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# Oppose Efforts to Close PV & TSU

Prairie View A&M University president, Dr. A. I. Thomas, has called upon Governor Bill Clements, and legislative and educational leaders across the state of Texas to oppose the effort expressed by a State Representative to close Prairie View

A&M and Texas Southern Universities. Pampa legislator Foster Whaley said he has filed a bill to close Prairie View A&M and compel the students and faculty to "integrate into majority white state colleges." His first statement included the

closing of TSU also, but Mr. Whaley later said he would let someone else make the proposal for TSU. The Panhandle lawmaker is a Texas A&M graduate.

Dr. Thomas expressed his total opposition to Mr. Whaley's proposal in a letter to

him dated January 12. "The students, faculty and alumni of Prairie View are particularly hurt and saddened that you, a Texas A&M graduate, would launch this evil and ominous attack on another part of the Texas A&M System," he wrote.

Governor Clements has already expressed opposition to the proposal and so have the Chairman of the Coordinating Board and the Commissioner of higher education. Other state and local officials and educational leaders across Texas are being called upon to support not only the continuation of Texas' predominately black universities, but to

support them on the same level as other state institutions.

The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System has already released its proposal to strengthen Prairie View and assist in helping to attract more white students to the school. Similar objectives were set for Texas A&M where increases of black students enrollment will be sought.



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### Adequate Funding Sought for PV Program

by Jack Weeks  
News Director

Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M University, termed the proposed \$20 million Education Excellence Fund to be shared

by Prairie View and Texas Southern University, as "chicken feed?"

"With double digit inflation what it is, the \$8 million as our share is not much more than a

bone being tossed to hounds," Dr. Thomas added.

Announcement of the fund came on the heels of the broader issue of desegregation of public higher education in Texas.

Shortly before her farewell party, Cynthia G. Brown, assistant secretary for civil rights in the Department of Education, ruled that although public colleges and universities in Texas retain illegal remnants of their racially separated past, the segregation plan proposed by the schools and presented by Texas Attorney General Mark White was "provisionally acceptable."

Texas had already admitted some discrimination and had put a two-fold plan into operation including a mix of cash and stepped-up recruitment for white students at Prairie View A&M and Texas Southern Universities, and more black students pledged at white schools.

For months, Prairie View A&M University has been the very seat of controversy, most of which concerns itself with money being appropriated, granted, given, released, held, kept or, as some say "stolen" from the university.

"The \$8 million that we MAY get reminds me of the additional seats that we got for our football stadium a number of years ago," Dr. Thomas said. "When Texas A&M decided to update their stadium, Prairie View A&M got the hand-me-downs!"

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### Annual Clergy Conference

## Top Ministers To Speak Here

The Twenty-Third Annual Ministers' Conference sponsored by the United Ministries of Texas is slated for February 3 and 4, 1981 at Prairie View

A&M University. The Theme according to the Reverend W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel and Conference Director is: "The Power of the Preacher

and the Preacher's use of Power." The conference will open at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Center Auditorium, February 3, 1981. The Key Note Speaker for the Opening Session will be: Dr. Floyd H. Flakes, Pastor of Allen A.M.E. Church, Jamaica, New York. The Key Note Speakers for the following Sessions will be:

February 3, 1981: 12:00 noon day sermon. . . Alumni Hall (Dining Hall. Elder Thomas W. Samuel, Greater Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; 2:00 p.m. guest lecturer: Memorial Center Auditorium, Dr. Miles J. Jones, Providence Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia; 7:00 p.m. second general session: Women's Gym, Reverend W. E. Stone, Morning Chapel C.M.E. Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

February 4, 1981: 9:30 a.m. Ministers' Convocation. . . University Field House, Reverend Louvornal McDaniel Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ, Waterberry, Connecticut; 1:30 p.m. Closing session banquet. . . Memorial Center Auditorium, Dr. Miles J. Jones, Providence Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

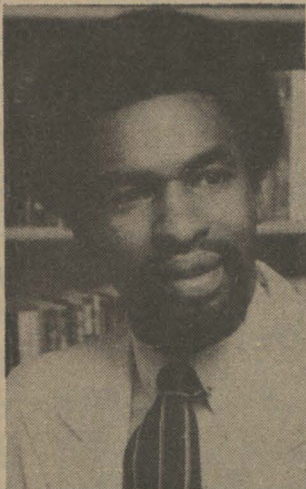
The Objectives of the Conference are:

To Provide Training in the Economic Perspectives of the Community.

To encourage full involvement in the Involving Social life of the Community.

To perpetuate community leadership training.

The ministers of Texas are invited to attend.



Dr. Floyd H. Flakes  
Opening Session Speaker



Elder Thomas W. Samuels  
February 3 Noon Speaker



Dr. Miles J. Jones  
Guest Lecturer  
Closing Session Speaker



Rev. Frank W. Smith  
Conference Chairman

### Nat'l Leaders Slated

## Delta Sorority Plans Big Founders Day Meet

Prairie View Alumnae and Eta Beta Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host Founders' Day activities on Sunday, February 8, 1981, at 2:00 p.m. This special observance will be held in the Recital Hall of Hobart Taylor Building at Prairie View A&M University.

The National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soror Mona H. Bailey, will be the keynote speaker. Soror Bailey is the State Superintendent, Division of Special and Equal Education Programs, in the State of Washington. Also accompanying Soror Bailey will be Soror Bertha Pitts Campbell, one of the twenty-two founders of the sorority at Howard University on January 13, 1913.

Members of Chapters throughout Texas will be present, joining Deltas of Prairie View Alumnae and Eta Beta Chapters in celebrating this 68th anniversary and high-lighting the biennial theme: Delta's Impact on the



Mona H. Bailey  
National President  
Delta Sigma Theta

80's: Black Youth and Black Women? This theme is the programmatic thrust of Delta's five point program and is being emphasized by the 100,000 member public service organizations through its 670 plus chapters.

Fellow Greeks and friends are invited to share this occasion.

## Model of The Week Compliments of Passion



VICKI L. WHITE  
Junior Business Major from Jasper, Texas



**EXXON GRANT** — President A. I. Thomas accepts check from Exxon, U.S.A. representative during recent presentation. Engineer Dean A. E. Greaux, left, and Placement Director Brutus Jackson, were a part of the ceremony.

**Scholarly Research**

**PV Professor to Contribute to History Project**

Dr. Purvis M. Carter, Associate Professor, History, Prairie View A&M University, was recently informed by the Historians' Project Directors that his name "has been recommended by scholarly colleagues who thought that his work lent itself to participation in the Historians' Research Project, The American Public Effort for Peace: 1930-1980."

A statement relative to the Project Overview reflect that since the formation of the American Peace Society in 1828, Americans have launched a bewildering variety of private, voluntary organizations whose principal purposes was advancing the prospects

for a world in which international conflict was resolved through non-violent means. These organizations have addressed different aspects of the problem, for a wide range of audiences, and with resources of many different analytic, moral and political perspectives. The research group is convinced that the empirical common denominator of the varied efforts at securing peace is that in different degrees, they have all failed.

The research project group is convinced that the proposed research project is mandatory because America is now experiencing an explosion of non-governmental centers at

work on problems of international conflict and because of America's role in world affairs. The array of very active groups help shape, for good or ill, the public discourse on America's role in a dangerously interdependent world. Yet, it is assumed that few of the non-governmental centers at work on international conflicts are aware of the intellectual, moral and political roots. And even fewer are actively bringing the lessons of past efforts to bear on current realities.

Convinced that the United States can take a constructive lead in work to achieve fundamental change in the present international system the Historians' Project will bring together distinguished historians, political theorists and international relations specialists to examine and critique the principal teachings of America non-governmental organizations engaged in work for the peaceful resolution of international conflict in the period 1930-1980. The results of this examination and critique will be brought to current organizational leaders as advices and cautions for current work. Some 200 scholars and more than 700 organizational leaders will be involved during the project period, June, 1980-June, 1981. The project is being sponsored and/or managed by the National Endowment of the Humanities, the World Without War Council, with the formal cooperation of the Conference on Peace Research in History, the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, and the adherence of the Conservative Historians Forum.

Dr. Carter is convinced that

**PV Research Funds Rank Among Top Texas Universities**

Prairie View A&M University research funds ranks eight among Texas state supported colleges and universities with a total of \$1.6 million, according to a recent Coordinating Board survey.

Texas A&M led the state in research surpassing for the first time \$70 million in expenditures for projects and studies in a single year.

The University of Texas at Austin totaled \$64,357,370 last year. Other public universities in Texas with research volumes exceeding \$1 million are Texas Tech University, \$11.1 million, University of Houston, \$9.9 million; UT-Dallas, \$6.8 million; North Texas State University, \$3.8 million; UT-San Antonio \$1.9 million; Prairie View A&M University, \$1.6 million; Sam Houston State University, \$1.5 million; UT-El Paso, \$1.4 million; UT-Arlington, \$1.3 million, and Texas Woman's University, \$1.03 million.

**Funding**

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Thomas believes that not only the appropriations are "chicken feed," but that Prairie View should get a share of the giant and ever growing Permanent University Fund totaling \$1.2 billion. It is

previous work with some unique Prairie View students who have shared reading and writing experiences in the Diplomatic history courses as well as the participation in various Historical Association meetings provide a fruitful background for the proposed participation in the endeavor.



Mrs. Ruby Bell

Dr. Marion Henry

**PV Staff Members Win Waller School Board Posts**

Two Prairie View A&M staff members were elected to positions on the Waller Independent School Board in the election held on January 17.

estimated that the fund will total almost \$3 billion by 1990.

He has had strong backing from black legislator Wilhemia Delco who has been fighting with Attorney General Mark White for months over his interpretations of Texas Constitutional provisions that she thinks should give Prairie View and Texas Southern more rights to certain state revenues.

At a recent visit with Dr. Thomas and his staff, Delco rededicated her position by stating that "I'll never give up in getting Prairie View A&M University into the Permanent University Fund."

Another legislator, Foster Whaley, D-from Pampa, has suggested a complete reversal with a bill which would "liquidate" Prairie View and Texas Southern, compelling

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Dr. Marion Henry, Director of the Learning Resource Center, defeated T.C. Baskin, Jr. of Waller for position two which he has held since 1974. Mrs. Ruby Bell defeated two other candidates for position one. Mrs. Bell is an administrator in the Division of Community Affairs. She is president of the local Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and has been active in local community and educational activities.

The two other candidates for position one were Wayne Ralston and O. I. "Bill" Lewis, Jr.



The first Black to win a Pulitzer prize for poetry was Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950.

**Adequate Funding Sought for PV Programs**

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students and faculty to "integrate" into majority-white state colleges. He opposes the \$20 million Education Excellence Fund which was sought after White warned that failure to appropriate more money for the schools could cause federal lawsuits and cutoff of federal funds to higher education.

Thomas has officially requested Whaley to drop his

plans for eliminating Prairie View A&M in a letter to the legislator, saying, "anybody can make a mistake, but the measure of the size of a man is one who can correct his mistakes!"

"We are saddened that you, a graduate of Texas A&M University, would launch this evil and ominous attack on another part of the Texas A&M University System," Thomas added.

Thomas continued: "Integration and desegregation does not mean eliminating black people, black churches, black businesses, or black universities. It means the free access and entry into black, white or brown, public or private, Baptist or Methodist Universities by anyone without regard to race, religion, sex and personal handicap!"

"Evil, bigoted, prejudiced thinking must be buried as a

part of the past!" Prompted further by Whaley's proposal, considered by many to be "frivolous," Dr. Thomas also sped correspondence to Gov. Bill Clements and Clyde Wells, head of the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

To the governor, Thomas stated, "Congratulations, on your bold, forthright and immediate denunciation and opposition of closing of Prairie

View and Texas Southern Universities!"

"The two universities are reflective of a culturally pluralistic democratic society and which have accessed thousands of students into the mainstream economic life of our state and nation!"

To Wells, Thomas asked that he and each member of the board to "find the opportunity to let your voice be heard in opposition to the

intended action of Representative Whaley!"



CLOTEL, published in London in 1853, was the first published novel written by an American Black, William Wells Brown.

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### Junior Fellows-Managers Welcome Old-New Students

The Junior Fellow Juniors Managers Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Prairie View A&M University for the Spring Semester 1981. A special welcome is extended to those who have joined us for the first time this semester.

We wish to acquaint the new students with the Junior Fellows and Junior Managers Association here at Prairie View A&M University.

The Junior Fellows and Junior Managers Association is a prestige peer group organization composed of upper-class men and women selected on the basis of scholarship, ability, and desire to help others.

Members of the Junior Fellow Association are assigned from twenty-four to thirty residents with whom they live as a unit in the residence hall and for whom they serve as "big brothers" or "big sisters" and as Junior executive officer of the community in which they have charge.

The Junior Fellow and Manager serves as a ready resource for discussion of any matter of interest or concern to the student.

Student entering Prairie View A&M University will find that one of the first persons they meet upon arrival on-campus will be their Junior Fellow or Manager, who assist them with their social, recreational, and academic development.

The Junior Fellow and Junior Manager Association sponsors many cultural, recreational and social activities in the residence halls for the enjoyment and development of the residence. Some of the activities sponsored by the Junior Fellow and Junior Manager Association are: Tutorial Programs, Informal Forums, Birthday Parties, Recreational Activities, Open House, Recognition Programs, etc.

The officers of the Association for 1980-81 include:  
President ..... Quinn Jenkins  
Vice-President ..... Clyde Pikes, Jr.  
Secretary ..... Brenda Bailey  
Asst. Secretary ..... Shirley Sweet  
Treasurer ..... John Ross  
Reporter ..... Carolyn Green  
Sgt. at Arms ..... Clarence Kirby  
Parliamentary ..... Fred Bowers  
Chaplain ..... Wesley Ponder  
If there are any special projects or activities you wish the association to sponsor, feel free to share this with any member of the association.

Again... we welcome you to Prairie View A&M University and we wish you a "SUCCESSFUL 1981" here at Prairie View A&M University.

Quinn Jenkins, President

### Ambition

by H. Ratcliff

What is it that often compels some people to strive on when the outlook appears to be grim and inspires them to achieve their dreams and stand up against all opposing forces? Most likely it is ambition.

Ambition, formulates when you organize your life toward accomplishing a particular goal. Indeed, ambition is a descriptive characteristic that everyone does not have or exemplify. Nevertheless, ambition originates within you, so whether your ambition is inspired by your spiritual beliefs or personal experiences, you should not become so obsessed with ambition that it may infringe upon the well-being of others.

However, being ambitious or having ambition can give you that extra edge of confidence you need to be successful. Because some people take their capabilities for granted and do not exercise them to their full potential. Therefore, you should always pursue what you believe is best for you, with all due respect to those individuals who may influence your decision. After all, it is a decision you must live with so pursue your ambition in a positive fashion.

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ALASKA WILDERNESS SCENE.

### PV Cadet Completes Alaska Wilderness Training

Imagine spending your summer vacation camping out in beautiful Alaska for three weeks—climbing glaciers, boating, mountain climbing, and living among wild animals such as buffalo, moose and elk. This was the manner in which Cadet Kelly Stepney, an MS III cadet at Prairie View A&M University at the time, spent his summer along with 150 U.S. Military Academy and ROTC cadets.

Cadet Stepney, a Communications major from Bryan, Texas, was the first Prairie View student to attend the US Army Northern Warfare Training School, Fort Greely, Alaska.

The first week of training involved river training. The cadets were taught techniques for operating and navigating boats on the Tana River, which is a cold (31 degrees), rapidly moving, glacier fed river. Cadets also have to cross this river without the aid of a boat. The second week was spent

### Army Nurse Corps Chief To Visit Prairie View

On Thursday, February 19, 1981, Brigadier General Hazel W. Johnson, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, will visit Prairie View A&M University to participate in the Military Science Department's Black History Month Program. She is the 16th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, and the first and only Black female general officer.

General Johnson was raised on a farm in Malvern, PA, and following high school, she received her nursing diploma from Harlem Hospital, New York City; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Villanova University, Villanova, PA; a Masters of Nursing Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; and a PhD in Administration from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Prior to assuming her present position as Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, General Johnson held positions as: Assistant for Nursing, Office of The Surgeon, and Chief, Department of Nursing, US Army Hospital, Seoul, Korea; Director, Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing; Staff, US Army Medical Research and Development Command. Her other assignments were supervisory, instructional and staff nursing positions at Valley Forge General Hospital, Valley Forge, PA; 45th Surgical Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Letterman Army Medical Center, California; and Madigan Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington. She has also served as an obstetrical nurse with the 8169 Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan.

Her many awards and achievements include: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. She received the Evangeline G. Bovard, Army Nurse of the Year Award in 1964; and in 1971 the Daughters of the American Revolution selected her as the Army Nurse of the Year and awarded her the Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Award.

Cadet Stepney stated "I found Alaska to be beautiful and truly a land where the sun never sets. I look forward to a return trip!"

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### Junior of the Month



Girum Tadesse

Girum Tadesse has been selected the junior of the Month. He is a very intellectual assertive student. He is a native of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; where he graduated from Comprensive Sr. High School. His numerous pre-college accomplishments and civic involvements; as President of the Student Council, Honor Society and the youngest member of the Chamber of Commerce of Ethiopia (Businessmen Association), exemplify his ability to communicate effectively with others and be an inspirational leader.

Presently, he is a Mechanical Engineering, major at Prairie View A&M University with a

minor in Math. He is a member of the Mechanical Engineering Club, Foreign Students Association, and the President's Honor Roll. In addition, Girum's interest include Petroleum Engineering, Chemistry, and textile imports. His hobbies are reading, and all sporting activities.

In regard, to his academic philosophy, Girum states that his respect and belief in Christianity and God is his greatest asset. In addition, his career ambition is to expand his textile import business. As well as; to accumulate potential knowledge about the organization and operational procedures of petroleum industries, while working as a Mechanical Engineer, for future business investments.

Congratulations... Girum, We the Junior class, officers and others congratulate you. We wish you unmeasured success and happiness.

J. Editor-Reporter,  
Hedy A. Ratcliff

This is the time of year when a lot of things show up C.O.D. — Crushed on Delivery.  
—The Comedy Center

### Closing Black Colleges

A Panhandle legislator last week suggested he would introduce a bill to sell two predominantly black Texas colleges and use the proceeds to integrate their students into mostly white colleges.

Pampa legislator Foster Whaley immediately drew fire from black legislators and educators for his plan to sell Prairie View A&M and Texas Southern University.

Whaley said his bill was designed to end vestiges of a "separate but equal" system, but opponents viewed it as a way to avoid appropriating an additional \$20 million to the two colleges as means of sidestepping a discrimination lawsuit.

FRESHMAN TALENT SHOW — A dance group was one of the highlights of the Freshman Talent Show held in December.

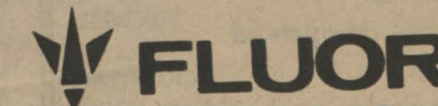
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### What Is The Permanent University Fund?

The PUF is the constitutionally mandated and protected endowment of 2.1 million acres of West Texas land, administered for the benefit of the Texas A&M and University of Texas systems. The discovery of oil and gas on the land has caused the PUF's value to skyrocket in the last 30 years.

Money from the PUF cannot be spent, but it is invested, and the return on the investment is known as the Available University Fund.

The UT system receives two-thirds of the AUF, and the Texas A&M system receives the other one-third.

The PUF has come under attack in the last decade from legislators who wish to give other state-supported schools a slice of the PUF pie.

The controversy was heightened when the 1979 Legislature virtually abolished the ad valorem tax, which provided construction funds for those other state schools. They have been left with no guaranteed source of funds for construction; although this Legislature will be considering several alternatives.

### Tinsley's

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# 1981 Track and Field Schedules

## Women's Track

DATE	MEET	SITE
Feb 6-7	Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Championships	Monroe, La.
Feb. 14	Brooks Invitational Indoor Meet	Houston, Tx.
Feb. 21	Houston Baptist Relays	Houston, Tx.
	Astrobelle Relays	Pasadena, Tx.
Feb. 28	Ty Terrel Relays	Beaumont, Tx.
March 13-14	Parks & Recreation Meet	Ft. Worth, Tx.
March 20-21	Texas Southern Relays	Houston, Tx.
March 27-28	Prairie View Relays	Prairie View, Tx.
April 3-4	Texas Relays	Austin, Tx.
April 17-18	Pelican Relays	Baton Rouge, La.
April 24-25	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May 1-2	Southwestern Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships	Houston, Tx.
May 21-23	NAIA Outdoor National Championships	Wichita, Kan.
May 28-30	TFA-USA National Championships	

## Men's Track and Field

DATE	MEET	SITE
Feb. 6-7	Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Championships	Monroe, La.
Feb. 14	Brooks Invitational Indoor Meet	Houston, Tx.
Feb. 19-21	NAIA Indoor National Championships	Kansas City, Mo.
Feb. 21	Houston Baptist Relays	Houston, Tx.
March 13-14	NCAA Indoor National Championships	Detroit, Mich.
March 14	Demon Booster Club Relays	Natchitoches, La.
March 20-21	Texas Southern Relays	Houston, Tx.
March 27-28	Prairie View Relays	Prairie View, Tx.
April 3-4	Texas Relays	Austin, Tx.
April 17-18	Pelican Relays	Baton Rouge, La.
	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, Kan.
April 24-25	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Kan.
	Texas A&M Relays	College Station, Tx.
May 1-2	Southwestern Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships	Houston, Tx.
May 9	Meet of Champions	Houston, Tx.
May 15-16	Gulf Coast Athletic Congress	Houston, Tx.
May 21-23	NAIA Outdoor National Championships	Houston, Tx.
June 3-6	NCAA Outdoor National Championships	Baton Rouge, La.

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## Emphasis Moves to More Effective Teaching



Students and Staff are pictured at work in location across the campus.