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**FACULTY CONFERENCE** — The entire university faculty and student leaders participated in the three-day sessions held prior to registration for the new semester. The groups gave attention to academic standards and considered ways and means of projecting a favorable institutional image.



# The PANTHER

## Prairie View A&M University

### Ministers Conference Honor Church Leaders

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JANUARY 16, 1975

## Spring Semester Gets Underway

Registration for all students continued this week and is expected to close early next week. Classes began on January 13 and are moving forward into

the new semester with relative ease.

Basketball games highlight the opening week with three major contests scheduled, including the League leader

and SWAC champs from 1974.

The Recruiting schedule announced by the office of Career, Education and Placement Services begins on January 20. Other general

student activities are gradually getting underway.

The mid-year Faculty Conference was held on January 6-8 and orientation of new students was held January 9-10-11.

## Teacher Education Program Evaluated

A team of eleven educators represented the Texas Education Agency in evaluating the university's program in Teacher Education. The group visited the campus on December 16-19 and participated in activities involving practically all faculty and staff members.

Chairman of visiting team was Dr. Harold Murphy, Professor of Counseling, East

Texas State University in Commerce. Visiting team members included Mrs. Joe Marie Phillips, Consultant in Vocational Homemaking, Texas Education Agency, Austin; Dr. Bruce Evans, Executive Vice President, Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock; Mrs. Carolyn Harrell, Chairman, Business Dept., Gonzales High School, Gonzales; Mr. B.

I. Boyett, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Tyler Independent School District, P. O. Box 2035, Tyler; Dr. George Chandler, Certification Officer, Wiley College, Marshall; Mrs. Mary Manning, Visiting Teacher Consultant, Texas Education Agency, 201 East 11th Street, Austin; Dr. D. Richard Bowles, Professor of Elementary Edu-

cation, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos; Dr. Edward M. Vodicka, Educational Program Director, Division of Teacher Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin; Mr. J. A. Marshall, Educational Program Director, Vocational Agriculture, Texas Education Agency, Austin; and Dr. Tomas Rivera, Associate Dean, College of Multi-Disciplinary Studies, University of Texas at San Antonio, 4242 Piedras Drive East, Suite 250, San Antonio.



**VISITING TEAM AT WORK** — Members of the Visitation Team representing the Texas Education Agency are pictured as they

examine notes following presentations by university staff.

## PV Among Top Schools in Grad Enrollment

The top graduate enrollments in historically black public colleges and universities are at Southern Baton Rouge, 1,438; Texas Southern, 1,334; Prairie View, 1,247; Jackson State University, 1,171; and Bowie State College, 1,164.

## PV Slated for TV-Radio Appearance

Representatives of the university will participate in programs scheduled as follows: Jan. 21—KFDM-TV Beaumont, (President Thomas); Jan. 21—KBMT-TV Beaumont, (President Thomas); Jan. 30—KHOU-TV - Houston, (History Dept.).

The Annual Ministers Conference is scheduled for February 4-5 at Prairie View A&M University.

The theme of the 1975 conference is "Where is God—In Social Change? The Reverend J. Neaul Haynes is serving as conference chairman. Reverend W. Van Johnson, dean of the chapel at Prairie View, is local coordinator.

A special feature of this year's conference will be the presentation of Recognition Awards to ministers who have made outstanding contributions in religious life over the past year.

The Reverend M. L. Price, President, Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, Moderator, Lincoln District Baptist Association, Minister, Greater Zion Mis-

sionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Bishop John H. Adams, Presiding Bishop of Texas A.M.E. Church

Served as President of Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas, prior to being Bishop in the A.M.E. Church

The Reverend E. Stanley Branch

Moderator, Interdependent Missionary Baptist General Association of Texas

Minister, Fourth Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

The Reverend L. V. Winfield, Council on Ministries—Associate Director

The United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

Bishop R. E. Woodard, Presiding Bishop, South West Church of God in Christ



BISHOP JOHN H. ADAMS



Rev. E. Stanley Branch



Rev. M. L. Price



Rev. L. V. Winfield





**PV STUDENT LOAN FUND** — A \$250.00 check is shown being presented by Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company representative Reta Mitchell (2nd from left) to Prairie View A&M student Ruby Wells to be used in the Student Loan Fund at the university. The fund, which has been used by over 100 students since its establishment a year ago, is sponsored by the campus ministers represented by Rev. W. Van Johnson (left) and Father Joseph Doyle SSSJ (right) catholic chaplain.

### Sigma XI Holds Seminar

Dr. Robert M. Lewis, Chief Experimental Surgery, Department of Cell Biophysics and the Department of Medicine, Baylor Medical College, presented a seminar for the Prairie View A&M Sigma Xi Club and the students and faculty of the Biology Department on December 11, 1974. His seminar was entitled "The Effects of Antibiotic Ionophore RO-2-2985 on Regional Blood Flow, Myocardial Function and Coronary Blood Flow in Conscious Dogs."

Dr. Lewis was aided in the seminar by Dr. Craig Hartley, Head of the Biomedical Engineering Department of Cell Biophysics and Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Hartley, an engineer, discussed the engineering aspects of implanting blood flow and pressure detection devices into dogs. These devices are used to monitor the appropriate parameters at a later time while the dog is conscious and injected with the drug being tested. The sensing probes are designed and controlled by Dr. Hartley while Dr. Lewis implants them into the experimental animals.

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The future is very important to young men and women. So is planning ahead. Today's Army can help formulate the plans of young people with an eye on the future. The Army's delayed entry program allows young people to enlist now for job training in any one of over 200 skills and report for duty up to nine months later.



**TEACHER CENTER VISITORS** — Director Bill Ormans welcomes Houston educators who served as presenters of Teacher Center Leadership Awards. They are [L-R] Vivian Bowser, NEA Board Member; Norma Kacen, executive director, Houston Teachers Association and Arnetta Washington, president, Houston Teachers Association.

### PV Ques Travel to Arizona - - - To March

The bros. of the Rho Theta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity recently traveled to the beautiful city of Phoenix, Arizona to attend the national Omega Conclave (convention) as the marching competition representatives of the Omega district is one of the largest districts in the country and districts in the country and engulfs the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. There are twelve Omega districts in the nation with over 50,000 members.

The marching competition highlighted the Conclave and featured many an exciting moment. The competition was a grueling battle between all the Omega marching teams. In the finals P. V. was outpointed 210 to 211 by the Omega Bro. from the University of Missouri. The P. V. Omegas must share the national Omega marching title as 1st runner up with the bros. from Missouri. The semi tux clad Missouri Omegas from the 8th district were out pointed by P.V. in the marching category but managed to win by one point in the overall competition because of their colorful outfits. The P. V. marching team features Lincoln Hanks, Donald McClure, James Davis, Royle King,

Garland Kirkpatrick, Gary McFadden, Dewey Brigham, Avery Doyle, Malcolm Dickerson, Morris Walters, Willie Harris, Lafayette Randle and captained by Edward (E.T.) Thomas. The P. V. Omegas did renditions of their best marches highlighted by the Robot ripple and the Rolling "Q" ripple. A movie of the competition was made by Clifton Hubert (Jello).

Along with the marching team was a former member of Rho Theta chapter, Louis Roach. Roach graduated at the top of his class at P. V. and is now attending Maharriet Medical School. Roach was bestowed another honor at the convention when he was honored as the Omega Scholar of the year. This award was accompanied by a scholarship to further aid his study of medicine along with the Bros. from P.V. (Often called Country Ques) were awarded a beautiful trophy.

Keep our fraternity motto in mind. It is "friendship is essential to the soul." We Omegas may not be the best fraternity in the world but we'll certainly do until it gets here.

Omega Psi Phi Tilt The Day I Die  
Donald L. McClure  
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**AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE** — Capt. Billy J. McGowan receives a plaque from President A. I. Thomas for his leadership in promoting the annual Homecoming Parade. At left are co-chairmen of Homecoming Planning — LTC Jiles Daniels and Dr. Samuel Collins, Dean, College of Industrial Education and Technology and Alumni Leader.

### Civil Engineer's Honors Club

We the members of the Civil Engineer's Honor Club of Prairie View A&M University, collected donations before Christmas and donated it to a needy family around our community through the help of Father Doyle of Newman Center. While we agreed that this small amount could not satisfy the entire need of the family, we hope it gives them a little more needed seasonal cheer.

We, the members of the club, wish to stress that our motto is based not only on scholarship but also on our concern for the society around us. We believe our humble service to the community around the university will be a help in further improvement of the environment.

We are conscious of the fact that we could not have achieved our objectives without the generous donations contributed by many on the campus. We therefore take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their generosity. Moreover, our sincere regards go to the family that accepted our

humble contributions and also to the kind and respectful Father Doyle for his personal assistance.

We thank our Lord for being able to provide our service as such.

Current members: J. Williams, R. Ghavanni, C. Webster, R. Rayford, D. Cheatham, D. Sowell  
Don Cheatham, President  
Cecil Webster, Sec.-Treas.

### Tau Beta Pi Association Christmas Party

The annual Engineering Honor Societies Christmas Luncheon was held December 12, 1974 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. This luncheon was sponsored by Texas Kappa Chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Association. The theme of the occasion was "Knowledge is Power." The objectives of the Texas Kappa Chapter of Tau Beta Pi Association, Zeta Lambda Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu

### General Becton and Dillard Speak to Newly Commissioned Officers

In Commissioning ceremonies held at Prairie View A&M University on December 20, 1974, Major General Julius W. Becton and Brigadier General Oliver W. Dillard, addressed ten newly commissioned Army ROTC officers.

Major General Becton, one of only four Black Major Generals in the U. S. Army, returned to his Alma Mater and administered the Oath of Office to the Commissionees. After administering the oath, he charged the cadets to observe and remember the four I's as the Army needed men who possessed Intelligence, Imagination, Initiative and Integrity. He cautioned them that of the four, Integrity was perhaps the most important.

General Becton is scheduled to assume command of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

The guest speaker, General Dillard, informed the cadets that, contrary to the skeptics' predictions, the All Voluntary Army was now a success. He assured the cadets that, although the Army still had problems in the area of race relations, young Black Soldiers could now look all the way, from the bottom to the top ranks, and see someone who he could relate and identify with. General Dillard encouraged the young Second Lieutenants to stand up for their ideals and, by doing this, bring hope to America and the world.

Prairie View A&M University, located about 40 miles NW of Houston, Texas is the nation's largest producer of Black Army Officers. Last year the school had the largest Army ROTC contingent in the nation among non-military schools.



**NAVY QUEENS FOR 74-75** — Pictured above from left to right are the outgoing Miss Corps, Miss Trident Society, and Miss Bravo Company. Seated is Navy queen for the 74-75 year, Miss Gayla Wilson.

### 1975 Black History Week

The 1975 Celebration of Afro-American History Week will be held Sunday, February 9th through Sunday, February 16th. The Black History observance was originated by Founder Carter G. Woodson in 1926 and has been sponsored continuously since that time to promote an appreciation of the life and history of the Negro, to encourage an understanding of present status, and to enrich the promise of the future. The general theme of the next Afro-American History Week will be "Fulfilling America's Promise." The sub themes are Sunday, February 9 — the Bicentennial and the Afro-American; Monday, February 10 —

### 1975 Engineering Graduates Aeronautical • Mechanical • Electrical



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

### Biology Students Report on Med. School Participation

Four Biology majors, Clifton Martin, Charles Melton, Gerard Mosby and Herman Turner, presented a seminar to

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the faculty and students of the Biology Department on December 4, 1974. Each student related his experiences in the summer program that he attended at different medical schools.

Clifton Martin attended the summer program at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He reported that the different activities at Tulane were designed to expose prospective medical students to some of responsibilities and activities he would encounter in medical school.

Charles Melton attended the summer program at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He indicated that the classes attended and clinical rounds were designed to orient the student for the curriculum of medical school.

Gerard Mosby and Herman Turner attended the program offered at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. They agreed that because the actual demands on their time were not great during the summer program they did become aware of the pressures and frustrations encountered by medical students.

The Biology Department is proud of these four students and encourages other Pre-Medical students to participate in summer enrichment programs similar to the ones these students attended.

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Study hard today and rest later in life.  
By: P. D. A.

## Where Do You Go From Here

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We thought that you should know these things now, while you can still enroll in AROTC at Prairie View with intentions of receiving a commission along with your degree. The opportunity is yours. Take advantage of it.

(Courtesy: Professor of Military Science)

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## Do's And Dont's When You Are Despondent

By: Matthew Ade Shoyebo

- DON'T think your despair is the end of the world and encourage feelings of hopelessness.
- DO recognize that everything has an end, even failure and misfortune. Tomorrow is another day, and a year from now it may all be different.
- DON'T think too far ahead and conjure up all the frightening things.
- DO recognize that much we dread never happens. Live one day at a time and concentrate on doing the best you can with it.
- DON'T think this kind of thing happens only to you.
- DO recognize that there are people all around you as badly off and probably worse off. Don't concentrate on yourself. Look beyond at the others.
- DON'T think that you do not matter, that nobody cares, that nobody wants you, that nothing matters.
- DO recognize that you matter as much as everybody else. If you think nobody cares, care for yourself. If you think nobody wants you, help some. If you think nothing matters, see what you can do to make it matter. Don't aim too high. Just build up your self-confidence achieving small things.
- DON'T think that health has nothing to do with it.
- DO recognize that you could be run down, or have suffered a shock or a bereavement or your vitality could be undermined by an infection.
- DON'T think that avoiding people is good for you.
- DO recognize that the best cure is to stop thinking about yourself, and become interested in people and things outside yourself. Make yourself go out and share activity with others.
- DON'T think that people should always be willing to listen and sympathize.
- DO recognize that this is something you have to do for yourself. Don't blame people for becoming tired of your tale of woe, especially if you are not willing to try out suggestions. Don't just wish to be better, act bravely.

## HISTORY WEEK

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- 10 — Employment and the Black American; Tuesday, February 11 — Politics and Power; Afro-American Leadership; Wednesday, February 12 — Education: Today and Tomorrow Requisite; Thursday, February 13 — Behavior Patterns; Afro-American Di-

lemma; Friday, February 14 — Housing: Citizen Challenge; Saturday, February 15 — Local Historic Sites and Monuments; Sunday, February 16 — Religion — Our Nation's Heritage.

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## TAU BETA PI

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classes as well as some of the prospective members were guests of Texas Kappa Chapter at this occasion.

The gathering was a great get-together of all the members of the Tau Beta Pi Association, engineering faculty and guests, bringing the thrill of the Christmas spirit and brotherhood into the heart of everyone present.

Willie Davenport  
Secretary  
Texas Kappa Chapter  
Tau Beta Pi Association

"I've been running boats on this river so long I know where every sandbar is located," the steamboat pilot boasted.

Just then, the boat struck a submerged snag with a loud crunch.

"There!" said the pilot triumphantly. "There's one of them now!"

## A Mud Monster . . . . . Gossip

Out of all the monsters I know "Gossip" is the most awesome. Recently while browsing through a Black oriented magazine, I ran across a very interesting article. The article centered around how cheap talk can be. Why people gossip is difficult to pin point but generally speaking most of us do it and know that it can be a cruel monster, a monster society could do without. Yet it still exists.

I've summed up my opinion in one sentence. That sentence reads: "Gossip can be a mud monster. This sentence applies to the typical "I heard", "He said", or "She said" bag we so often find ourselves coming out of. We all feed this monster called "Gossip" from time to time and it seems like we talk about everyone's business but our own. Then to our amazement the same "friends" who we talk to about everyone's business with does us a job and airs our dirty laundry. This is the point where one realizes that "Gossip" is not the fun it's cut out to be, that is of course when it wrecks our own groove. One may then realize that there was not enough trust between you and some of your friends to discuss yourself. This is when gossip starts and to make matters worse by the time the gossip about you gets back to you it's been filtered through five or six sources and to top things off everyone knows.

Here's a prime example of gossip on the yard: Most of us have heard at some time or another that . . . Your thing with your (man or woman) is not together. A good feeder of this "Gossip Monster" might imply that your (man or woman) is seeing someone else. They always seem surprised when they find out you did not know. This good hearted friend usually makes it a point to tell you in front of other "well wishers." Naturally all are concerned with your business, feel sorry for you, and offer tons of advice. After all what are friends for? After hearing this you the victim, of the "Gossip Monster" can't help but put a freeze on your heart and sooner or later manage to mutter. Later . . . much later to your companion. After doing this you can (joyfully) listen to the chorus of, I told you so (he she) was no good anyway. One may wake up and then find, after many painful moments that (A) The information given wasn't true (B) With some of the friends you have, you don't need enemies (C) Gossip is mud . . . Ask Alexander, Banks, Bucannon, Collins, Drew, Fuller or Holley. (D) It was just another trip and with a little work and understanding you could have worked it out.

When battling the "Gossip Monster" it might help to respect others business like you respect your own, refrain from slandering others, watch out for talkative friends, and keep quiet when you don't know where you are coming from. There's an old adage that says, "Believe half of what you see and little if any of what you hear". It makes a lot of sense.

In closing I must remind you to keep in mind that all smiles aren't for real, mine included and that one can be a good friend by caring and not digging into others business. After all that's what friendship is all about. Isn't it? Oh yea, Gossip can be a Mud Monster. Let's destroy it.

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## Christ's Evaluation Of Life For The New Year

Matt. 6:25-34  
(key verses 25 & 33)

According to the experts in the Economic fields, 1975 is being predicted to be the worst year since the depression of the Thirties.

Mr. Smith Hempstone of Washington, D. C. gave this prediction, "The year upon which we have just embarked is likely to be remembered as the 365 days that shook the world." Based on the global realities that existed as 1974 drew to a close, such as the Middle East Crisis, Energy and Oil Crisis, Watergate, recession and inflation, makes it possible to forecast the probabilities if not the certainties of 1975.

Because of today's crisis and the gloomy predictions for the future, many people are perplexed, low in spirit and confused in mind, standing at the crossroads wondering which way to go.

But, may I direct your attention to a message of simplicity that Christ preached nearly two thousand years ago, that is geared to meet and solve the problems of this day. Christ is the answer today as he was yesterday. He never changes. Many of us need to re-evaluate our lives, based upon God's word and not just on the materialistic things of this world. Jesus said, in Luke 12:15, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

When one measures his life only by material things, he finds himself in confusion and in a state of selfishness, which can never satisfy. Jesus said, "Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4) Man's greatest need is spiritual not material. So, in Christ's evaluation of life, He said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or what ye shall wear; Is not life more than meat, and your body more than clothes."

By: Elder Thomas Johnson



Our mistake today is this, we are majoring in minor things and minoring in major things. Food, drink and clothes are secondary things when evaluated according to Christ's word. No wonder Christ spoke to Martha and said, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful, and that is His word."

My friends, in these perilous times, we have nothing to fear, if we will take heed to Jesus' words in this message. Let us consider how He feeds the birds, creates the beautiful lillies, and clothes the grass in the Spring time. O! we of little faith. Jesus said, "Fear not little flock, it's my Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom." So, let us seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and He will add these secondary things.

So, life's true evaluation is to seek the Kingdom of God first.

Romans 14:17 reads, "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

May this message give you hope, courage and strength in these perilous times in which we are living. Remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ  
Fellowship,  
Supt. Thomas Johnson

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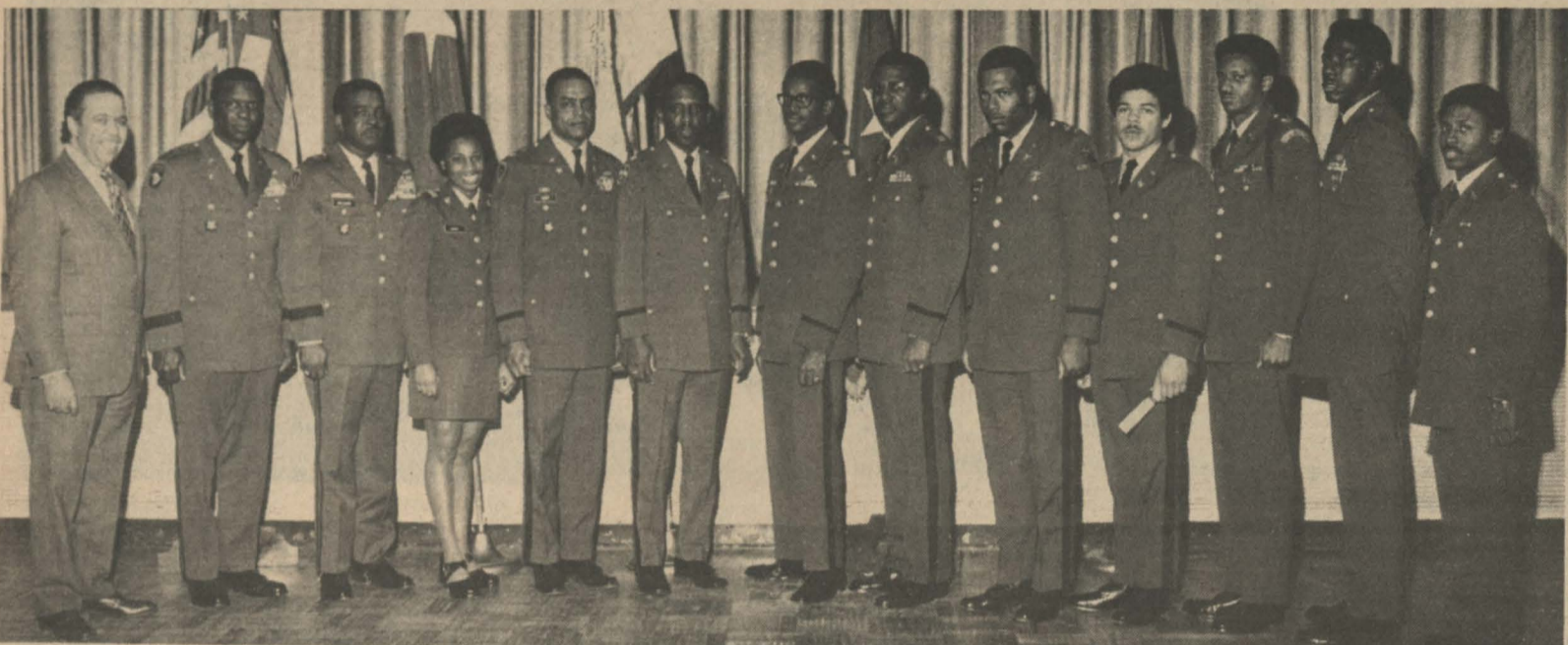
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# AROTC Commissioning Ceremonies

December, 1974



Left to right: Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, PV President; Major General Julius W. Becton, Commander, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Brigadier General Oliver W. Dillard, Assistant Commander 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Cadet Valenna Lorder, AROTC Brigade, Prairie View A-M University; Colonel Alexander H. Hunt, Fort Dix, New Jersey; LTC Reynolds; Maj. Donnie

G. Sampson, Assistant PMS, Prairie View A&M University; CPT Billy J. McGowan, Assistant PMS, Prairie View A&M University; 2nd LT Alvin Williams, Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd LT Clifton J. Guillory, Commissionee; Cadet Donald Poole, AROTC Brigade Commander; Cadet David L. Williams, AROTC Bn Cmdr.; Cadet Harold E. Davis, AROTC Platoon Leader.



Major General Julius W. Becton Administers oath to Commissionees during Mid-Year Commissioning Ceremonies held at Prairie View A&M University.



COMMISSIONEES — left to right: 2 LT Hardaway, 2 LT Ellis J. McKnight, 2 LT Terry D. Bussey, 2 LT Kenneth B. Carter, 2 LT Morris E. Shepherd, 2 LT Louis W. Smith, 2 LT Clifton J. Guillory, and 2 LT Robert A. LT Kelvin R. Thurman, 2 LT Gary L. Williams.



Kenneth B. Carter, Commissionee, receives his gold bars from his mother and a Pershing Rifle saber detail member.



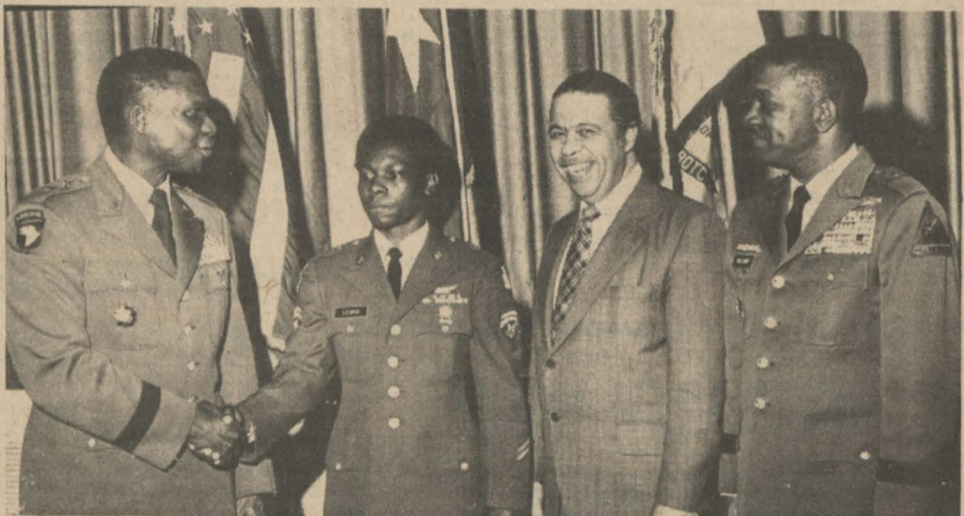
Left to right: LTC Jiles P. Daniels, Professor of Military Science, Prairie View A&M University introduces the guest speaker for the Mid-Year Commissioning Ceremony [20 Dec 74].

Left to right: Jake Cleveland, Pershing Rifles Saber Detail, AROTC Platoon Leader; Kenneth B. Carter, Commissionee; Ronald Cherry, Pershing Rifles Saber Detail; Reginald Berry, Saber Detail Commander.

Left to right: Major General Julius W. Becton, 1st Cavalry Commanding General Fort Hood, Texas; LTC Jiles P. Daniels, PMS, Prairie View A&M University; Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President, Prairie View A&M University; Brigadier General Oliver W. Dillard, Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.



Left to right: Brigadier General Oliver W. Dillard, Assistant Cmdr., 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President, Prairie View A&M University; Cadet Cecil Webster, AROTC Brigade, Prairie View A&M University; 2LT Terry D. Bussey, Commissionee.



Left to right: Major General Julius W. Becton, Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Sp6 Robert Lewis III, former prisoner of war; Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President, Prairie view A&M University; Brigadier General Oliver W. Dillard, Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.



# Southern Ranked No. 1 in Basketball

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Hard running Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., is the No. 1 ranked team in the first weekly Mutual Black Network Black college basketball rankings.

The Jaguars of Coach Carl Stewart grabbed 6 of 13 first place votes by the board of black college coaches. Southern is 11-0 on the year and a member of the Southern Black Athletic Conference.

Second place went to Kentucky State in this first week of balloting, the Kentuckians went into this week's games with a 7-0 record. Kentucky State picked off four first place votes, while third place Jackson State grabbed the other two first place ballots. Jackson is 9-1 on the year, and 1973-74 SWAC champions.

Norfolk State and Alcorn State University of Lorman, Mississippi, round out the top five. Norfolk of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Assn. has an 8-1 mark on the season, while Alcorn is 8-4 . . . the Braves played 11 of their first 12 games on the road.

Morgan State College of Baltimore, just returning from a State Department basketball overseas tour, is ranked 6th in the Mutual Black Network's initial ratings.

Rounding out the top ten are three CIAA teams and one independent, Virginia Union (7th), Virginia State (8th), and Elizabeth City (10th), Xavier of New Orleans is ranked ninth.

The final five teams in the ratings are Albany State, Ga., 11th; South Carolina State with a 5-2 mark, 12th; Tennessee State, 5-2, 13th; Fisk, 14th; and Florida A&M, 15th.

MUTUAL BLACK NETWORK RANKINGS\* JAN. 8th, 1975

Team	Votes	WL	Pts.
1. Southern U.	6	11-0	130
2. Kentucky St.	4	7-0	100
3. Jackson State	2	9-1	83
4. Norfolk State	1	8-1	71
5. Alcorn State	.	8-4	55
6. Morgan State	6-2	38	
7. Virginia Union	7-1	20	
8. Virginia State	7-1	13	
9. Xavier (N. Orleans)	7-3		
10. Elizabeth City	5-1		
11. Albany State	4-3		
12. S. Carolina State	5-2		
13. Tennessee State	5-2		
14. Fisk	4-3		
15. Florida A&M	3-3		

Anniversary Initiation Services for Epsilon Omicron Chapter of POP were held Friday, December 6, 1974 in the Seminar Room of Drew Hall.

Initiates included Kay Bolden, John Cunningham, Jr., and Andrea LaNette Pointer. Miss Pointer is currently the recipient of the highest honors' average of all students enrolled, an exact 4.0.

Congratulations were offered the group by Mrs. Alma Jackson and Mrs. Bessie Brooks, President and Vice-President, respectively, of FOY, Inc. (Friends of Youth), Houston, Texas, whose organization donated \$100.00 to the Prairie View University Chapter; and by Rev. A. H. Pointer, father of Miss Pointer, and pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Bay City, Texas.

Members of the Chapter donated a basket of food to the James Thomas family of Hempstead, Texas as their Christmas project.

Minutes from this clinic will be published in the project collection.

Future projects include painting the Carverdale Neighborhood Library, named for their sponsor, Savannah J. Collier, which serves a small community of several hundred families in the Carverdale section of Houston, Texas.

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## Billie Bell —

### Nurse of the Year

Mrs. Billie Bell recently received one of the highest recognitions awarded a professional nurse in the Houston area when she was honored as 1974 Nurse of the Year.

The Nurse of the Year Contest is sponsored annually by the Texas Nurses Association, District No. 9, and the Houston Area League for Nursing. The award was presented at the professional nursing conference held at the Astroworld Hotel on November 22, 1974. Mrs. Bell was proclaimed the most qualified nurse to receive the award out of 35 nominees. Judges for the event included Ms. Lavora Arizona, Mr. Julian F. Byrd, Mr. Judson Robinson, Dr. W. P. Buckner, Mr. Ken Kindred, and Ms. Poppy Northcutt. Other Prairie View faculty members involved in committee assignments were Mrs. Anna Goble, Dr. Patricia Bosworth and Mrs. Charlesetta Richardson.

Mrs. Bell is not a new name to Prairie View friends, students and alumni. She received her B.S. in Nursing from Prairie View A&M University and her M.S. in Medical-Surgical Nursing from Texas Women's University. She has held many responsible leadership positions at the University since her 1957 employment.

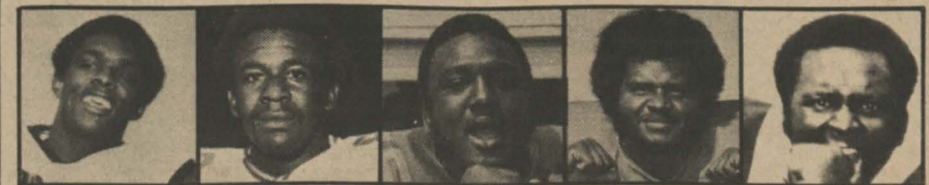
Recently, Mrs. Bell received the recommendation by the Texas Nurses Association to Governor Dolph Briscoe to fill one of the vacancies on the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Mrs. Bell is well qualified for such a position. She has been an active participant in the Democratic Party and is currently serving as a member of the TNA Governmental Affairs Committee and as chairperson of the TNA Legislative Committee, District No. 9. She has been the first Black to be recommended by TNA for appointment to any Board at the state level, the first Black to serve as Treasurer of the Houston Area League for Nursing, and the first Black to be a candidate for president elect of The Texas League for Nursing.

Mrs. Bell is listed in *Outstanding educators of America* and participates in various church, civic and fraternal organizations. She resides in MacGregor Place, Houston, Texas, with her husband William and two daughters. Her hobbies include cooking, fishing, and volleyball.

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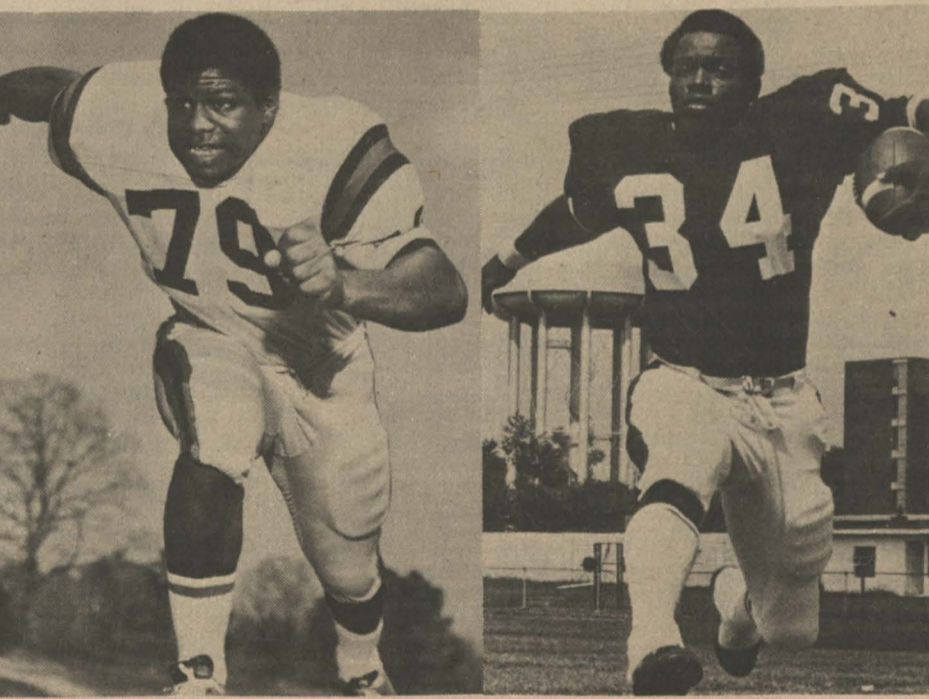
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Richard Harkins Linebacker Tuskegee Institute; James Hunter Deep Back Grambling State; Eugene Hunter Deep Back Fort Valley State; Felix Williams Deep Back Florida A&M; Anthony Leonard Deep Back Virginia Union

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## Women's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SITE
Thurs., Nov. 21	Lamar Univ. (Cancel)	Prairie View	5:30
Tue.	Lamar Univ.	Beaumont	6:30
Mon., Dec. 2	Texas A & M	Prairie View	5:15
Tue., Dec. 3	Texas College (Cancel)	Prairie View	5:15
Tue., Dec. 10	Baylor Univ.	Waco	7:30
Thur., Dec. 12	St. Mary's Univ.	San Antonio	3:30
Mon., Dec. 16	Texas College	Tyler	5:30
Dec. 27-28	Lamar Holiday Tour.	Beaumont	
Tue., Jan. 7	Huston Tillotson	Prairie View	5:15
Fri., Jan. 10	Southwestern State	San Marcus	6:00
Sat., Jan. 11	Ft. Hood, Texas	Prairie View	2:00
Tue., Jan. 14	Inner Squad	Bryan	5:15
Thur., Jan. 16	Texas A & M	Prairie View	5:00
Sat., Jan. 18	Texas A & M	Ft. Hood	6:00
Tue., Jan. 21	Ft. Hood	Houston	5:30
Fri., Jan. 24	Rice Univ.	Austin	6:00
Wed., Jan. 29	Huston Tillotson	Prairie View	6:00
Thur., Jan. 30	Southwestern State	Tyler	5:30
Thur., Feb. 6	Texas College	San Marcos	
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 7-8	SWTS Tournament	Houston	4:30
Thur., Feb. 13	Rice University	Houston	
Fri., Feb. 14	Houston Invitational	Prairie View	5:30
Thur., Feb. 20	St. Phillips Univ.	San Antonio	
Sat., Feb. 22	Sam Houston	San Antonio	
Fri., Feb. 28	St. Phillips		
Mon., March 3	Ft. Hood		
Regional, March 7-8	North Texas		
Zone, March 14-15	Lamar Univ.		
State, March 27-29	West Texas State		

## Basketball Schedule

### JANUARY

Tue-7*	Austin College	Sherman
Wed-8*	Bishop College	Dallas
Sat-11**	Mississippi Valley	Prairie View
Tue-14*	Wiley College	Prairie View
Thur-16**	Southern University	Prairie View
Sat-18**	Jackson State	Prairie View
Mon-20**	Texas Southern	Prairie View
Wed-22*	Paul Quinn College	Prairie View
Sat-25**	Alcorn University	Lorman, Miss.
Mon-27**	Grambling College	Grambling, La.
Wed-29**	Houston Tillotson	Austin

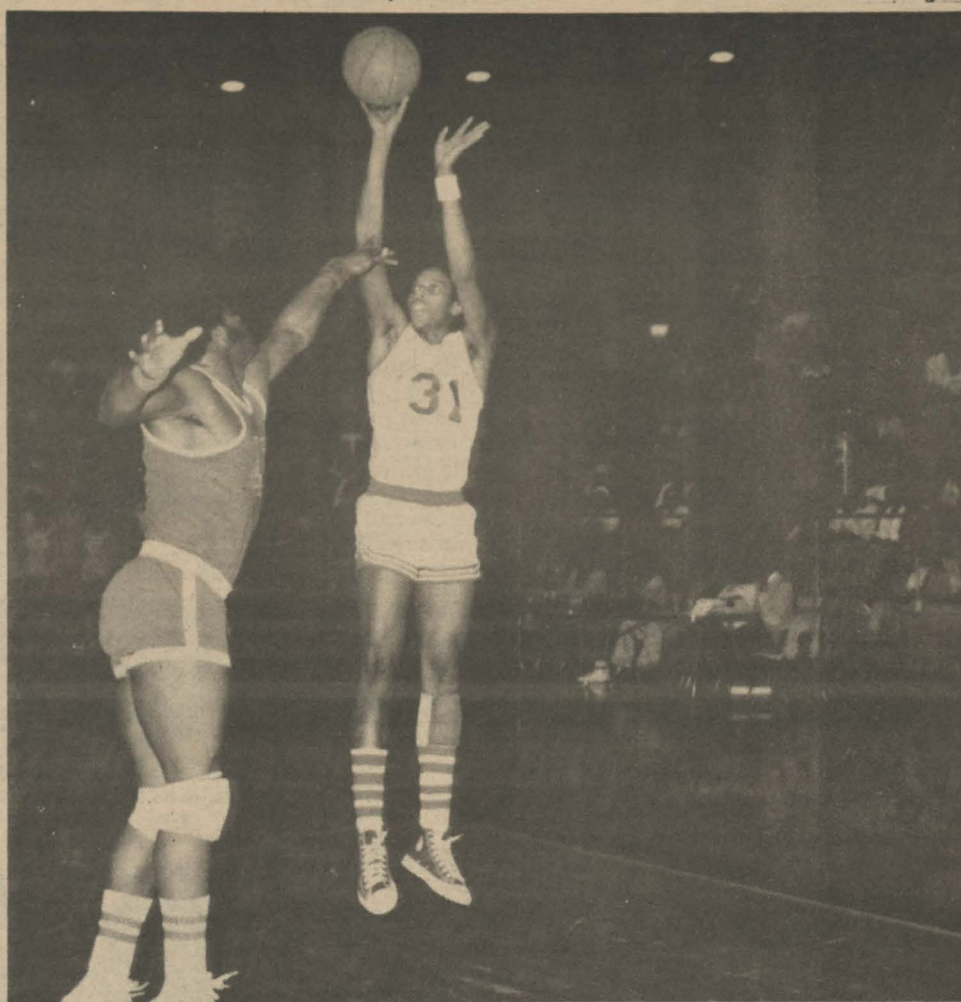
### FEBRUARY

Sat-1**	Alcorn State Univ.	Prairie View
Mon-3**	Grambling	Prairie View
Thur-5*	Texas College	Tyler
Sat-8**	Jackson State	Jackson, Miss.
Mon-10**	Southern Univ.	Baton Rouge, La.
Thur-13**	Texas Southern	Houston
Sat-15**	Mississippi Valley	Itta Bena, Miss.
Mon-17*	Bishop College	Prairie View
Thur-Fri-Sat-20, 21, 22,	SWAC Tournament	Monroe, La.
Mon-24*	Austin College	Prairie View

### MARCH

1-4, Sat-Mon-Tue	NAIA District 8 Playoff	TBA
10-15	NAIA National Tourn.	Kansas City, Mo.

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Panther Sharp-shooter Charles "The Gun" Gant, shoots famous jumper.

## Capt. Grant Makes PV Offense Go

The Prairie View Panthers basketball team is having one of its best scoring outputs in recent time as Coach Elwood Plummer's outfit is averaging 102.8 points a game which is second best in the NCAA small college ranking.

The main reason behind the Panthers explosive offense is their main man, team captain Venroy (Butch) Grant, who prefers to be called Butch, rather than Venroy.

Butch, a 6-2 senior transfer from Wharton Junior College where he was most outstanding player, sixth leading scorer in

national junior colleges (31.5). All conference, All regional and All American, during the 1970-71 season. In his two years at Wharton he scored 2,011 points.

The New York City native has continued his scoring pace at PVU after becoming eligible to play in January. In two games he has scored 54 points. He poured in 22 points in his debut against Austin College and 32 the next night against Bishop.

Butch wasted no time capturing the attention of the fans as his behind the back

passes and through the legs dribbling turns the fans on. He even has Coach Plummer amazed. "Butch adds a lot to this club as a leader, playmaker and scorer," said Plummer. "He is a smart player. I feel he will establish himself as one of the fine guards along with Gant (Charles, teammate)," said Plummer who boasts one of the highest scoring teams in the nation.

Plummer, after being told by PVU SID Joe Booker, that Grant prefers being called Butch rather than Venroy, stated. "We will call him anything he wants to be called as long as he continues playing as he is now. If his performance falls off we will call him Venroy, but as of now he is Butch," said Plummer with a big smile.

Two other newcomers, Marvin Brown, 6-6 sophomore forward and Robert Armstrong, 6-5 sophomore forward, made their debut for the Panthers an impressive one.

## Panther Cagers Face Top SWAC Teams on Campus

The PV Panthers entertain Southern University on Thursday, January 16 and Jackson State Saturday, January 18. The Jaguars have the nation's top scoring average among small colleges, scoring an average of 109 points per game.

The Tigers of Jackson State are also top ranked as they defend the 1974 SWAC title.

Prairie View has won three of its four post-holiday games—winning over Austin College 113-99; Mississippi Valley ; and Wiley College 98-72. Their lone defeat in January has been to Bishop College 135-105 in a game in Dallas on January 8.

Marvin Jackson's 28 points and 12 rebounds led the Prairie View Panthers to a 98-72 thrashing of Wiley College.

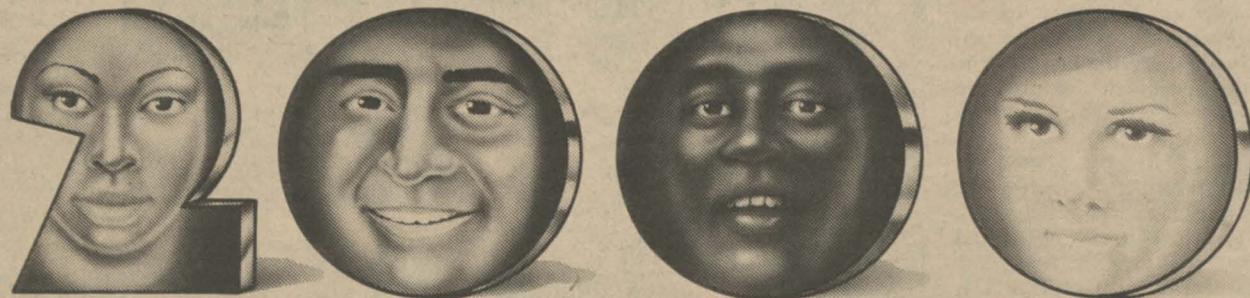
The Panthers caught fire, though, with 3:42 left in the first half Tuesday night and pulled to a 32-22 lead. Late in the game, Prairie View iced the win with a 10-point spree started by Fred Thompson and James Gray. Nevertheless, PV only shot 43.5 per cent on the evening.

Jackson who played for coach Clarence Stubberfield at Houston Washington has scored 51 points in his two games and pulled down 36 rebounds. Armstrong who started for Coach Ellis Davis' 1972 state 4AAAA champion Dallas Roosevelt club, has scored 20 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

Armstrong who wasn't expected to be a starter has moved last year's starting forward 6-6 sophomore Kermit McAdory.

The Panthers will play a five game homestand beginning Tuesday, January 14, when they host NAIA zone foe Wiley, who they lost to in Marshall, 78-68. Southern visits PV January 16, 1973-74 defending conference champion Jackson and All American Eugene Short, come to PV January 18. Rival Texas Southern visits the Little Dome January 20 and Paul Quinn closes out the current homestand January 23, in a NAIA zone game.

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