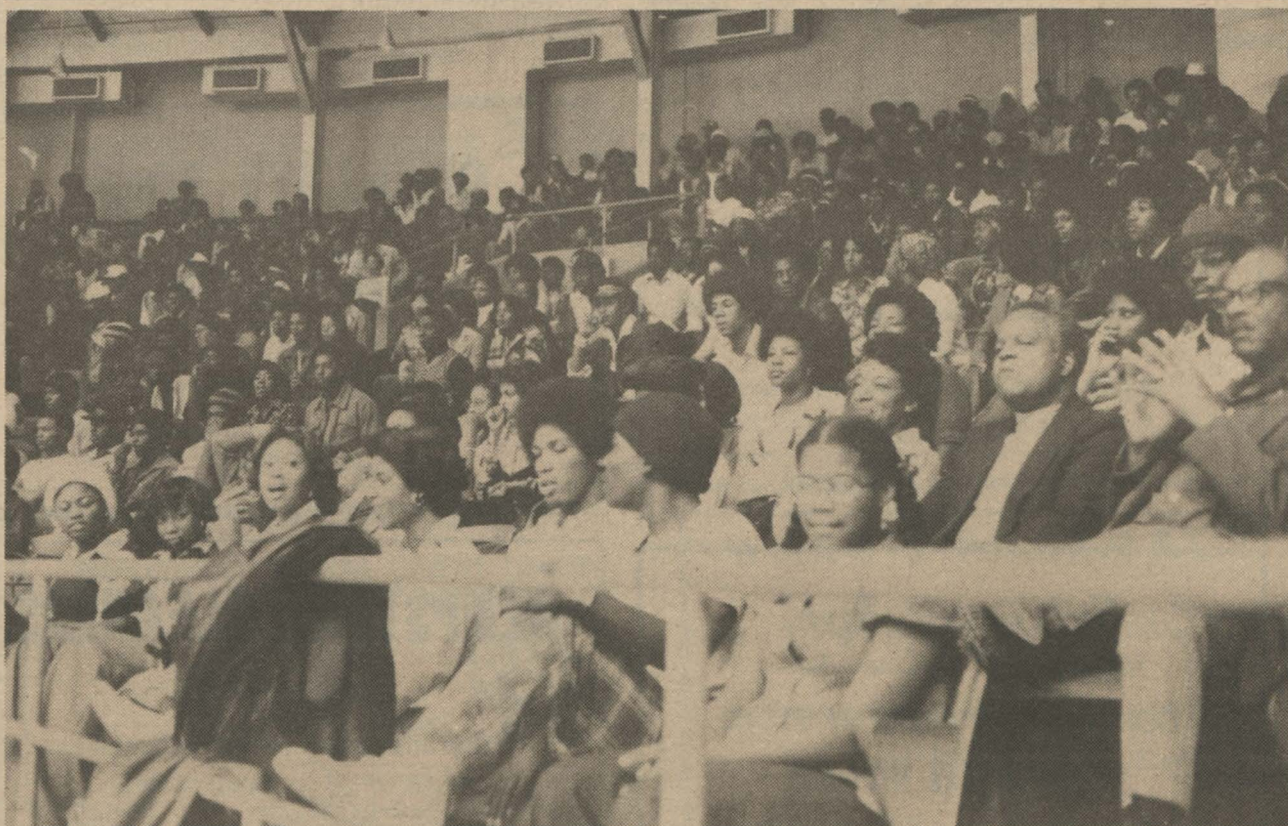
holiday season. The semester officially closes Saturday, December 20, following a full week of Final Examinations. Several seniors completed all academic requirements, but will not receive their degrees until the May Commencement.

University offices will remain open through December 23. Official university holidays begin December 24 and continues through the New Year's observance. Provisions are being made to care for students who wish to remain on campus through the Christmas holidays. A few out-of-state and foreign students usually elect to remain on campus or stay close by.

Students will return to the campus beginning about January 8 when Registration re-opens. Classes for the new semester begins on January 12.



PV-ITE PROMOTED — Barbara Merchant has been named an assistant cashier at Main Bank, Main at Polk, according to George W. Mitchell, bank president. Merchant has been with the bank for the past seven years. She attended PV, majoring in business.



BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS — Number one interest on campus in early December has been in the Filed House where the fast-breaking Panthers continue to win and make

high-scoring records. They lead nation with 116.5 scoring average.



Four Former AROTC Cadets Strike Gold

Isaac Martin, William Griffin, Charles Davis, Harold Allen and Albert Cunningham have struck a GOLD vein on Prairie View A&M University's Property . . . valued at \$50,000.00 dollars or \$10,000.00 per man. They were commissioned Second Lieutenants in the United States Army on December 13, 1975. Martin reports to Fort Knox, KY 20 APR76; Cunningham reports to Ft. Knox, KY, 27Jan76; Griffin reports to Ft. Benning, GA, 8Jan76; Allen reports to Ft. Benning, GA, 5Feb76; and Davis reports to Ft. Sill, OK, 29Dec75.

LOCAL ARCHITECT SPEAKS — Ms. Betty Poindexter, a Prairie View native and professional architect, spoke at a seminar sponsored by The Architecture Division. A UT grad, Ms. Poindexter is transferring from work in Los Angeles to the Houston area.

Les Belle Lettres

When most people see the letters L.B.L. or the words Les Belles Lettres the first thing they say is what is that? Well for the information of those who do not know it is a Black Cultural Social Club. This organization on Prairie Views Campus in the 1950's. The objectives of this organization: Read good books, listen to all types of music, attend cultural activities, and to encourage each member to be an asset to the community in every facet of her daily life. This organization was rechartered in the spring of 1974. The line consists of 17 fantastic young ladies. The line was known as the "Shanghai 17." There are only six members to this present day attending the University. There names as follows:

- Nellie Jones president
 - Denise Mitchell vice president
 - Anita Nelson secretary
 - Gloria Ned treasurer-reporter
 - Hazel Pierre ass't. dean pledges
 - Betty Casteel dean pledges
- Graduates: Iantha LaBlanc, Helen Stephen.
- We hope to see other young ladies join and help themselves to the realization of being Black and Proud to be that way.
- More Pride in "76"
Gloria Ned

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PV TEACHER CORPS PROGRAM — Local school and Universities personnel meet to plan Cycle XI Teacher Corps Project. They are [l to r] Ross Clark, Prairie View A&M University; Thomas Ryan, Texas Education Agency; Milton Krause, Brenham ISD; Sid B. Stevenson, Superintendent,

Burotn ISD; H. W. Eikenhorst, Superintendent, Brenham ISD; Dr. Charles Carnev, Head of Dept. of Special Education; Dr. Bill Parker, Director of Cycle IX Teacher Corps; Tim Sears, Principal, Waller ISD; and Dr. Jack Griffin, Superintendent, Waller ISD.



EDUCATORS IN ACTION — Teacher Corps personnel are pictured during a work conference. Sharon Crow

Teacher Corps Interns Hold Parent Workshops

Teacher Corps Interns from Holleman Elementary in Waller ISD are holding a series of Parent Workshops. The manpower development field and they are open to individuals in all areas of study. The event was sponsored by the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society with the assistance of Mr. Roderick Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell, a senior Pre-Med major at Prairie View A&M University, is the student representative of Health Careers Information System.

Oswald Johnson President

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Teacher Corps Team Leader Has Article in "Texas Outlook"

Sharon Crow, Cycle IX Teacher Corps Team Leader in Waller ISD, is pictured holding a copy of the *Texas Outlook*, the professional publication of the Texas State Teachers Association. Mrs. Crow has an article published in the December issue entitled, "Teacher Corps."

The article is part of a series written by Texas educators called "Planning and Learning: The Elementary Curriculum." As printed in the *Outlook*, "Two elements of learning—the teacher and what is taught—are helping to unlock the future for students. They meet in classrooms every school day to bring much of what man knows, and a little of what he doesn't know, into focus for these youngsters."

"Educators realize that the modern school must be an adjustable instrument for today's learner. The curriculum must grow and yield its shape according to new needs and emphases are they emerge."

"Established by Congress in 1965 and implemented the following year, Teacher Corps is a nationwide effort to give low income children a better education by improving teacher preparation."

"This program enables area schools, their communities, and nearby universities to cooperate in planning and operating innovative programs for the training of teachers."

"Prairie View A&M University, Mrs. Theola Woods, Mrs. R. F. Randle, Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. Patsy Thompson, Miss Patricia Glover, Mrs. Judy Day, Community Coordinator Jewel Cooper, Interns Cewilla Walker, Lorena Armstrong, Sammie Epperson, Yvonne Kemp and Team Leader Sharon Crow.

Another workshop in the series was "Math Awareness" presented by Mrs. Thelma Peil, cooperating teacher at Holleman, who explained how Math textbooks are selected and ways parents can help their children learn Math facts at home. This meeting was arranged by Intern Sammie Epperson.

The next Parent Workshop will be presented Tuesday, January 20 in the evening and Wednesday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Holleman Elementary School. Notes will be sent home with students announcing further details. If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please contact Sharon Crow at Holleman Elementary.

"Observation of the cooperating teacher and special lesson demonstrations by the team leader combine to give the intern a variety of learning experiences in teaching techniques. Each intern has the opportunity to visit every grade level, K-6, as part of his preparation, but special emphasis is placed on the kindergarten and special education classes."

"The clinical professors who wrote instructional modules for individualized study in the program visit the school campus regularly to provide additional instruction and review the progress of each intern."

Freshman Spotlight



Class Vice President Victor Mitchell

Looking as if he was born for the job of vice-presidency, the Freshman Spotlight will focus on Victor Mitchell.

Mitchell hails from Houston. He is a graduate of Jack Yates Sr. High He is the former Student Council Reporter, Senior Class Sargeant-at-Arms, Rifle Team Commander, and Parent-Teacher-Student Association, PTSA, representative. With these rewarding abilities he has become one of the diligent leaders of the class.

Victor Mitchell stated, "My ambition is to bring unity within the class through motivation, pride, spirit, and student participation. This goal can be accomplished. We as a whole can not obtain what we actually desire, if we do not work together. Therefore, without unity, there can be no success."

His extracurricular activities include being a member of student government, playing in the Prairie View Marching Band, and in the St. John Missionary Baptist Church Band.

He enjoys music, baseball, dances, tennis, ping pong, photography and bowling. Mitchell's immediate goals

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From President Thomas: Christmas Beautification And Decorations

Christmas is a season, a spirit, a time of joy and happiness.

Christmas is also a time when you can make a meaningful and positive contribution to yourself and others through the beauty, cheerfulness and gaiety which is a part of the season.

It is in the spirit of Christmas that I encourage and endorse a program of increased personal and public beautification and decoration from December 1 through December 30. Individuals are encouraged to wear Christmas pins and adornments. Of course, that special Christmas smile and gay spirit of persons are much in vogue right now.

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms, doors, windows, halls, the lobby, the

It's Christmas Time

Christmas time is here again. And with it comes good cheer. Fellyings of joy are all around. Bad thoughts disappear. Little children have hearts of gold.

Their expectations are great. Dreams of Santa Claus dance in their minds. Their hearts celebrate. Older people meditate. Having thoughts of days gone by. Happiness bubbles over inside. We wonder why they cry. Christmas songs are all brought back.

And sung with glorification. Church bells ring and homes are lit.

are to move closer to God, be successful in life, excell in his endeavors, and to improve his society through engineering.

By Gwylene Wright
Class Reporter

With beauty and adoration. I love the Christmas season. For it brings to mind one thing. That over the horizon lies another year. Of life opportunities to cling.

by Lary Randolph

Merry Christmas Beta, Beta, Beta Members

The president of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Mr. Oswald Johnson, would like to acknowledge the newly initiated members and thank them for their sincere cooperation which helped to make the initiation ceremonies a success.

Mr. Johnson and the sponsors Dr. J. E. Berry and Dr. R. D. Humphrey, would like to wish all of the members of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Oswald Johnson
President



PLANNING FOOD SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS — University personnel and students meet with Handy-Andy officials to discuss changes in Alumni Hall.

Do Yourself A Favor During Holidays

Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day, and each age of your

life. Then you can look forward with confidence, and back without regrets.

Be yourself—but be your best self. Dare to be different and follow your own star. And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love, love you. Forget what you have done for your friends, and remember what they have done for you. Disregard what the world owes you, and concentrate on what you owe the world. When you are faced with a decision, make the decision as wisely as possible—then forget it. The moment of absolute certainty never arrives. Above all, remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depends upon you, and pray as if everything depends upon God.

* If you can do this over these holidays, continue on abiding by it the rest of your life. You won't regret it. *

by Larry Randolph

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Selecting The Right Career

by Larry Randolph
Let's face it, we are all at the university for one main purpose, and that is to get a degree that will enable us to get a good job when we graduate. A job that will make us happy not only financially but personally. Now that's a fact. There are some people in this society today, that are actually trying to counsel and help us to make our futures what we want it to be. These men and women take surveys and polls and give tests, and from their deductions, they offer their services to us.

personally recommend everyone to read, there was a particular article entitled "Courses that lead to Jobs are Taking over Campuses." These type of articles, no matter what magazine or paper they're in, are very beneficial to us as students right now in college. The article mentioned that courses that are gaining in popularity because of future job benefits. They were: accounting, agriculture, business administration, economics, engineering, geology, health and medical services, journalism, music and art. Emphasis on these courses, or majors in these fields will guarantee you success at the end of your tenure at this University. That's a fact.

Patterns

Life forces us into many personalities, actions, and beliefs.

The patterns themselves force us into situation which we might not chosen if we were totally free.

The patterns in our lives form the structure of our very existence; we must work within these confines.

Unless we find the courage to break out totally.

by Gwylan Wright
A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Make your Christmas worthwhile. Do for others, as you would like them to do for you.
by PDA



PANTHER STAFF GOES TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY — The joyful occasion was held last week before final exams got underway.

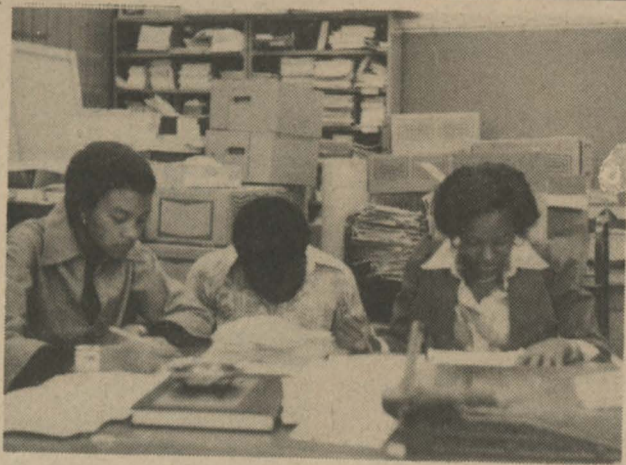
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YEARBOOK ACTIVITY — Staff members, Alfreda Jones, Morris Richardson, and LaWanda Miller concentrate on tallying student nominations for Yearbook Features.

Astrology

Sun Sign: Capricorn
Dates included: Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Symbol: The Goat
Ruling Planet: Saturn

You have much inner strength and are able to remain firm in your purposes. You can give instructions clearly because you see matters in a strong, clear light and never have any trouble in following ambitious pathways. Your mentality usually grasps entire situations, and this allows you to make marvelously organized plans. Your ruling planet, Saturn, endows you with the ability to enjoy work so long as you know it is leading somewhere. You set an example for politeness and are urged to keep your manner as pleasant as possible; this manner will allow you to communicate intelligently and profitably. You exert much energy toward your goals. You are always active, but not in a rushed or heedless manner.

As editor, I would advise you to use your head in selecting majors and minors. Select something that will offer you something when you graduate. It just makes good sense.

Prayerful Meditation From The Editor

If you profit from constructive criticism you will be elected to the wise men's hall of fame. But to reject criticism is to harm yourself and your own best interests.

Proverbs 15:31, 32
Laughter cannot mask a heavy heart; when the laughter ends, the grief remains.
Proverbs 14:13

A good man thinks before he speaks; the evil man pours out his evil words without thought.
Proverbs 15:28

WORDS OF WISDOM
The world will not end with a bang, but with a whimper.
—T. S. Eliot

Kollar Korner

A Free, Yet Accountable Creature

By E. J. Johnson
Sponsor Baptist Student Movement



For God has given man free will, and he is therefore accountable to God for his actions.

The first two chapters of Genesis contain so much revealed information that one can read them for a lifetime, and not exhaust them.

We urgently need a clear understanding of what sin is, its origin, and God's answer to it. The lack of clear insight here also tends to undermine the feeling of responsibility for one's acts. Certainly Watergate would not have occurred if all concerned had possessed a sense of sin and personal accountability before God.

Does the Bible really offer an account of man's moral problem which answers the realities of our situation? More important still, does Scripture "wound to heal," so that man is not merely left with tragic facts, but is shown the way to a remedy?

Dialogue has its limitations, which we should recognize. While free and open discussion is needed in some circumstances, there are situations when silence is the best policy. We all know that discussion is stock in-trade for the con artist and the seducer. The mature person is one who knows when to discuss, and when to maintain a dignified silence.

Satan and temptation have not changed a great deal through the centuries. His approach remains the same in our times. He first gains access to us by opening up the lines of discussion. He frequently uses "the thin edge of the wedge" and presses every advantage. He nearly always proposes a quickie solution, and seeks to bring us to despise the slow and painstaking way.

Eve's reply was both like that of Adam, and unlike it as well. Adam tried to shift the blame to God and to his wife, but Eve did point out something that was true. She confessed to being misled, and by implication suggests that she was taken in by forces she did not understand. Neither really faced up to personal responsibility.

Both Adam and Eve finally were compelled to say, "I did eat."

Over and over, one sees persons, even professing Christians, taking a "moral holiday," doing things and taking part in forms of conduct they would avoid like the plague at home.

If questioned, they often say, "Just this once won't count."

These persons forget two things: First, that any spiritual influence they might have among their fellow peers is lost. But more important, they have lost something within themselves. We are accountable for our behavior in any and all circumstances!

Sooner or later every person must learn, as Adam and Eve learned to their sorrow, that freedom to chose brings with it the absolute necessity of taking personal responsibility for one's acts. This holds true wherever free beings are, fallen or unfallen.

One can say I am free to drive the highways of America, but he must also say I am responsible for any act I commit. I am free to sleep as long as I want to, but I am responsible for every class I miss. I am free to not study if I wish, but I am responsible for the grade I get. I am responsible for every "A" I get and I am also responsible for every "F" as well.

To the person who reads Genesis 3, the problem is, not one of knowing, but one of taking to heart. God's dealing with the first human pair—the parents of us all—made it clear that two things are inseparably linked: freedom and responsibility. Our problems isn't a matter of knowing this, but that we so frequently let it slip from our awareness.

The words of an old spiritual say it pointedly. It's not the preacher or the deacon,

But it's me, O Lord.

Standing in the need of prayer. The simple truth of this song can force us to face the real issue. We are responsible for our actions and decisions. We are the ones who will ultimately stand, just as Adam and Eve did, alone and exposed, before the one who knows all things. The pattern of excuses and evasions has changed very little since Eden. Realism demands that we take to heart the words of a loving God: "Where are you? and "What have you done?"

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Progressing New Year.
from Bahamas PV Ass'n.



ALPHA'S FOUNDER DAY PROGRAM — Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha observed Founder's Week on December 1-7. Dr. I. C. Gordon, "Upward Bound" director is shown addressing the Sunday program.

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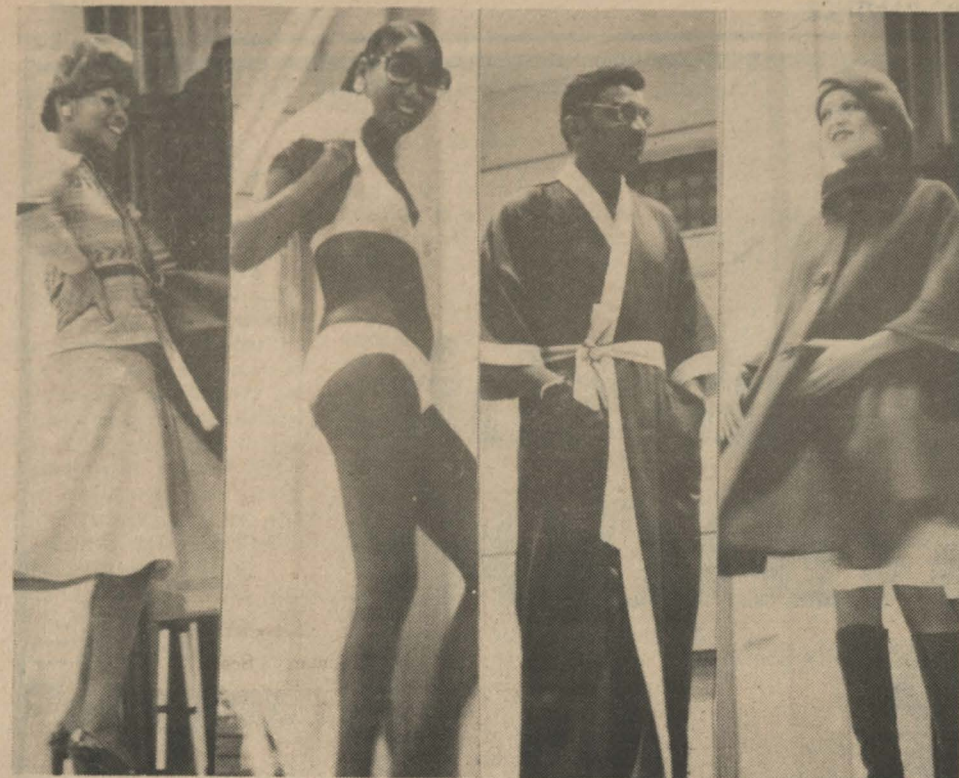
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SEPHIA FASHION FAIR — A sample of the outstanding presentations made during campus performance by the Hamilton Vogue Esquire Models of Chicago. The groups' PV appearance was sponsored by the local chapter of AKS.

Research Directors Attend Staff Meet

The regular meeting of the Research Directors was held in the Conference Room, Human Nutrition Research Center, Science Annex Building, November 18, 1975. The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. with the chairman, Dr. I. V. Nelson, presiding.

Research Directors present included: Dr. J. E. Berry, Dr. H. S. Bonner, Dr. L. L. Cole, Dr. D. C. Cooksey, Dr. J. I. Kirkwood

University Researchers who attended were: Yung Ping Chang, Neal Baines, Oliver E. Smith, Mortimer H. Neufville, C. T. Luke, J. J. Woods, Vance W. Edmondson, Thaddeus McDonald, Charles E. Cokes, William Patterson, M. A. Soliman.

Episcopal Church Junior Choir Presents Concert

The St. Francis Episcopal Church Junior Choir presented "Music for Christmas" during a Sunday afternoon concert on December 14.

Directed by Mrs. Eula M. Dooley, the all-girl group sang songs of (1) Adoration, (2) At Bethlehem and (3) Other Christmas Music, including spirituals and carols.

Members of the Junior Choir include — Toni Stubblefield, Terri Stubblefield, Karl Kirby, Lisa Stafford, Annette Gordon, Pamela Stafford, Sharon Stafford, Wanda Davis, Carla Davis, Julie Davis, Gina Wood, and Hattie Kirby.

PV vs. Texas Southern Co-op Coalition Club Established

The coldest, boldest, and baddest school the SWAC (none other than PVU) went against their arch rivals, the T.S.U. Tigers. The first half of the game was exciting and the Panthers were hitting the gridiron. Everyone was anxious about what the outcome would be, but they were particularly curious to see what the Mighty Panther Marching Band was going to do.

The Panther Band started on the field high stepping and "Fired it up" as they went into an arrow head formation and

MTSP, from Universal Love, and arranged by Larry Stevens. From here they played a truly beautiful fanfare entitled "Lift Every Voice and Sing," arranged by J. P. Mosley II, director of the Panther Marching Band.

From this position they marched down the field to the tune "That's the Way I Like It," arranged by Larry Stevens. Then to the amazement of the audience. The band played "Everything Must Change" arranged by J. P. Mosley II, featuring soloist Jimmy Fonte-

The Cooperative Education Program of Prairie View A&M University has taken service to its students a step further by establishing the Co-op Coalition Club.

The club serves as an official part of the university to develop and promote more job slots for students participating in the program.

Additionally, the organization acts to increase awareness of the Cooperative Education Program among faculty, administrators, other students and industry.

Kurt Grigsby, who has done co-op work at the Louisville, Ky., Naval Ordnance Station, has been elected club president to direct the student activities of the new organization.

Serving with him will be Paula Barree, vice president; Denise Criddle, secretary; Beverly Richard, assistant secretary; Kathy Wilson, treasurer; Denise Walker, parliamentarian; Phillip Williams, chaplain; and reporters Barbara Walls, Gezelle Jackson and Gregory Chevis.

not singing. The Band then high stepped down the field into positions for the most talked about majorettes in the SWAC. Yes the foxes really showed what they could do to the tune of "Mr. Magic" arranged by V. Hibert.

For the final part of the show the Band went into the best positions yet for their dance. The Band jammed off "Keep on Bumping" arranged by Larry Stevens. Yes they really kept on bumping too. From there they danced and marched off the field to a soulful drum cadence, leaving audience very pleased.

T.S.U. then came on "trying" to high step, but weren't quite doing it, their ocean seemed to have "dried up" considerably and weren't really into what was happening. The PV Panther Marching Band just put the fire under the ocean and evaporated it.

The game then resumed and it was thought that PVU would win, but the Tigers clawed the Panthers in the last 13 seconds.

All in all the evening was hopeful, exciting and disappointing.

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SIGNS OF THE TIME — Students pictured during trimming of Christmas Tree.

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Prairie View Enjoys Great Sports Heritage

Prairie View A&M University... affectionately called "The Hill" by some, boast one of the greatest sports history in college athletics.

Prairie View is the only charter member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, which was organized in 1921.

Many of this country's greatest citizens got its start in the PVIL (Prairie View Interscholastic League). For a long time Prairie View was the site of the Texas State Championship in basketball, track, and tennis. Some of sports greatest Friday night heroes made their marks on "The Hill."

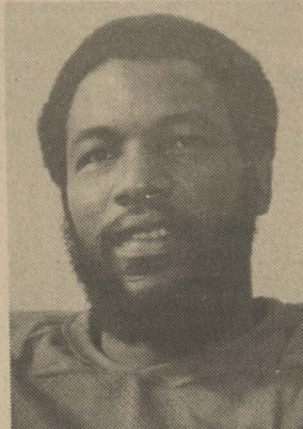
But, Prairie View too, was a sports legend and during the mid 50's, sports experts called Prairie View a "Black Notre Dame" in football. During those heroic 1950's, the Panthers won four consecutive outright Southwestern Athletic Conference football titles. This is a feat no Black College can boast. Two National Championships were claimed by the powerful Billy Nicks' led Charlie "choo-choo" Brackins Panthers.

Speaking of Brackins, pro scouts called Brackins "the greatest quarterback to ever put on a college football uniform." Brackins was indispensable. He holds 28 PV individual statistical records. "I have yet to see a quarterback that came close to Brackins," stated former Panther assistant coach E. E. Rettig.

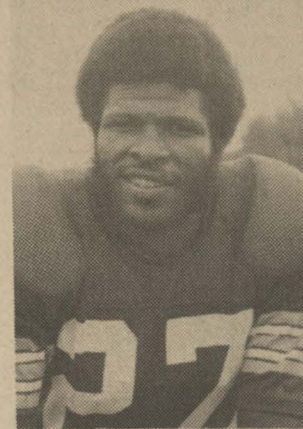
The Panthers boast one of the greatest runners in the invincible John Payton. There were other classfull runners like Archie Seals, Calvin Scott, Clem Daniels, Roy Don Dillon, Johnny Price, Tex Clark, and many more.

The late John "Bo" Farrington and Charles Wright, were in a class by themselves as ends. Wright was a three time All American and is the only Panther to make All American in three sports—football, basketball, track. He was All SWAC in four sports—football, basketball, track, and baseball.

Later, there came Otis Taylor, one of the most talented players to ever play at PV. Ken Houston, made PV's defensive one of the most feared in



Otis Taylor



Ken Houston

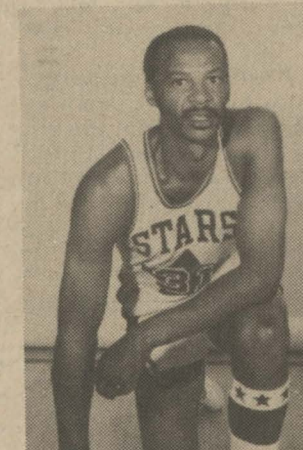
football. With players like Otis, Ken, Jim Kearney, Cornelius Cooper, etc., the Panthers won back to back National titles in 1963-64.

You don't mention Prairie View basketball until you eventually get around to names like Zelmo Beaty, Harold "Coffee" Grimes, Cornell Lackey, Clarence Stubblefield, Mose Hill, Albert James, Earl Johnson, Clarence Ludd, Doug Himes, Dewey McQueen, Lewis Alexander, Oscar Williams, Emanuel Jones, Jackie Carr, Walter McCowan and Guy Manning.

Zelmo Beaty and Harold Grimes are the best known of Panther greats. Zelmo is the greatest centers to play at PV, while Grimes rates as the top guard.

During the Beaty era, the Panthers under the coaching of Leroy Moore, won two National titles. No other SWAC school boast such a feat.

Claireborne Johnson, is one



Zelma Beaty



PV WINS THREE RELAYS — Panthers captured two relay events in the men's division and one in the women's division last week to highlight the annual PV Winter Relays. PV

won the 440 and two mile relays, while the women's team captured the mile relay. TSU's mile relay unit won first place in the men's division.

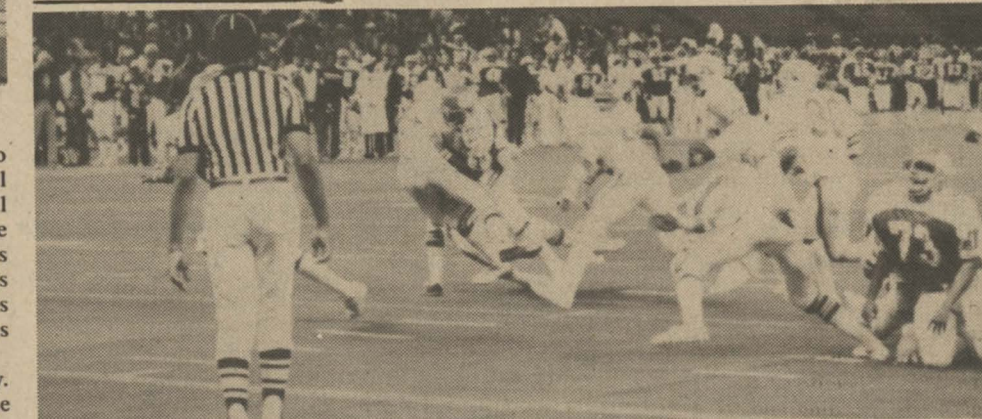
PV Twirlers Put On Top Show

A highlight of the regular performances by the PV Marching Band is the work of the "Brighter Side of Soul", the most outstanding twirlers in the S. W. A. C. aside from a fantastic show against the T. S. U. Tigers. There was twirling of the regulat batons, and knives. The twirlers will be featured on December 21, 1975 performing with the rest of the band for the Houston Oilers cvs. Cleveland Browns game.



Wilkerson Dedman Scott

Panthers have played 485 football games. They have won 294, lost 163, tied 28.



SEVEN SECONDS TO GO — The moment of decision had just passed. See scoreboard, Panthers won in statistics — But bowled to the Tigers in a heartbreaker that is difficult to forget.

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Thompson who led the Panthers with 140 tackles was recommended to the team by Joe Booker. PVU Sports Publicist. Thompson joins such other stars on the team as Ricky Bell, Southern California, Joe Washington, Oklahoma, etc.

Armstrong Called PV's Sixth Man

by Joe Booker

Panther head basketball Coach Elwood Plummer calls his 6-4 junior forward Robert "Bones" Armstrong, "The best sixth man in college."

For Robert Armstrong, coming off the bench and burning the nets for the high scoring Prairie View Panthers has become a way of life. It doesn't matter to him if he comes off the bench or start. "It's alright with me either way," stated Armstrong who came off the bench in several games last year to score 20 or more points.

Even though he has come off the bench with a hot hand Armstrong isn't content that he performs better in that role. "I don't know if I perform better coming off the bench or starting," he said. "I believe I can do as well starting."

It's evident that in either role Armstrong will perform. In an exhibition against Bergstrom Air Force Base he scored 23 points as a starter. He pumped in 22 coming off the bench against Huston Tillotson in the Panthers season opening 111-72 win. In this first two games he was averaging 21.0 points and 15 rebounds a game.

Armstrong grew up in Dallas' often called "tough West Side," but he never encountered any problems.

Undefeated, High Scoring

Panthers Visit Wiley, Texas College

The high scoring Panther basketballers hit the road Monday and will face Wiley College and Texas College before they return to the campus for more final exams and the holiday season.

Led by All America forward Marvin "Mr. J." Jackson, the 1974-75 defending national scoring champion Panthers will put their high octane offense on the line against Wiley College at Alumni Gym in a NAIA district 8 contest at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The Panthers rated by SW-AC coaches as a preseason conference favorite carried a 4-0 season and 2-0 district 8 stanza on the road.

They meet the Texas College Steers in another important district game in Tyler, Tuesday night.

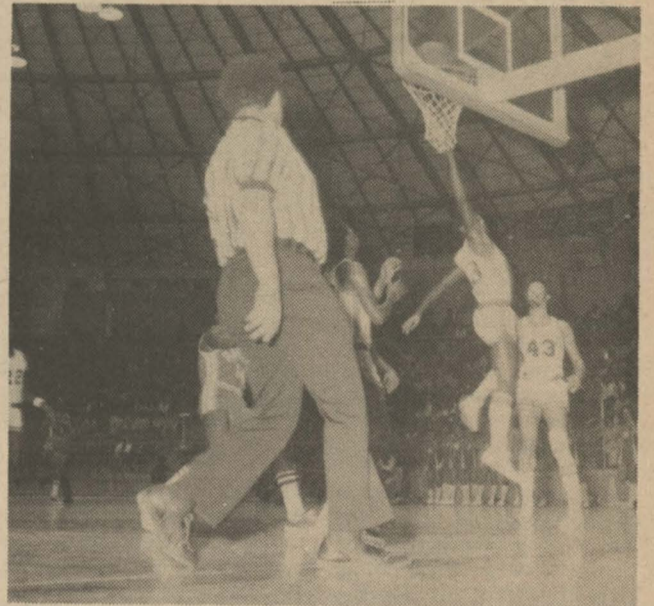
Coach Elwood Plummer's charges scored a runaway victory over Paul Quinn in Waco on December 12, following a series of opening victories in the Little Dome before large, highly appreciative local fans. They defeated Huston Tillotson 111-72 in the season opener and bombed Bishop College 114-90.

Kermit McAdory and Marvin Jackson combined for 55

points in the Bishop victory. McAdory led all scorers with 23 points against Bishop while Jackson contributed 22 as the Panthers for the 22nd time in

their last 28 games tallied 100 points or more.

Panthers beat Wiley 102-81 Monday night. Game with Texas College was not played.



BASKETBALL ACTION - Panther James Gray scores during game with Fort Bergstom on campus recently. PV won.

Grambling Penalized PV Wins Forfeit

Grambling University has drawn a penalty from the Commissioner of the Southwestern Athletic Conference for failure to keep its schedule to play the Panthers in Dallas last October 4.

The penalty announced by SWAC Commissioner Andrew Brown includes a forfeit of the game in question, plus the loss of conference Football Champ-

natural now," he said. "We don't think about it too much now. If we have 80 points with around four minutes remaining in the game we might get serious about reaching a 100," he added.

The Panther basketball team is a closely knit group and Armstrong feels this is the key to having a winner. "All of us want to win," he said. "We stick together, because it helps us to know each other better and it brings about better teamwork on the floor, which in return will give us a winner," he said.

In a recent Panther practice Panther Coach Elwood Plummer instructed his players to pass the ball to Armstrong for the shot on a new out-of-bounds play. "Hey Coach, I believe you are being prejudice letting Bones take all the shots," remarked one of the players. "You darn right I'm prejudice Bones can put it through the hoop," said a smiling Plummer.

ionship considerations, and probation.

Brown's ruling stated as follows:

1. Grambling is ineligible for a share of the SWAC football championship and is hereby disqualified from said championship honor for this season, 1975-76.

2. Grambling is hereby fined Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) as a penalty for the above noted violations of SWAC rules and rulings; which fine is to be paid promptly.

3. Grambling is hereby placed on probation for the period of post season football competition or bowls and is hereby specifically prohibited from participating in the Pelican Bowl or any other post season football bowl activity for the 1975-76 season.

SWAC Winter Meeting Set

The Southwestern Athletic Conference Winter Meeting has been scheduled for December 18-19 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Marion Henry, Chairman of the University Athletic Council announced.

Dr. Henry called for a meeting of the PV Athletic staff for Tuesday to plan for the annual SWAC meeting. The opening session and roll call is set for 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

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