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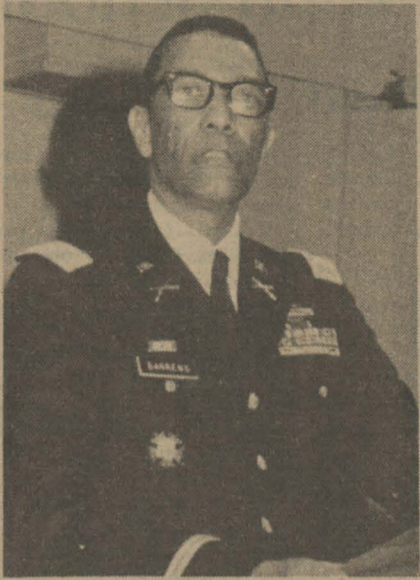
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Colonel Clarence G. Barrens, (PV '51) Commander, Ft. McNair, Washington, DC Commissioned AROTC graduates during December exercises.



State Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan V. Brown, Austin, Texas addressed Faculty-Staff Orientation Conference on Campus.



State Representative Wilhemini Delco described her role in seeking adequate funds for her Alma Mater (PV) and TSU.

PV Students Listed In Who's Who

The 1981 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will carry the names of 49 students from Prairie View A&M University, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Prairie View A&M University are: Ms. Algie Lee Armstead, Ms. Diane Marie Ashton, Ms. Marcia Babin, Ms. Sharmarion E. Brown, Mr. Douglas Buckner, Ms. Diana D. Carden, Ms.

Dawnelle Carroll, Ms. Mary V. Carter, Mr. Timothy Dwayne Cheatham, Mr. Keith Crawford, Mr. Claude C. Crowder, Jr., Ms. Carolyn M. Davis, Mr. Harold Dockins, Mr. Mark S. Falls, Ms. Debra Gardner, Mr. Ronald W. Haggerty, Ms. Gale Marie Harris, Ms. Shelia Denice Harris, Mr. Michael Wayne Hearn, Ms. Zerrie Levette Hines, Ms. Jerelyn Venetia Hughes, Mr. Marvin T. Iglehart, Ms. Linda D. Johnson, Ms. Michelle E. Johnson, Ms. Nwokefor N. Joshua, Mr. Guy L. King, Mr. Harold Winston Madison, Ms. Mary E. Mallett, Ms. Fulkra Justinian Mason, Ms. Alane Mavis, Mr. Gary W. Mills, Ms. Emmauel Olu Momoh, Mr. Jerome Montgomery, Ms. Earnetta Jewell Moore, Mr. Omwanghe Julius Osamwonyl, Mr. Egbert Keith Powell, Ms. Rita R. Ross, Mr. Reginald Jack Sapenter, Ms. Velve J. Sauls, Mr. Robert L. Smith, III, Mr. Ronnie D. Smith, Mr. Samuel G. Tate, Ms. Nancy Thomas, Mr. Gerald Walker, Mr. Frederick Dewayne Wells, Mr. Donnie Willis, Ms. Iva B. Wheeler, Ms. Sandra Lynn White and Mr. Charles Zoncile.

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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January 15-20, 1981

PV Future Discussed

State Officials Speak At Faculty Conference

"I am not giving up on getting Prairie View A&M University it's share of the Permanent University Fund," said Wilhelmina Delco, black legislator from Austin as she spoke to a packed auditorium on campus during a recent Teacher Renewal Conference.

A graduate of Prairie View, Rep. Delco, who has been seeking for months answers to her questions concerning the PUV fund, added:

"Texas A&M has to evaluate its political position, when it says that we don't have to deal with Prairie View A&M University."

The questioned funds consist of oil revenue from lands dedicated to the University of Texas and Texas A&M. Monies spent by both institutions is called the Available University Fund.

Rep. Delco contends that the Texas Constitution meant that

her alma mater was to have a share when it authorized a branch of the University of Texas for "colored youths."

Prairie View is part of the giant Texas A&M University System, having been founded in 1876 by the Fifteenth Legislature.

Directing herself to a proposal by Rep. Foster Whaley, Pampa, to shut down Prairie View A&M University, Rep. Delco said:

"It is the most ridiculous piece of legislature I've ever heard of, and, of course, will never happen."

Whaley's bill, which he said will be introduced shortly, would prohibit Prairie View from accepting any freshmen students. It would go before state voters if approved by the legislature.

Black legislators, along with Rep. Delco who has been most

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CONFERENCE THEME:

Maintaining Quality and Competence At Prairie View A&M—Agenda For the 80's

A&M System Conference Spotlights "Good Teaching"

More than 300 faculty and staff from throughout the Texas A&M University System concluded a two-day "quality in teaching" conference Friday with a call for greater emphasis on tangible rewards for teaching excellence. A total of seventy PV staff members and administrators participated.

Reports from 20 work groups made up of the

conference participants—representing both administrators and faculty—indicated they want to see ideas generated at the conference studied and initiated.

Many of the reports called for annual conferences of the same type, and continuation of efforts to study similar problems at all four academic institutions of the Texas A&M

Work on 1981 Yearbook Begins In Publication Department

The Student Publications Department is calling for all persons with interest and talent in publishing the 1981 Yearbook. Volunteers are sought especially among students with yearbook experience.

The 1980 Pantherland is finally completed and is expected from the publishers sometimes in March.

Delays in participation of student organizations as well as official departments and agencies contributed to the late completion of the book.

System. They include Texas A&M, Tarleton State, Prairie View A&M and Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Recommendations from the work groups included:

—More tangible rewards for teaching in salary, tenure, promotions, formal awards, sabbaticals and development leave.

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Governor Clements Appoints Three To A&M Board

Harvey R. Bright and William A. McKenzie, both of Dallas, and Joe C. Richardson, Jr., of Amarillo were named Friday by Governor Bill Clements to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Bright, a 1943 Texas A&M graduate, is senior partner of East Texas Motor Freight and also has banking interests. McKenzie, a 1944 Texas A&M graduate, is a partner in the law firm of McKenzie and Baer. Richardson, also a Texas A&M graduate, class of 1949, is an independent oil operator.

They succeed Alfred I. Davies of Dallas, Joe H. Reynolds of Houston and Ross C. Watkins of Uvalde on the nine-member governing board for the Texas A&M University System, which includes a statewide teaching, research and public service network. Regents are appointed to six-year terms.

"These selections by Governor Clements are excellent choices," noted Board of Regents Chairman Clyde H. Wells of Granbury and Dallas. "All three of these men are

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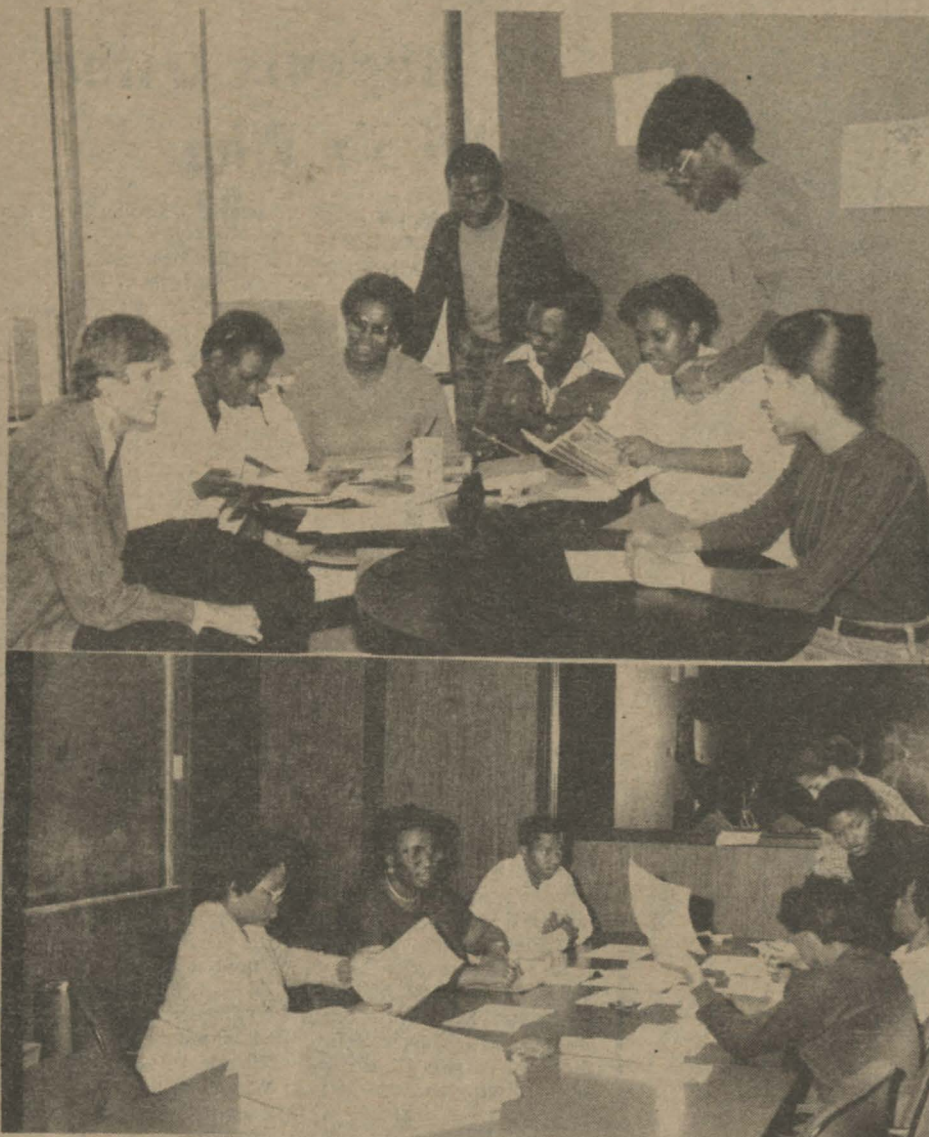
More Funding For PV-TSU Students, Staff Speak Out Governor and State Officials to Back PV

PV Alumni to Mobilize

Watch for these and other important stories about PV's future in following issues of THE PANTHER.



AGRICULTURE RECRUITS SOUGHT — Agriculture Commissioner Brown, Dr. A. I. Thomas and other officials pose with colorful AD poster calling for assistance in helping make Texas Agriculture Number 1.



HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC TOURNAMENT — Pictured above (top) is a planning session for the successful tournament held in December. Shown from left are Dr. Millard Eiland, Nancy Thomas, Twyla Harris, Cleveland Williams, Prof. Curtis Johnson, Carla Richardson, Raymond Green and Tresie Thomas.

Bottom photo shows group tabulating results from the competition. They are (from left) Twyla Harris, Deborah Jackson, Douglas Malone, Tresie Thomas, an unidentified student, Nancy Thomas and Charmaine Woods.

PV Sponsors UIL High School Forensics Tournament

The Department of English at PV-AM sponsored its first annual U.I.L. High School Forensics Tournament on December 6 with eight area high schools participating.

First place winner in the event was McCullough High School, Woodlands who was presented the Annual Campbell First place Sweepstakes Trophy. Brenham High School won second place honors and Booker T. Washington of Houston received the third place trophy.

Other high school participating included Royal High, Brookshire; Calhoun High, Pt. Lavaca; Smithville High; Spring Branch, Houston; and Schulenburg High School, Schulenburg.

Individual event first place trophies were presented as follows:

Poetry Interp: Terria Sams, Royal High School, Brookshire (she is sister of Claudia Sams, A.P.V. student).

Debate: Romund and Gilchrist (team) from McCullough High School, Woodlands.

Duet Acting: Joyce Smith and Victor Williams (team) from Booker T. Washington High School, Houston.

Record Pantomime: John Jarvis, McCullough High School, Woodlands

Solo Acting: Alica Wilson, Booker T. Washington High School, Houston

Prose Interp: Lucy Meeks, Schulenburg High School, Schulenburg

Bible Reading: Jane Nanning, McCullough High School, Woodlands

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Thad Swiderski, Spring Branch High School, Houston
Original Oratory: Adina Rowan, Calhoun High School, Pt. Lavaca

According to Dr. Millard F. Eiland, director of Forensics, and Mr. C. E. Johnson, assistant director, the following persons assisted in the tournament promotion: Critic Judges.

Faculty: Dr. E. J. Thomas, Mr. Sam Daruvalla, Mr. William Chapman, Ms. Bettye Sapenter, Ms. Florida Yeldell, Dr. Earline Leverett, Mrs. Marian Williams, Dr. Ron Humphrey, Dr. Sarah Williams, Dr. V. M. Doctor, Ms. Alma Dawson, Ms. Clarise Booker, Dr. Ted Shine, C. Lee Turner, Dr. Larry Cole, Mr. Frank White, Dr. Anne Campbell, Mr. Frank Francis, Ms. Thetis Edmond, Ms. Gwen Thomas

Community and staff: Ms. N. Edison Anderson, Ms. Cecile Richardson, Ms. Andrea Bell Miller, Ms. Anne Sams

Students: Ms. Yolanda Harrell, Mathew Castille, Ms. Lillian Randle, Mr. Paul Osborne, Ms. Hattie Arps, Mr. James Alexander, Mr. Jerry Williams, Mr. Brian Williams, Mr. Frederick Wade, Mr. Terry Payne, Ms. Karen Karr

Major Tournament Personnel;
Concession Stand: Ms. F. B.

Ledbetter, Ms. Laurya Cowles, Ms. Carmon Mitchell, Ms. Fran Roquemore.

Registration and Judges desk: Mrs. Curtis E. Johnson, Ms. Charlotte Leviston

Photographer: Mr. Paris Kincaid

Assistant Touney Director and Tabulation Room

Director: Ms. Yolanda Harrell
President Forensic Society and Official Hostess: Ms. Twyla Harris

Coaches and Judges Lounge: Ms. Carla Richardson, Director, Mr. Clifton Harson, Helper

Judges Committee: Ms. Carla Richardson

Event Section Leaders: Ms. Tressie Thomas, Ms. Deborah Jackson, Mr. Douglas Malone, Ms. Jackie Gibbs, Ms. Nancy Thomas, Ms. Charmaine Woods, Ms. Dolly Smith, Mr. Edgar Faucett

Brochure Committee: Mr. Raymond Creer

Forensics Society Secretary: Mr. Cleveland Williams

Time Keepers: Ms. Jo Nell Randle, Mr. Lawrence Allen, Mr. Mark McClure, Mr. Anthony Collins, Mr. Timothy Flowers, Ms. July Kellie, Mr. Veronica Simmons, Ms. Nita Adams, Mr. Gilbert Good, Mr. Frederick Mitchell, Mr. Oliver McCurry, Mr. Richard McClahan, Mr. Ronald Stewart, Mr. Brian Richard.

A-Phi-A Credit Card Program to Begin Soon

The Sears Credit Card Program sponsored by the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will resume the week of January 26-29 in Fuller Hall and Banks Hall. This is an opportunity for you Juniors, Seniors, Faculty, and Staff members who may not have any credit to establish it now. It is also an opportunity for those who previously signed up but did not receive a card due to

insufficient information given on their first application to reapply. The response by the students who have received their Sears Card has been enormous. And we are pleased to be able to assist students in obtaining the cards, and begin what we hope will be beneficial use of credit.



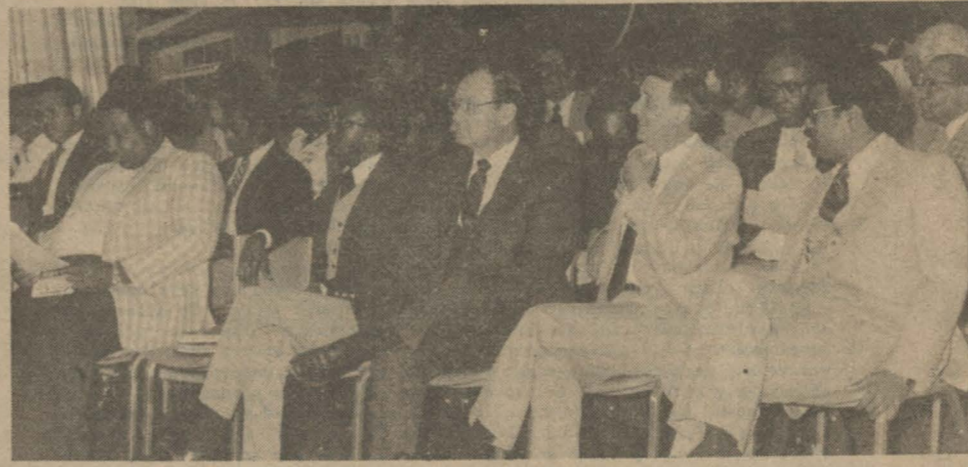
Black editor Frederick Douglass published the first issue of his abolitionist newspaper, The North Star, in Rochester, N.Y., in 1847.

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graduates of Texas A&M and have been close to the university through the years. I look forward to working with them."

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SCENES FROM FACULTY-STAFF CONFERENCE held on Campus January 7, 8 and 9.

Strong State Campus Commitment To Equal Opportunity Seen

State and land-grant universities have a substantial commitment to special programs for minorities, women, the handicapped, and veterans, according to a new guide just published by the Equal Opportunity Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Forty-four state campuses reported on-campus programs to attract and retain minority students, and 31 have similar programs off-campus. Forty-eight respondents have a committee or commission for women. Thirty-nine state and

land-grant universities offer employment training programs to the physically handicapped, the guide reveals. Twenty-three state campuses offer employment training or other special services to veterans. Forty-two universities reported affirmative action programs related to recruitment, hiring, and promotion.

In addition, An Inventory of Equal Opportunity Programs Reported by Members of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges reports that 40 campuses offer special finan-

cial assistance to minority students.

Special graduate programs for minority students in engineering, the social sciences and humanities, education, medicine or law were reported by a total of 101 campuses.

James D. McComas, president of Mississippi State University and chairman of the Association's Equal Opportunity Committee, stressed that the 74-page guide is a preliminary report. He said that his Committee hopes it will serve to stimulate more comprehensive studies in the future.

The guide details equal opportunity and affirmative action programs at 82 state and land-grant universities, and lists the name and phone number of the equal opportunity program contact person at each campus.

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vocal, have repeatedly asked Attorney General Mark White for legal opinions about the status of Prairie View in relation to the Available University Fund.

Although a part of the A&M System, Prairie View has never received its fair share of the funds, they contend.

The three day conference also was highlighted by Regan V. Brown, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who praised the university for its many faceted agriculture program.

Sessions of the conference dealt with a wide range of academic topics including Prairie View A&M's long range plans to attract white students, maintaining quality teaching, and research and special programs.

Distinguished Military Grads Named

Three Prairie View A&M University seniors, who are members of the Army ROTC, have been chosen as distinguished military graduates and were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Army during the joint Army and Navy ROTC Mid-Year Commissioning Ceremony held on Friday, 12 December 1980.

Selection of distinguished military graduates is based on an evaluation of each cadet's academic and military science record during the senior year. The first step in winning the distinguished military graduate designation comes just before the end of the junior year when

the ROTC instructors rate the cadets and select distinguished military students. Those distinguished military students who maintain high standards during ROTC Advanced Camp and their senior year may then qualify as distinguished military graduates.

The three Prairie View A&M Army ROTC cadets designated as distinguished military graduates are:

2LT David W. Cavitt, Field Artillery, McKinney, Texas Regular Army, Assigned to III Corps Artillery, Ft. Still, Oklahoma with a reporting date of January 15, 1981.

2LT Timothy D. Cheatham,

Engineer, U.S. Army Reserve, will attend the Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, VA and be assigned to an active reserve unit.

2LT Lester Coleman, Air Defense Artillery, Regular Army, after completion of the Air Defense school at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he will be assigned to U.S. Army Europe.

More than one half of the \$51 billion spent since 1965 by the Veterans Administration on Vietnam Era veterans has gone for educational assistance under the GI Bill.

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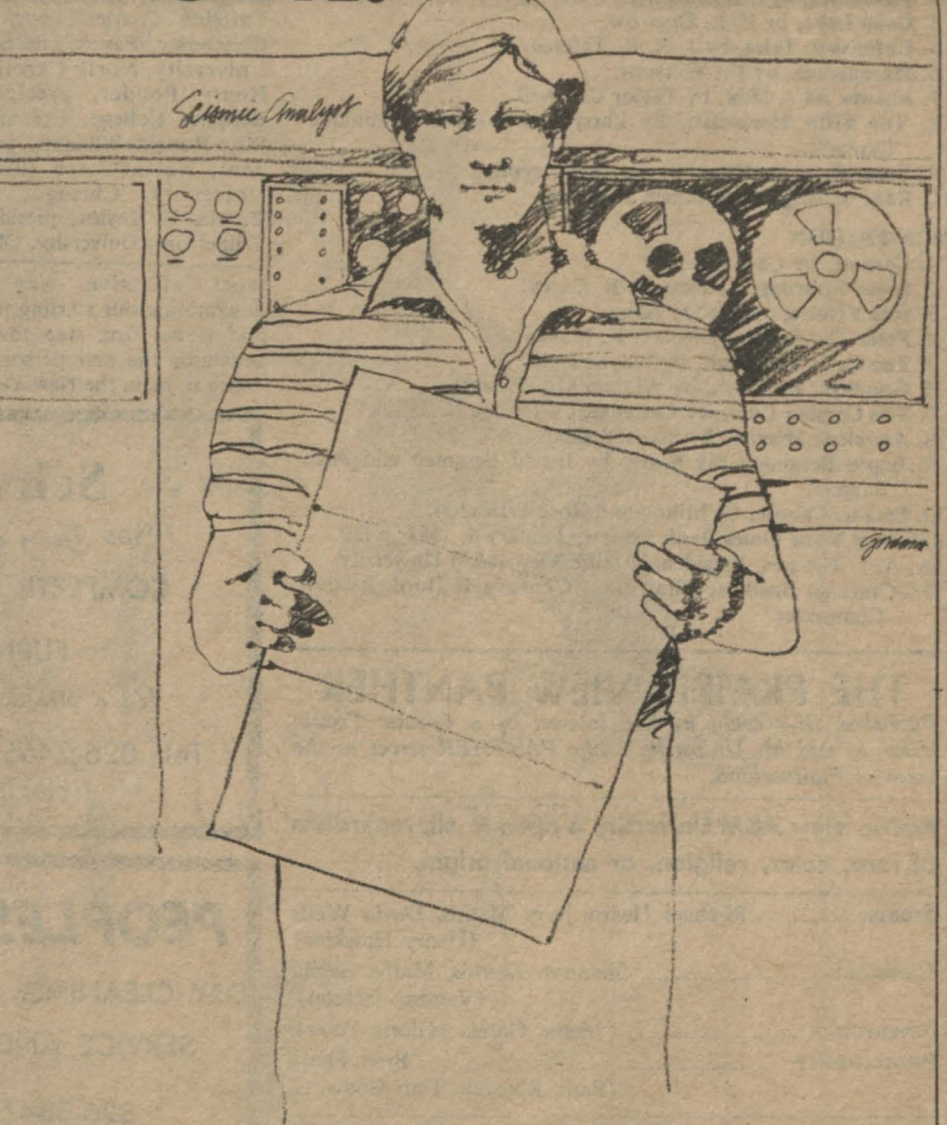
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Good Resolutions

Father James Spruat
Cantersury Club

Most of us regard the first day of January, the beginning of the calendar year, as a minor milestone in life. It reminds us somehow of the irreversible flow of time, of events in our lives that can never be lived again.

On New Year's Day we are vaguely aware of our mistakes, sins and failures of the old year. We make New Year's resolutions in the hope that we will avoid them in the year ahead.

All of us can catalogue our mistakes but few of us can perceive the habits, the ignorance, and attitudes which underlie and create them. Even if we are alert to the basic patterns which cause the surface shortcomings, we still face the task of doing something about them.

To list in detail our mistakes and failures and simply to resolve not to repeat them is not enough. If we, as Christians, are to avoid the same old mistakes and are to make the coming year a truly

The Rev. James Spruat, St. Francis Episcopal Church



new year, we must first deal with the underlying and ingrained flaws which cause them.

If we would be different, two things are essential: we must come to grips with the fact that it is impossible to change ourselves without the help of God. Then we must open our lives to the grace God will give us to achieve the changes we seek. By being strenuously honest with ourselves we can see, each day, where we need the special grace of God.

Only after we have identified our particular areas of difficulty can our prayers to God for help be intelligently directed. A vague prayer to "make us good" may be the first step, but it is not enough.

To reach any desired destination the traveler must know the route. But before he begins his journey he must know first of all where he is. A regular self-examination is our

President Thomas Gets Applaud From His Alma Mater

Prairie View A&M students and other top minority undergraduate scholars from across the country, attended the Tenth Annual Graduate and Professional Schools Visitation Days on The Ohio State University campus. Two hundred seventy-three honor seniors from sixty colleges-universities submitted graduate/professional applications. This event also provided an opportunity for talented students to meet other like students, faculty and staff, and to become introduced to The Ohio State University. The intent for making the weekend an educational, cultural, and spiritual experience to be remembered and taken back home, became a reality.

The theme for this year's event was "Applaud the Presidents' Past OSU scholars, who have distinguished themselves by rising to the top position in various colleges and universities, were recognized for their excellence in higher education. Dr. Alvin I. Thomas was one of seven who received Ohio State University office of minority affairs distinguished alumni awards.

Dr. Thomas earned his PHD in education at Ohio State in 1957. A faculty member since 1949, he was named to the presidency in 1966.

Others honored included Samuel Dubois Cook, president, Dillard University, New Orleans; H. Douglas Covington, Chancellor of Winston Salem State University, North Carolina; Charles Lyons, Jr., Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina; Henry Ponder, president, Benedict College, Columbia, SC.; Ronald Williams, president, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago; and Charles E. Taylor, president, Wilberforce University, Ohio.

most effective way of determining our starting place and is the first step toward becoming the new person we desire to be in the New Year.

Open Letter From Governor Clements on Introducing Texas State Government

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE CAPITOL
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711
November 26, 1980

Dear State Employee:

As we proceed to work toward improving the management of Texas state government, I would like to take this opportunity to explain directly to you what I am trying to accomplish and why.

First I want you to know that I am impressed with the generally high caliber of our state employees. Over the last thirty years Texas has progressed from mediocrity to nationally-recognized quality in many areas of state government. During this time Texas has experienced considerable growth in population, and demands for services have expanded proportionally. Our success in accommodating this growth and at the same time improving the quality of our services speaks highly of the conscientious, hard-working state employees who have met these challenges and responded admirably.

However, we are faced in the decade of the eighties with even greater challenges. Continued population increases are creating even greater additional demands for state services. This, coupled with increasing taxpayer concern with local, state and federal tax levels, necessitates difficult choices. We must either reduce services substantially, increase the tax burden painfully or manage all state programs more efficiently and effectively. Clearly the latter is the only acceptable alternative.

To this end I have established the Texas State Government Effectiveness Program. This program has as one of its key objectives the development of a smaller, better compensated, more productive work force. To attain this, many new management initiatives have been undertaken. These include the development of (1) a management training program to assure that the supervisory and personnel management functions are better understood and more effectively carried out, (2) an effective performance planning and evaluation system, (3) a merit compensation program designed to reward better than average performance with better than average pay, (4) a major new operational audit program in which state agencies are reviewed from a management or operational standpoint by teams made up of highly qualified individuals from both the public and private sectors. These audits or management reviews allow the agency board and top executive to gain objective recommendations as to how to improve their operation. With the implementation and utilization of these management techniques, I am firmly convinced that our agencies can operate with a reduced level of employment, redundancy in operations can be eliminated, the efficiency and effectiveness of operations can be improved, and the general work environment of our state employees can be more stimulating and more rewarding. In this way we will be able to meet the expanding demands for services in the eighties at the least possible cost to the taxpayer while continuing to maintain and improve the quality of these services. After approximately one year since the Texas State Government Effectiveness Program was introduced we have made substantial progress toward these goals.

I want you to know, as I have stated repeatedly, the objective of reducing employment is not to obtain a proportional reduction in costs, but to free up dollars that can be used in part to provide better compensation and a better work environment. Employment reductions can be accomplished by selective hiring freezes or attrition. No qualified, hard-working state employee should feel threatened by this program.

I firmly believe that the Texas State Government Effectiveness Program will bring about a more satisfying work environment, generally higher pay, and enhanced career opportunities for you. I ask for your cooperation and support in this most important undertaking. I am sure that I speak for your agency's or institution's administration when I say that we welcome your advice and recommendations as to how state government can be improved. You, as well as all Texans, have much to gain from these efforts.

Sincerely,

Bill Clements
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas



Left to right: Second Lieutenants Ronald Gamble, Alvis Prince, Lester Pinkney, Lester Coleman, Caleb Anderson, David Cavitt, Gregory Bell and Timothy Cheatham.

Eight Receive 2nd Lieutenant Commissions At PV A&M Joint ROTC Ceremony

Eight Prairie View A&M

Spotlights —

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--Evaluation of teaching by students, peers and supervisors.

--Better physical support systems in room design and more accessible instructional materials.

--Teacher exchange programs systemwide.

--In-service training for faculty.

--Make teaching as high a priority as research.

--Upgrade computer systems to allow more freedom from time constraints.

--Merit raises awarded specifically for good teaching.

--Removal of poor teachers from the classroom.

--Require that quality faculty teach first-year courses.

--And, allow more specialization among faculty that want to do strictly research and those that want to teach.

The purpose of the between-semester conference, initiated by Chancellor Frank W. R. Hubert, was to increase the level of knowledge of effective teacher evaluation procedures, encourage more and better support services for teachers and develop mechanisms for the continuing improvement of teaching.

University Army ROTC cadets received their commissions as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army on Friday, 12 December 1980, at the Joint Army and Navy ROTC Commissioning Ceremonies held in Hobart Taylor Hall.

Colonel Clarence G. Barrens, a Prairie View A&M Army ROTC graduate ("Class of 51"), and currently the commander of Fort Lesley McNair, Washington, D.C., presented the commissions and gold lieutenant bars to the graduating cadets before an audience of school officials, parents, friends and fellow students.

Among the new lieutenants were three who, because of outstanding performance in academic and military science studies, were designated "distinguished military graduates" and received Regular Army Commissions. They were 2LT David Cavitt--Regular Army, Field Artillery, a native of McKinney, Texas; 2LT Timothy Cheatham--U.S. Army Reserve, Engineer, a native of Houston, Texas; and 2LT Lester Coleman -- Regular Army, Air Defense Artillery, a native of Columbus, Texas.

Today's commissioning ceremony brought to 1,086 the number of cadets who have received Army commissions at Prairie View A&M University

since ROTC was first established on the campus in 1942.

Besides those mentioned above, the following graduates received commissions in the branches indicated: Caleb Anderson, Field Artillery; Gregory Bell, Air Defense; Ronald Gamble, Infantry; Lester Pinkney, Military Intelligence; and Alvis W. Prince, Engineer.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority News

Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapter held a Christmas Party in the home of Soror Edsel Bell, hostess for the evening. Order of procession was conducted by Basileus Vivian Neal for the Neophytes, Mary Hawkins, Marilyn Emanuel, and Edsel Andrea Miller. After the procession expressions were made by each neophyte. Congratulations were extended by the chapter members. Soror Ora Mae Thompson was in charge of the exchange of gifts, followed by holiday refreshments. Re-Pledge Service Sunday, January 11, 1981.

Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. attended the morning worship service, St. John A.M.E. Church, Brenham, Texas. Rev. I. C. Gordon, pastor, gave a very inspiring message, "Come See The Man." After the worship service the Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapter held their Re-Pledge Service in the Fellowship Hall of St. John A.M.E. Church which was beautifully decorated. Soror Clara Gordon served as hostess for the event.

Soror Gazelle Boothe, Reporter

ALIENS MUST MAKE REPORT IN JANUARY

If you are an alien, this is the month to report your address. This report must be made every January, regardless of whether or not you have changed your address since your last report. Forms with which to make the report are available at any United States Post Office during the month of January, and at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service after January 31st.

"A woman and a car are 2 lot alike. A good paint job cancels the years, but the lines tell the story." —Eva Gabor

Alphas Welcome New Students

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students back to Prairie View for the Spring, 1981 semester. We hope that this new year and new semester bring only the best accomplishments for all of you. We also hope that the transition to college living for new students be smooth and comes quickly. And we hope that the Christmas holiday gave all returning students time to rejuvenate the mind and rest the body. Again, we would like to say, "Welcome" and have a Happy and successful 1981.

Jimmy Williams

Navy Commissions Two Grads



Ensign Joe L. Williams and Ensign Charles Hopkins.

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2. *The Key To Rebecca*, by Ken Follett.
3. *Firestarter*, by Stephen King.
4. *Loon Lake*, by E. L. Doctrow.
5. *Unfinished Tales*, by J. R. R. Tolkien.
6. *Masquerade*, by Kit Williams.
7. *Answer As A Man*, by Taylor Caldwell.
8. *The Fifth Horseman*, by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapiere.
9. *Come Four the Wine*, by Cynthia Freeman.
10. *Rage of Angels*, by Sidney Sheldon.

NON-FICTION

1. *Cosmos*, by Carl Sagan.
 2. *Crisis Investing*, by Douglas R. Casey.
 3. *Side Effects*, by Woody Allen.
 4. *Peter The Great*, by Robert K. Massie.
 5. *The Sky's The Limit*, by Wayne Dyer.
 6. *Goodbye, Darkness*, by William Manchester.
 7. *The Coming Currency Collapse*, by Jerome F. Smith.
 8. *American Dreams*, by Studs Terkel.
 9. *Ingrid Bergman: My Story*, by Ingrid Bergman and Alan Burgess.
 10. *Free to Choose*, by Milton and Rose Friedman.
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Cadet Swindell Receives George C. Marshall Award

Prairie View A&M University, 15 December 1980. Today, Colonel Andrew R. Bland, Jr., the Professor of Military Science, Prairie View A&M University Army ROTC Program, announced that Cadet Colonel Walter L. Swindell, III, was selected as this university's winner of the George C. Marshall ROTC Award for the 1980 School Year. This award is given to the most outstanding MS IV (senior) cadet from each university that sponsors an Army ROTC Program. The winner of this award must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be the most outstanding MS IV cadet.
- b. Be graduating and commissioned during the 1980/81 School Year.
- c. Have completed Advanced Camp or its equivalent.
- d. Have demonstrated excellence in academic and military studies.
- e. Have demonstrated leadership ability.

The George C. Marshall ROTC Award winner will participate in a conference



Cadet Col. Walter Swindell, III sponsored by the Marshall Research Foundation at Lexington, Virginia during the period 13-16 April 1981. The winner will also receive a certificate and the official biography of General Marshall. Cadet Colonel Swindell, a senior mathematics major from Dallas, Texas, is also the commander of the "Panther Brigade" for the first semester

Alpha Phi Eta Gamma Award

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha would like to take this time to recognize the brothers returning to campus for the Spring, 1981 semester. They are: Charles Page, (Spring, 1976); Egbert Powell, (Fall, 1977); Jimmy Williams, Rickie Gaines, and Michael Jackson (Fall, 1978); Donnie Anderson, Kelvin Bush, Keith Crawford, Waverly Nolley, Ronnie Smith, and William Swanson (Fall, 1979); Hermon West, Mark Edwards, Quinn Jenkins, Harold Dockins, and Wade Turnquest (Spring, 1980); Timothy Woods, Joseph York, Ronald Morgan, Donald Carriere, Tyrone Davis, Aldo Putman, Dennis Crook, Johnnie Brumfield, Rickey Brown, Theodore Mason, Autry Griggs, Raymond Nutall, Percy Roberts, Carl Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Rickie Singleton, and David Valentine (Fall, 1980).

We wish everyone a prosperous 1981 and many more years to come.

J. W. W.

of the 1980/81 School Year. Cadet Colonel Swindell's numerous achievements include: President of Les Beaux Arts — social fraternity; President of the Student Senate — 1980/81 School Year; member of Mega Omega Beta — social fraternity; Phi Eta Sigma — freshman honor society; member of Pi Mu Epsilon — mathematics honor society.

His ROTC awards include: Distinguished Military Student Award, 1979/80 SY; Daughters of the American Revolution Award; Recondo Award from the 1980 Fort Riley Advanced Camp; Cadet of the Month and Cadet of the Cycle.



GREETING FACULTY-STAFF — State Representative Delco (left) is shown greeting Communications Department Head Shirley Staples and a line of PV well-wishers.



PV ADMINISTRATORS AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER BROWN, Dr. Edward Martin, Science Division head and Hoover Carden, Cooperative Extension Service Administrator discuss details of State Agriculture goals which affect their specific programs.

He has been on the President's Honor Roll for four out of his six semesters at Prairie View A&M.

Cadet Colonel Swindell's ultimate goal is to become a United States Army General Officer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swindell and the second oldest of their five children.

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Jacket Leaves Friday for New Zealand

By Henry Hawkins, While Barbara Jacket, women's track coach at Prairie View, is guiding a contingent of United States women's athletes in the 1981 New Zealand Games, her thoughts may well be divided.

"I'm anxious and excited about coaching this team in the Pacific Conference Games but I'll also be wondering what will happen to my team while I'm gone. The Southwestern Athletic Conference indoor meet is right around the corner," Ms. Jacket said.

Actually it's just three days after she'll return to the United States from New Zealand.

The team will run satellite meets in Hamilton on January 21, in Auckland the weekend of January 24-25 and in Wellington on January 28. The Pacific Conference Games will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand the weekend of January 31-February 1.

"Being named head coach was a breakthrough," she said. "It was a long time coming but intramural recreation.

Teams interested in entering the tournament should bring the name of the team or dormitory, name of the players with a maximum number of 15, the name of the coach and assistant coach and a \$20.00 entry fee.

better late than never. This is a big honor not only for me but for other women track coaches across the United States. I have served in a lot of capacities in international meets but this is the first time I have served as head coach in an international meet," she said.

Ms. Jacket was selected as one of the coaches for the Pan American games held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1979. She was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Development Committee, coordinating the 400-meter dash for the top quarter milers in the nation.

She was also an assistant coach for the United States-Universal World Games held in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1977 and for the U.S. junior AAU track and field team that toured West Germany, Poland and Russia in 1973.

As head coach Ms. Jacket had to make selections for the team. "In some of the events we have some of the top runners in the United States but other commitments kept some of the others from going. This is more of a job than with your own team because you are dealing with different personalities in a short time and different schedules and procedures set up by different coaches. I'll try not to change any of the schedules set up by



Barbara Jacket

other coaches but we'll be out to win the Pacific Conference games and represent the United States well," she said.

Ms. Jacket, a native of Port Arthur, Texas and graduate of Tuskegee, Alabama has been women's track coach at Prairie View since 1964. Her teams have won three consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference indoor titles, five outdoor league crowns, two AIAW national championships, two USTFF national titles, three Astrodom National Federation Titles and two TFA-USA national championships.

She has also coached three Olympic runners — Mary Ayers, Carol Cummings and Andrea Bruce.

Panther Cagers Lose to Alcorn

A 22-point production by Al Reynolds wasn't enough as Alcorn dropped Prairie View, 99-71, last Saturday keeping the Panthers in the bottom half of the Southwestern Athletic Conference standings.

Reynolds pumped through 22 points on nine of 16 field goals and four of seven free throws while Alfonso Cross came off the bench to throw in 13 and reserve guard Gary Outlaw pushed through an even dozen.

The loss had Prairie View's record at 2-13 (not counting a Monday night game at Grambling) on the season and 1-2 in league play.

With most of the games being on the road, the Panthers will now prepare for a brief home stand before taking to the road again. Prairie View will play arch-rival Texas Southern, where they will face Harry "Machine Gun" Kelley on Saturday (January 24) then host Alcorn (January 26) the defending league champion in the Little Dome.

Reynolds eased into the team scoring lead with his performance against Alcorn holding a brief edge over senior forward Reginald Spivey. Through 15 games Reynolds, a 6-4 junior forward

Pantherettes Keep Rolling On

Dana Watts and Audrey Pruett are the top players as the Pantherettes are rolling along with an 8-3 won-lost record and currently sport a three-game winning streak (not counting a Monday night game at Grambling).

Watts has scored 175 points in 11 games for a 15.9 average while Pruett a 6-0 freshman, has scored 126 points in 11 for an 11.5 average. Watts has been the sparkplug in the Pantherettes last three victories scoring 23 points as Prairie View defeated Bishop, 70-51, pushing through 12 points in a 48-37 triumph over Texas Lutheran and scoring 20 points in a 69-44 rout of Paul Quinn.

The Pantherettes will play at Texas Southern Saturday night at 5 p.m. then travel to Texas Lutheran on January 27 before playing at home again--on February 9 against Grambling.

has scored 213 points for a 14.2 average. Spivey, a 6-7 senior from Houston, has 164 points in 12 games for a 13.7 average. The two rank 13 and 14 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference latest statistics.

Spivey is fourth in rebounding while Reynolds is 14th and freshman Kenneth Ervin is 12th in free throw shooting while Reynolds is 15th.

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January

- 14 Classes Begin
- 17 Basketball (SWAC) PV-ALCORN (There)
- 19 Basketball (SWAC) PV-GRAMBLING (There)
- 21 Spring Recruiting Begins — Placement Center
- 24 Basketball (SWAC) PV-TSU, Houston
- 26 Late Registration Closes (5:00 p.m.)
- 26 A Phi A Credit Card Program Begins
- 27 Last Day for Changing Program
- 28 Century Two Book Review, President's Campus Residence
- 30 Basketball, Tennessee State University (There)
- 31 Basketball, Jackson State (There)

February

- 1-28 BLACK HISTORY MONTH (Campus-wide)
- 3-4 ANNUAL MINISTER'S Conference
- 2 Basketball, PV-MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (There)
- 7 TRACK — (Men and Women) SWAC Indoor Championship (Monroe, Louisiana)
- 9 Basketball, PV-Grambling (Here)

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| 27-30 | 19-24 | 19-24 | 16-21 | 7-11 | |

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