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# Talent Extravaganza Planned By Panther

## Student Life Department Will Co-Sponsor Event

"The Show of Shows," Prairie View style is heading your way.

The biggest round up of top-flight talent ever attempted at Prairie View is planned by the Panther for the near future, and it's all because you asked for it.

Last year Queen of Club Ball featured the most impromptu Talent show perhaps ever produced. Half of the show (some say the best half) was organized during the af-

fair to make sure certain clubs were represented, and it turned out to be a howling success. Scores of requests for a repeat performance have come into the Panther office.

### STUDENT LIFE PROJECT

To give the activity its rightful place in the student activity program, the Panther is teaming with the department of Student Life in co-sponsoring the event. Ivin Rob and a small committee of students have been contacted to spearhead the program. L. E. Scott, Student Life Director and C. A. Wood, Panther sponsor will compose faculty leadership in the project.

The program will not be a mere individual talent presentation of a song here or there, but a unified variety show with the best dancing, singing and jokes to be found in these parts.

Clubs that have special talent within their midst are requested to register the number at the Panther Office or the Student Life Office immediately. Rehearsals for the gigantic musical will start next week.

## Debaters To Meet TSU Here Feb. 20

"Resolved That Congress Should Enact A Compulsory Fair Employment Practice Law" will be the subject for debate when the Prairie View varsity debating team engages in an intercollegiate forensic combat with Texas Southern University Sunday evening, February 20, 1953, in the Auditorium Gymnasium.

The 1953 national debating topic is very timely and significant to members of minority races who are confronted with many humiliations when they apply for jobs.

This will be the first debate of the season for the local speakers but this new year will bring many engagements. It is not known at this time exactly what team will perform but both sides are ready to give an evening of entertainment.

Prairie View's Affirmative team, supporting the issue, consists of Tullie Evans, '53; James O. Sullivan, '53; Burnis Hall, '54; and Elijah Miles, '54. The negative team defenders are: Edward Hill, '55; Harold Smith, '55; Cluren Richardson, '54; and Pinright, '56.

Both teams are preparing hard to take the stand if either side is chosen and they promise you an evening of clean cut debating.

## Health Facilities For Negroes Said To Be Inadequate

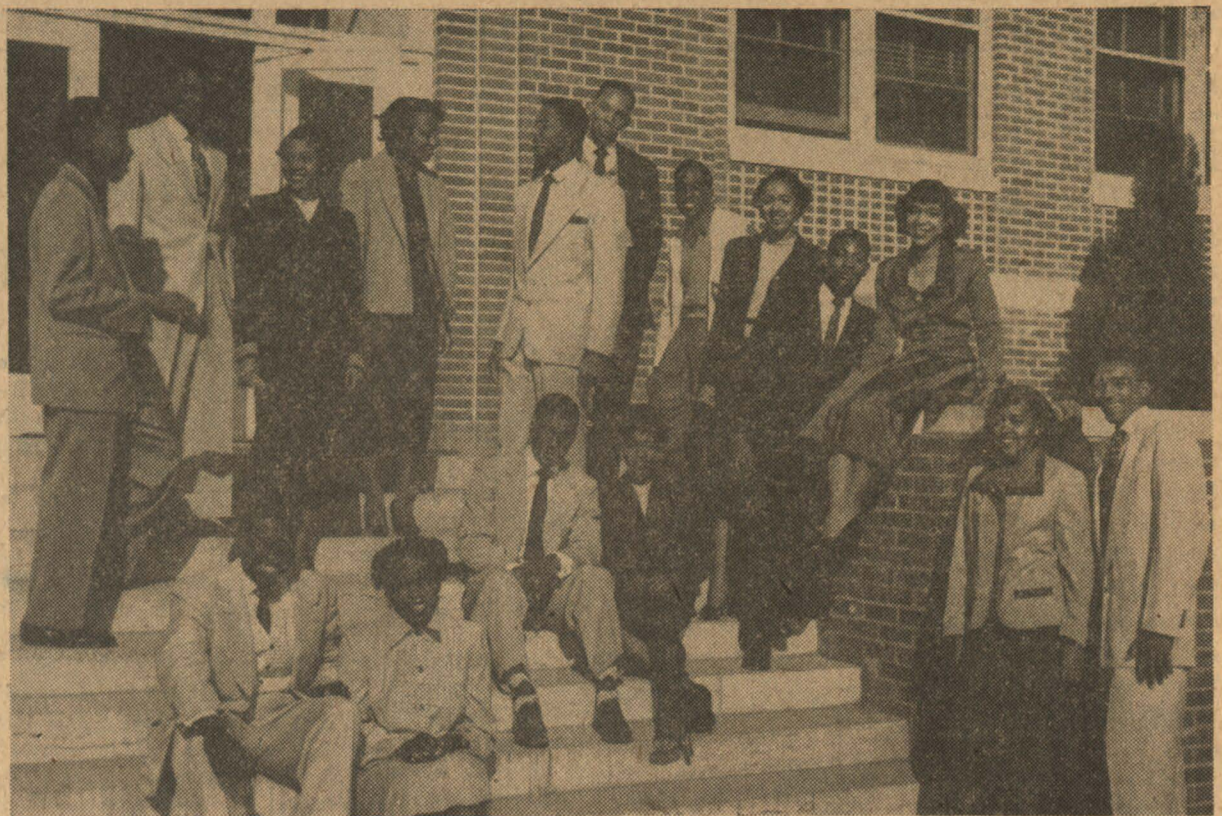
By James Sullivan

Accepting as inadequate the medical facilities for Negroes in certain sections of the country, the presidents commission on the health needs of the nation declared recently that this situation must be remedied.

In its final report to the president last week, the commission reported that Negroes in the rural districts have neither their proper share of medical care nor of hospital services.

To meet the needs of medical care in the United States today, the commission recommended that

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STUDENT LEADERS—Pictured are some of the students who will be listed in the 1952 Who's Who Among American College and University student leaders: Left to right: Elmer Harrison, Eddie Harrison, Joyce Amey, Barbara Hines, Billy Miller, Clarence Jackson, Harold Taylor, Evelyn Banks, and James Sullivan. Seated, left to right, are: Alvin Robert, Kittye Samuel, Vance Heard, Effie Holloway, Edwardlene Fleeks. Foreground, right: Daislyn Bradford and Sam Williams.

# PANTHER

"The Voice of the Students of Pantherland"

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## Basketball Tournaments Crowd February Activity Calendar

February is truly basketball month. The hardwood floor will see plenty of wear during this period as more than fifteen nights have been given over to the popular sport. Three major state tournaments are included in this jam-packed schedule which add about six day-long sessions to the parade. State tournaments will include

first the annual NFA playoffs, and later the Interscholastic League championship matches in the four divisions: AAA, AA and B. The College Cagers will move out into the field and make way for training school contests also scheduled during the period.

Two hundred twenty-five schools will be represented in the League matches. Thirty-eight district winners will come to Prairie View to

vie for state honors. The first tournament scheduled February 20-21 is for A and B schools, Triple A and Double A competition is set for February 27-28.

Large city schools (AAA) will attract the largest visiting crowds. Winners and runners-up from the four districts of this bracket will register here. Schools in this class are from Houston (3), Beaumont (2), Port Arthur and Galveston; San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Austin, and Bryan; Dallas (2), Fort Worth, Waco, and Wichita Falls; Tyler, Texarkana, Longview, and Marshall.

Wheatley High School of Houston has won the state championship in the division for three consecutive years.

The largest number of schools are represented in class A and B divisions composed of schools with enrollments as follows: A: 50-125 pupils; B: 50 and below. There are more than a hundred high schools in the A class.

NFA basketball is sponsored by the State Vocational Agriculture Department. Representing small rural schools, not usually in the League, these activities propose to stimulate more wholesome recreation from rural youth which might aid in keeping pupils in school.

## Dean's Report Says D & F Favorite Grades

### "D" AND "F" LOOM AS FAVORITE GRADES IN MANY DEPARTMENTS

English has proven again to be the most difficult subject for Prairie View students to master. 73% of students taking the course made "D" and below according to a study report released by Dr. J. M. Drew, Dean of Instruction. And when we say below, we mean "F's", 41% of them.

The Dean's report covered a study of the grades assigned by faculty members during the first semester of the 1951-52 academic year. You maybe assumed that it represents pretty well the state of grades assigned just a few weeks ago.

Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Business Administration, Foreign Languages (of course), History, Philosophy, and Political Science, and Mathematics are other subjects that produced an alarming number of low grades. Just like English, the majority of the grades assigned were on the wrong side of the ledger—below C.

It seems safe to say that PV students take normally to courses in Agriculture, Education, Engineering (slightly), General Science, Home Economics, Library Science, Military Science, Music, Physical

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## CLUB QUEENS



JOAN CRAWFORD  
Sociology Club



DOROTHY LEE  
Industrial Education Club



THELMA BAILY  
Crescendo



EDWARDLENE FLEEKES  
Business Administration-Economics

## Barons Sponsor Local Polio Drive

To help boost the annual March of Dimes Fund, the Barons of Innovation sponsored a local polio drive here on the campus Feb. 5. It was held in the dining hall during the lunch hour and popular records were played and dedicated to those who contributed.

Spearheaded by their wide awake president, Alvin Roberts, the Barons are leaders in social and community endeavors.

# CLUB CONTEST TO CLOSE FEB. 27; CLUB QUEEN BALL MARCH 7

### Educational Conference To Consider Public School Problems of Attendance

The age old problem of keeping pupils from dropping out of public schools will form the basis for discussion at the 24th Annual Education Conference scheduled for March 6 at Prairie View A and M College.

The topic will be centered in the theme, "Holding Power of Texas Negro Public Schools" and has been the subject of an extensive research study throughout the school year. A majority of the 986 public schools for Negroes in the state have participated in the study and many will have representatives in attendance at the March Conference.

Public schools for Negroes throughout the Southern region have long been characterized by the the pressing problem of pupil attendance and far worse—the alarming number of pupil facilities. Some improvement has been made over the year, but the holding power of these special schools has not kept pace with existing standards. It is the committee's assumption that enforcement of attendance and labor laws and the overall problem of school environment, curricula and many economic and social factors in the Negro Communities may have a bearing on the problem.

Dr. George R. Woolfolk, Chairman of the College Research Committee, has headed the important study with close assistance of a steering committee composed of Dean J. M. Drew, S. W. Davis, E. M. Norris, C. A. Wood and D. S. Yarbrough. The overall study group also includes Mrs. E. M. Galloway, Mrs. A. C. Preston, T. R. Solomon, O. J. Thomas, and C. L. Wilson.

In addition to the broad mail contacts with all schools in the state, the research group has used several local school systems representing population categories to examine detail aspects of their attendance records. These locations included Concord, Massey Lake, Sunnyside, Troup, Conroe, Mexia, Crockett, Navasota, Gladewater, El Campo, Brenham, Bay City, Paris, Palestine, Longview, Galveston, Port Arthur and Fort Worth.

Both faculty and student reactions have been sought with reference to attendance and their conception of the problem in the respective communities. The Texas Education Agency has supplied pertinent information on the subject and has given it full endorsement to the program.

Prairie View's educational research group has several other activities in progress all of which are aimed at improving the holding power of Texas Public Schools for Negroes. Cooperative projects designed to improve educational leadership in the communities and the professional competence of school administrators are being conducted with the assistance of educational groups throughout the state.

## P V May Soon Be Largest Negro College In Nation

If present trends prevail, Prairie View A and M may soon be the largest Negro College in the nation.

This possibility is seen in the recent figures from last Fall's enrollment in Negro Institutions of Higher Learning recently released by the U.S. Office of Education and compiled by the office of the Dean of Institution.

According to the reports, Prairie View continues to gain in first time students over all the 104 Negro Colleges. With a freshman enrollment of 837, PV was topped only by North Carolina A and T College with 970. The Texas Land Grant Institution for Negroes was far in the lead in this department over the other two front runners, Howard and Southern University, but these schools lead in total 1952-53 enrollment.

Texas leads the South in total enrollment of Negro students with 8,470. North Carolina is the only other state in close range of this figure with 8,448.

Prairie View's veteran enrollment was reported down to only 75

### WHAT'S IN A NAME

# Campus Over Run With Dorothy's; Betty's Mary's, Bobbies, Follow

By Dorothy Jean Eleby

Prairie View has its share of Dorothy's. If you don't believe it—there are exactly 58 coeds on the campus who use "Dorothy" as a first name. They are all over the place. The little shamrock has ten on three floors. Three Dorothy Jean's (there are just 16 who add the Jean) live next door to each other in Suarez, the writer, (311) Dorothy Jean Curvey (309) and

students compared with Howard's 494 and A and T's 304. This may indicate a more stable increase which is also reflected in the rising enrollment of female students in Texas.

A three percent increase in total enrollment was seen in the combined colleges for Negroes compared with a 1½ percent increase in all schools for higher education. Male students decreased 8 percent while females increased 6 percent. There was also a 47 percent drop in enrollment of veteran students throughout the country.

Dorothy Jean Smith (313). Such confusion.

The other Dorothy's in the swink house include: (last names only) Ellison, Smith, Douglas, Marable, Gillins, Friday, and Lampkin.

Parents of PV coeds got a little monotonous again when it came to naming their little girls—"Mary." There are 41 Mary's her eabout. Most of them picked "Lee" for the middle monicker. Then Mary Louise and Mary Ann.

The Bettye's with 35 of them were third place runners in the race for like-names on the hill. Like our Dorothy's they chose "Jean" mostly for the middle name with a few "Jo's" and Joyce's to spice it up.

"Gloria" came next in the com-

mon name file. There are 20 of them around the campus.

"Bobbie" was 5th place with 18. The only trouble with this title was you couldn't tell the boys from the girls. "Jean" was again the middle name and about the only means of distinguishing male and female.

An honest effort was made to steer clear of this part of the story, but males kept creeping into the coed files and—alas here's what was found: many girls carry the first names here of Edward, John, Clyde, Roy, Bernard, Alfred and many others similar.

To get even, a check was made on the men's ledger and lo and behold, there was a Mary, an Alice, and a Pearl!

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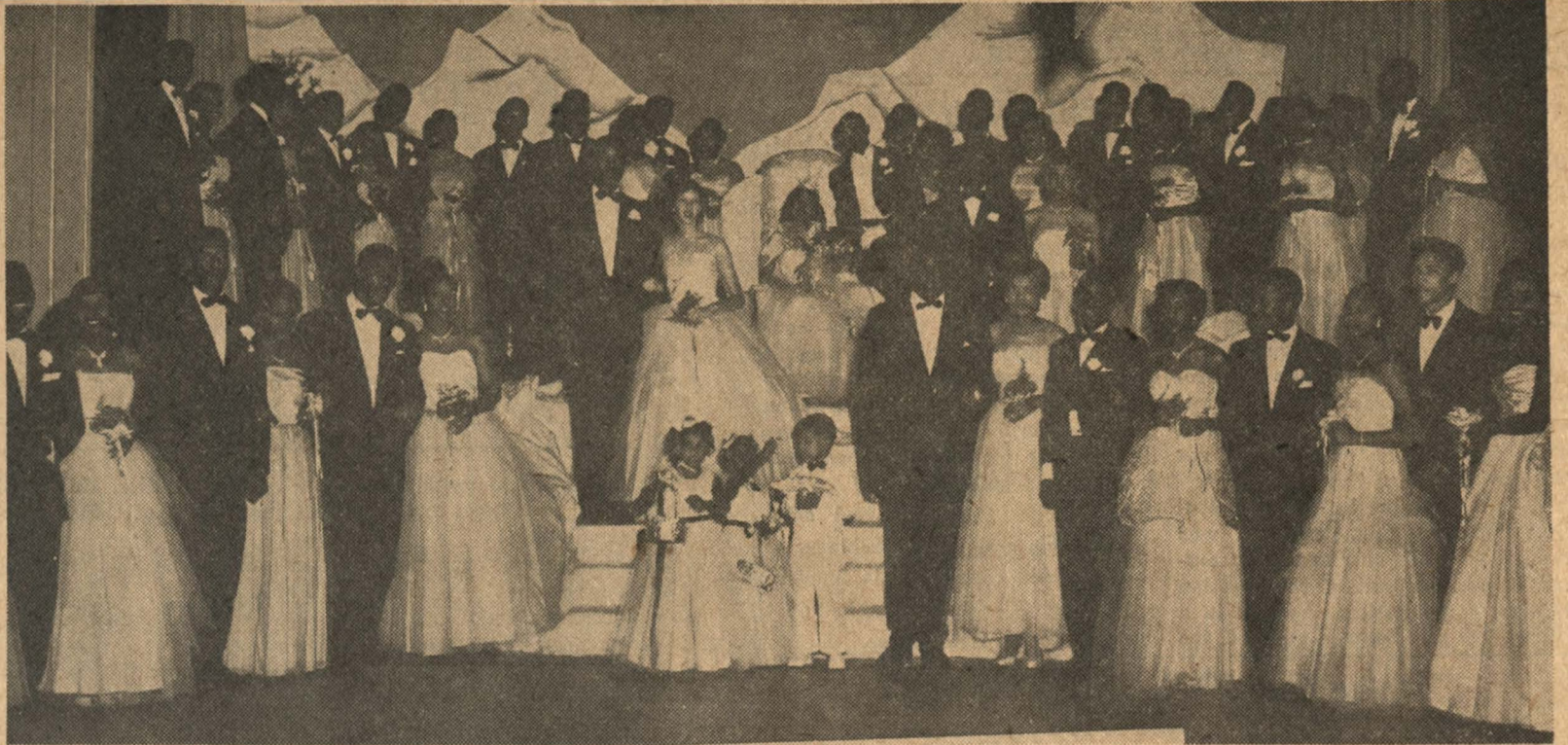
Mello Kream — By Name BRYAN, TEXAS

### Income Tax Institute Schedule

The Principles of Accounting Class is sponsoring an Income Tax Institute during the week of February 23-27. The general theme of the Institute is "How to Save Money on Your Next Income Tax."

Various topics will be discussed by key speakers and resource persons. The topics and speakers are: Introduction, by Miss Edwardlene Fleeks; Wage Earning Income Tax Returns, by Miss Maurice Carter; Declaration of Estimated Tax by Individuals, by Miss Mary Jeffero; Individual Income Tax Returns, by Miss Gladys Pearson; and How to Figure Your Income Tax, by Mr. Loston Harris.

Meetings will be held in the Administration Auditorium, from 6:00 until 7:00 P.M. All students and faculty are cordially invited.



MISS PRAIRIE VIEW'S CORONATION—Ladies and Gentlemen of Prairie View who was crowned queen of the Student Body is shown in the inner and outer courts along with the flower girls and ring bearer in the center. The Coronation event was one of the highlights of the school year.

## STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE SPONSORS VESPER PROGRAM

The students' "mouthpiece," the student welfare committee presented the Vesper Hour for January 25th. This organization, made up of students and faculty members who act as advisors, discuss and solve many pertinent problems pertaining to student welfare.

The Student Welfare Committee for this year is comprised of twenty members consisting of class presidents and representatives, Alpha Pi Mu president; YW & YMCA presidents, Sunday School Superintendent and Editor of the PANTHER.

Miss Kay Francis Jones gave a solo; Miss Edwardlene Fleeks, a brief introduction; Miss Kittye Dale Samuels gave a brief history of the committee followed by a mock meeting of the committee with Cesar Roy, acting Chairman.

Three problems were discussed, the first concerning the "Rail-sitting" done by the young men on the campus. After a brief discussion pro and con it was decided that a group of three coeds from the committee meet with the Dean of Men and the fellows at Men's meeting and discuss the problem further.

The second issue was a letter from a group of Senior coeds requesting that the privilege of eating in the faculty cafeteria be granted them. In the discussion that followed the ever present question of upper classmen having privileges other than the ones of the Freshmen and Sophomores took place. It was decided that a representative see the Manager of the Dining Hall and see if there was

adequate space for such a proposal. The point was brought out that the seniors wouldn't stop eating in the dining hall but if they ever wished to get a meal from the cafeteria, they would be permitted to do so.

The last and most current problem discussed was that of the present stagger system used in going to the basketball games. Many students object to this system because

all can not see every game. Because of the limited seating capacity in the gymnasium it was decided that the present system was the best that could be offered until the erection of a new gymnasium.

Members who took part in the discussion were: Cesar Roy, President of the Junior class and acting chairman of the program and Treasurer of the Committee; Joyce

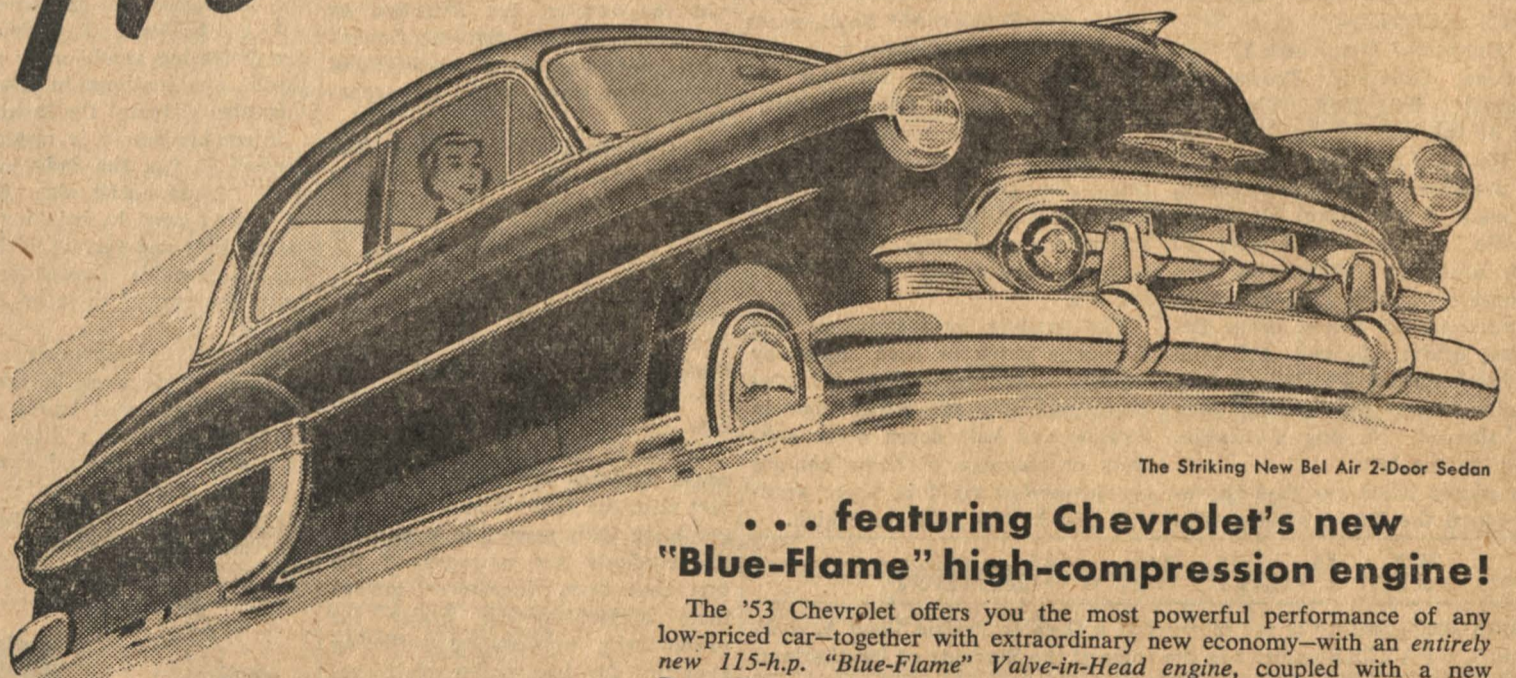
Amey, Junior Class representative and Secretary of the committee; Dinah Young, Freshman class representative; Evelyn Banks, Alpha Pi Mu president and corresponding secretary of the committee; Essex Fowlks, Sophomore class representative; Edwardlene Fleeks, Editor of the PANTHER and Director of Public Relations of the committee; Kittye Dale Samuels, YWCA

president and Corresponding Secretary of the committee and Mr. L. E. Scott, Director of Student Life and Faculty Advisor.

Any issue that the students want discussed and solved by the committee can be put before them through a petition, the sending of a letter addressed to the Student Welfare Committee or brought up by a member of the committee.



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## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

### Needed: One Field House

A much debated topic here on the campus of late is the new "stagger" system used in going to basketball games. It was initiated because of the lack of space in the college gymnasium. Activity books were given to all students but with alternating tickets. This made it impossible for every student to attend every game. Shouts of protest greeted this new plan but if one looks at the situation with a clear insight, he can readily see the advantages of this system.

A current issue before the Student Welfare Committee, it was decided that the only adequate solution would be that of the erection of a new gymnasium. As that is a dream of the future—the not too

distant, it is hoped—the only logical solution is the present stagger system.

It should be noted that this system is used at a lot of the large colleges and universities and quite successfully. It is hoped that all students will take this into consideration and abide by the present plan. After all, there are always two games with every visiting team, so everyone has a chance to see at least one game. It is more comfortable and safe too.

Of course the only real solution to this and other problems of over-crowded conditions is immediate planning, not long distant dreams, for a field house.

### Poor English Background

The subject of English still appears to be a problem for Prairie View students. According to the extremely low grades reported in this and a few other subjects, it is a wonder how many students meet this college requirement.

While this is no attempt to place the blame, it is a recognized fact that in English particularly, a good background is necessary and this can only be attained in elementary and high school. For some reason it appears that English grammar in our public schools has never taken on the prominence it rightly deserves. It appears to be forgotten that it is the basis of all communication and without mastery of this important tool success in all fields may be hampered.

In supplying 70% of the state's public school teachers, PV has an opportunity to reach at the grass roots of this stagnant problem. The vicious circle of weak English student must be checked and our future teachers may be the key to a successful conclusion.

## FORCES FOR BROTHERHOOD

By Irving Dillard

Editor of Editorial Page, St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch

Whether the late George Washington Carver of Tuskegee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews were ever linked together, we do not know. But it is appropriate that they be related now. The National Conference of Christians and Jews works for brotherhood among men and the famous Negro scientist practiced brotherhood. Both receive special attention annually at the forefront of each year.

The Carver birthplace site at Diamond Grove, near Joplin, Mo., has been set aside by the Federal Government for preservation. For this thanks are due in large part to Richard Pilant, former Missourian, and it will probably be due to Mr. Pilant if a replica of the log cabin home is constructed there. The cabin, in which Carver was born in slavery, was torn down, and presumably information about it was lost. Mr. Pilant, however, kept on the trail of data and now has turned up facts as to exact size (it was 16 feet by 16 feet, and 8 feet high), location and general appearance. This is the reward of a man who has spent a great deal of his own time and no little money in advancing the Carver memorial.

Development of a memorial such as that which is slowly taking form at Diamond Grove emphasizes the common virtues of all men. These are virtues which transcend race and religion, virtues that know no color line. The National Conference of Christians and Jews works for a better America and so do individuals who give themselves to such causes as the Carver memorial, down in the Missouri Ozarks.

### DEAN'S REPORT—

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Education, Sociology, Trades and Industrial Education. Sociology looms as the best bet for those who don't like to flunk. No grades of F were assigned in this department. 96½ made C or better. Education led with the largest number of grades assigned, (2015) and with the most normal looking curve in the entire school. Music, Home Economics, Library Science, P.E. and the Trades graded definitely in the students favor. Engineering was well balanced; Nursing Education slightly to the left.

The oddest twist was that Freshmen topped the list in good grades

in Library Science, but Sophomores were in the cellar position in this department. English was on the bottom row in all classifications.

Speaking of the source of all the low grades, the best that can be told is that teachers of English give only a handful of A's and B's. Two instructors gave none. On the other hand, they dished out a total of 182 F's.

The grading by instructors told the same story as that shown by courses and departments. PV students generally are either poor in English and half dozen other subjects or teachers of these courses are somewhat rigid in their grading. You be the judge on which.

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## Key To The Kingdom

### Brotherhood Week

February 15-22

## THE HAPPENINGS

It's a new semester with a multiplicity of activities. Many of the activities, many new faces and of course just oodles of things going on in the social spotlight!

Alice Duren finally came down to earth, didn't she, Walter Johnson—What is meant by that? Who knows?????

Robert Garnett and Carol O'Neal are the ideal freshman couple—may your romance blossom and be "everlasting"!

Cornelius Harris, give the girls on our campus a break. Are you still interested in a certain person at T S U?

Barbara Moffitt why are you alone all the time? Could it be that you found love off the campus? There are certain people that would like to know.

Say John Davis, it seems as if you or Ruby can't make up your mind. Is it really Betty Dancy—this time?

Joyce Collins seems to have worked up a storm since student teaching days are over huh?

Fred Barnett do you really have a girl-friend? It's so seldom that I see you.

Billie and Billye seem to go together, how about that Tubbs and  
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## FASHION NOTES

### It's Party Time By Claudette Nickens

Although the glamour, glitter and good times that accompanied the Christmas holidays are over, it's still party time on our college campus. Many a young Miss and Mr. are looking for an outfit for the next semi-formal, formal, or club dance. To be the belle or beau of the party is many a wish as he or she leaves the dorm for the gaiety and fun of the dance.

Our club dances are very seldom formal or semi-formal. On the contrary, they call for the dressy, yet carefree styles that enable the wearer to dance, dance, and dance with all the ease possible. Why that's what we go to dances for, isn't it? Let's wear the dancing togs.

The campus men can usually make a hit at the club dance with their latest styled sport jackets, pants, and shirts in striking yet reasonable combinations. But when the occasion calls for semi-formal attire as will the musical "Tropicana" the men are appropriately dressed only in their dark suits, white shirts and dark or even colored figured ties.

Tux and Tails ad only tux and tails are for strictly formal occasions!

While the midwnter date dresses for the ladies include more formal velvets, failles and taffetas there are flattering wool jersey and synthetic combinations in winter pastels, also to tempt the fashion lover.

When her escort is appropriately dressed in tux the lady wears her most formal outfit also. Her long or short formal in swishing taffeta, satins, nets and velvets with matching fashionable accessories will make the two of them as proud as can be.

This type of partying calls for a touch of elegance in the ladies' hairdo. Ornamental bands or other headdresses offer a little sparkle of glitter for a special evening.

On the whole our attire for the party season should be light-hearted, gay, and glamorous.

### Student Council Powers

Reprint from the

"Morgan College Spokesman"

Just in case you have any doubts at all, or just in case you simply haven't given it a thought, this should be said. It will be startling to many, unbelievable to as many more, but truthful, no matter what, in all respects.

The Student Council, mind you, not the faculty, the President or the Dean, but the Student Council suspended a student from school and placed three others on probation.

Let us repeat with emphasis. The Student Council, without faculty advising or censorship, has suspended a student from school. The student, convicted of disorderly conduct at a dance and also contempt of court (Student Court), had to leave school just before the Christmas holidays and will be unable to re-register until September.

If this is startling, it is only because students are unaware of the fact that the Council is a disciplinary body with power. It is because the students are unaware of the fact that they, themselves, govern their actions—giving praise for praiseworthy action—and inflicting penalties for less praiseworthy action.

Though it is startling, it is true—  
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**KEUNKE'S  
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## RESEARCH IN NUTRITION

Prairie View's research chemist, Dr. E. G. High and assistant, Sherman S. Wilson are receiving many requests from all parts of the nation and from some foreign countries for information concerning their current studies in nutrition, a project began three years ago at the school with the assistance of a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

The research on vitamins made by these men in the department of chemistry at Prairie View has attracted widespread interest following their presentations of the material last year at the 121st National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. Abstracts have also been published in several scientific journals and in the Chemistry Newsletter (Volume VI, No. 4; July, 1952), a publication of the National Research Council.

The Prairie View study concerns a new team of vitamins, "A" and B-12 which may make such foods as butter and milk more nutritious. According to the report, laboratory studies on rats indicate that the vitamin A potency of the diet can be increased by the addition of another vitamin—B-12, the anti anemia vitamin.

The two-vitamin team may prove particularly effective in treating cases where absorption in the digestive tract is impaired and reduce the incidence of such maladies as diarrhea, improper development of bones and teeth, night blindness, and cold and sinus infections.

## MUSIC FOR MILLIONS

By Sam Williams

A man who has built his dream world without music is like building a skyscraper without the foundation for successful living cannot possibly reach its ultimatum without this passive recreation.

The Hit Parade is just about taking new shape from what it has been in the past two or three months and these new numbers are really good such as "Till I Waltz With You," "Must I Cry Again," "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes," and "My Heart Belongs to Only You." All of these are good listening and should make quite a hit for themselves.

It seems as the blues world has simply gone wild over Willie Mabon's "I Don't Know" and also the popular "Don't Do It." The lyrics and music to the above songs seem to intrigue both sexes.

For a look in general over the music world, King Cole certainly has two good sellers and excellent numbers in "Pretend" and "Strange." Eckstine does a pretty good job on "Until Eternity." Personally, I think they don't let Eckstine record enough popular numbers! Frank Sinatra is trying to make a comeback and does a recognizable job singing "Birth of the Blues."

P.S. Rumors are flying that Stan Kenton will be in Houston Mar. 11.



Looks like Brooks has his own solution to this line-cutting problem.

## Medical Assembly Planned By Texas Negro Physicians

Prairie View A and M College's 17th annual Post Graduate Medical Conference is scheduled March 2-5.

This assembly for Texas Negro Physicians also will bring together leading specialists from the medical colleges of Baylor and the University of Texas.

Several outstanding national leaders, including Dr. T. K. Lawless, famous Dermatologist of Chicago and Dr. J. Roderick Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa., physician will lecture before the hundred or more physicians attending.

The March Conference is held to acquaint the medical practitioner with some of the latest developments in medical science. The sessions will include clinical demonstrations, lectures, films, and presentation of research findings in the medical field.

Problems in public health education will receive special emphasis in a public assembly March 4. This special feature is sponsored largely by the Texas Tuberculosis Association, a major contributor to the overall program. Other sponsors include the Lone Star Medical Association, The Texas Medical Association, The Hogg Foundation, and the National Tuberculosis Association.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTER

Kay Francis Jones, Junior, from Dallas, Texas, majoring in Music and minoring in Elementary Education, is one of the popular coeds on the campus. Miss Jones has a beautiful soprano voice and has appeared on all sorts of programs on the campus. She is a person to depend upon and even at a "moment's" notice does a number one performance.

Before coming to Prairie View as a graduate from the Booker T. Washington High School of Dallas, Miss Jones was in the Glee Club



KAY FRANCIS JONES

and participated in many contests. At Southern University at a National meeting of the N.H.A., she won second place of contestants from 17 states. She has given a lot of recitals and has been on radio shows. Miss Jones is a member of the St. John Baptist Church of Dallas and a leading soloist there.

Here at Prairie View, she is a member of the College and Women choirs and lends her talent frequently to Prayer meeting services, chapel exercises and other activities. Despite her being only 4' 10", she has a "powerful voice!" She is also a member of her hometown club and KOB.

Really a campus highlighter, we hope that Kay will continue to develop her vocal talent, be a success in all her endeavors, and keep her sparkling personality!

## Panther Valentine



MISS PANTHERETTE

Miss Pantherette for this issue is Iris McAlpin from Dallas, Texas, who in every way makes a charming Valentine. A Senior, majoring in English and minoring in Elementary Education, Iris loves all types of sports, reading, crocheting and popular music. After graduation she plans to be an English instructor in an Elementary School. Her vital statistics are: Ht. 5' 3"; Wt. 115; Bust 32"; Waist 24"; Hips 37½"; calf 14"; ankle 8".

### THE HAPPENINGS—

(Continued from Page 4)

Miller? Once I thought there was a second Billye, but I guess three would be a crowd.

Attention: Bureau of Lonely Hearts! Our prospects for this issue are: Earlean Roach, Elizabeth Morgan, Alfred Wheatly, Daisy Bufford, Virgil Washington, Lois Perkins, Vasie Gipson, Lena Vincent, Virgins Haynes, Ofrie Hill, Clematine Williams, Gloria Anderson, Claborne Smothers, Helen Wells, Norma Bigsby, Cara Sanford, Frank Kincade and of course Clyde Orr.

Joe Houston I see you have a new interest since I saw you last. Very cute.

Cookye and Mickey, you looked so nice, dressed in the same colors. Cluren Richardson, why don't you give the girls a chance? All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Don't let that happen to you.

William Smith now that the year is well on its way, let us hear from you.

Dorothy Eleby, we haven't forgotten you. Let us not preserve ourselves. It may be a long time before he gets back.

Eva Foster, it's so nice to see you and William Nolan walking together. Charles Johnson, your situation seems to be a little complicated. Am I right?

Valentine day will soon be here, boys, remember your sweethearts. Bye now, see you in the next issue.

## ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

ORCHIDS to the semester honor roll students!  
 ORCHIDS to the students that actually tried to be good students, but failed in their trying.  
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## YE OLDE CRYSTAL BALL

By T. Coolington Supercoole

Your mad boy flee-ed the scene on you—for a few weeks or so. Planning on finishing this place in 1954, and that Education 113 was rocking my cap. Did great in my grades this time, too. If it wasn't for those four D's I made, I would have made the honor roll. And the T. COOLINGTON ENTERPRISE'S INC. are economically sound. Your Shiek cleaned up protecting instructors' exams. Heard though, that some fellow stole the final exam for 1955.

Glad to see such old Panthers (my classmates of '48) as Mildren Montgomery, Joe Stanifer and Booker Morris return. All three are recent grads of Uncle Sugar's Armed Services. Est louies, too. We, also welcome back Floyd Stingfellow (Germany Returnee) and welcome here Sam Houston College and Korea graduate, Carlton Bradley. Everybody remembers Floyd, and all tennis followers remember Bradley and the fine games he played against us in past P.V. Relays. Glad to have with us again, Waylon Mitchell, guard on the 1950 championship Panther eleven. And to all the cats that the COOL ONE hasn't seen yet YOOTE and happy hunting.

Dropped into Alexander Hall (for men that 'is) and the fellows had jailed the good Proctor in the coke room, locked the door, turned out the lights and were partee-ing. The gentleman who locked the proctor in, received the grand citation of the order of Cockroach for Valor. Alvin "Fox" Roberts presented the medal. Otis Morris, C. T. Tigner, Edward Sedberry, Emory "Brackenridge" Brooks, Socky Miles, Andrew "Perk" Perkins and Clarence "Jack" Jackson gave a seven (crap-a-natural) shot salute, while Harold Sargant played "I Don't Know" on the bass fiddle.

Heard one little girley say . . . "I don't exactly want a boy friend but looks like somebody would ask me." . . . Who sold that Freshman that MI Rifle, six R.O.T.C. Manuals and that Book of Shower Tickets for only five dollars. It's those kind of scoundels that make it hard for we honest merchants to make a living. Imagine, selling ten dollars worth of merchandise for only five dollars.

Let us gaze into YE OLDE CRYSTAL BALL here: The smoke (cigarette that is) clears and the wine fumes cease\*(boy I'm hot tonight), and I see:

1. ONE YEAR FROM THIS DATE: The Crescendin's, Barons of Intoxication, C.I.C.'s, C.O.C.'s, Esquires etc.; KOC's, KOB's, Club 26's and all will be replaced by Phi Beta Sigma's, Alpha Kappa Alpha's, Zeta Phi Beta's, Delta's, Omega Psi Phi's and the like.
2. Ludd, Justice and the PV Cagers whipping (censored) SWC and Midwestern Conference teams into bad health.
3. Ira C. Massey on Skid Row. . . Billy Miller and Otis Thomas Henry cooking. . . Milton DeRouen a Reverend, Phil Scranton a dress-maker and Hilbert Simiens an All-Pro football tackle.

T. Coolington Supercoole's POEM OF THE MONTH:

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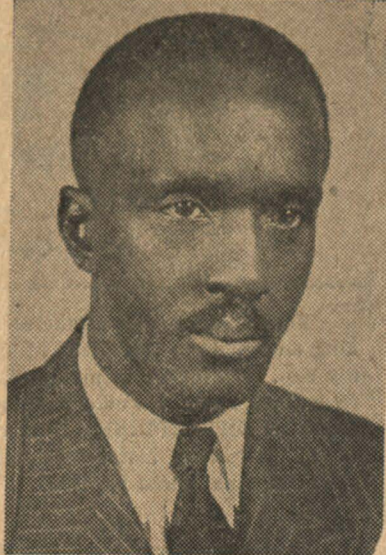
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### FACULTY PERSONALITIES



**ANNE CAMPBELL**  
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This section is devoted to giving an orchid to faculty members who through their classes and other activities are really Prairie View highlighters.

#### MISS ANNE CAMPBELL

Head of the Department of English, is a native of Peoria, Illinois, attended Bradley University, Northwestern University and has been a member of the Prairie View family for 15 years. She taught a summer at Atlantic University at Atlanta, Georgia, and also two years at New York University in her major field, English.

In answering the question of what she strives to develop in her students, Mill Campbell replied, "I try to develop in my students a competence in the use of the English language, both spoken and written, that will enable them to communicate with others."

Her hobbies are travel and reading. She appreciates students who show interest and initiative and shares with the teacher a responsibility for his success.

#### REV. L. C. PHILLIP

**COLLEGE CHAPLAIN** — Perhaps the best known faculty member among students.

Rev. Phillip is a graduate of the college, class of 1928 with a major in Education. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Howard University in 1931 and has also attended Union Theological Seminary in New York.

The popular minister is a frequent speaker at Student Conferences, and universities in and out of the state. He attended the Harper Conference at Ester Park Colo. in 1948. The Mid-Century White House Conference on children and youth in 1950 and travelled in Eng-



**AARON ALEXANDER**  
Accomplished Singer

land, Italy and other countries.

His hobbies are monkeying around with all types of poultry, especially chickens; likes to write poems and letters to people all over the world.

#### MR. AARON ALEXANDER

Social science instructor and an "ole Prairie View grad." He later attended the Ohio State University. In under graduate school he majored in Sociology, later received his masters in Social Administration. He is a member of the Business Administration and Economics Department and teaches Social Science.

Mr. Alexander, who is liked by all who attend his class, tries to instill in his students respect for their fellow man, create within them the ability and desire to THINK and by so doing recognize their potentialities and develop them.

Mr. Alexander's hobbies are reading, movies, playing bridge, and sports.

### "Y" NEWS

The YWCA and YMCA organizations held a joint meeting February 3, in the recreation center. The purpose of the meeting was to solve problems concerning W.S.S.F. (World Student Service Fund) drive on and off the campus. Problems concerning a way to install the Christian religion into the modern school, and problems concerning the cost for the lag of membership in YWCA and YMCA, were discussed.

Guest speaker for the YWCA group was Mrs. Fern Babcock, National Secretary of YWCA with headquarters in New York. The YMCA was represented by Ned Linnegar, Regional Secretary of the Southwest Area council, including Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

The two organizations are working hard to make this year one of its best in the W.S.S.F. drive. This fund goes to unfortunate college students in foreign countries.

### Alpha Pi Mu News

The Alpha Pi Mu, the campus' foremost club which advocates superior scholarship, started off the new semester by having on its schedule of activities programs that would help its members have a better appreciation of the Fine Arts. At the first meeting symphonic records were played and evaluated. Favorite was the Ritual Fire Dance by Manuel de Falla.

Plans are being made concerning the setting up of clinics for various classes in order to help students that fall down in their work. The 23-30 club of the Alpha Pi Mu will be in full swing soon. This club is comprised of students with a 2.3 or above average, who have less than 75 hours. "No one is eligible for membership of the Alpha Pi Mu unless they have a general 2.3 average and 75 semester hours," said the sponsor, Mr. Samuels of the Science Department. This is a new ruling for previously only 60 hours plus the 2.3 average was required.

The annual national meeting of the Alpha Kappa Mu will be held at Arkansas State A & M College February 11-13th. Representatives from the campus plan to attend.

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### FASHION FAVORITES



**BEST DRESSED**—Shown above are some of the persons listed as the Fashion Favorites on the campus. Girls, left to right, Doris Hardrick, Myrtle Jean Green, Gloria Dodson, Iris McAlpin, Robbie Austin, Norma Johnson, Edwardlene Fleeks, and Thelma Barryer. Boys, left to right, Sawyer Barnum, Sam Williams, Howard Robinson, Harold Seargent, Joseph Hill, Alvin Roberts and Austin Norman.

### LUDD OUTSTANDING IN DEFEAT BY TSU

The superior T S U Tigers' cage team defeated a gallant Panther five 98-71, before some 2300 excited fans on the Panthers' home courts January 28.

It was T S U, all the way from the opening whistle to the game-ending buzzer. Huges, Tiger center, hit the nets for two points, seconds after the game had begun, to give his team a lead that they never surrendered. The Tigers, playing with a fast breaking offensive and sparked by Hughes, Breedlove, Bolen and McDavid were leading 24-10, at the termination of the first quarter. At halftime, still pressing and shooting only when a decent shot was certain, the Houston School was out in front 47-32.

By the third quarter end, despite the all-out playing of Panthers Sam Williams, Clarence Ludd, Wendell Venerable and Charles Wright, the Tigers had increased their lead soce 17 points.

Ludd, 6' 6" center for Prairie View, was by far the outstanding Panther cager. It was his great defensive play and control of the backboards that kept his team in the game. Jackie Carr, Irving Justice and David Harper were also outstanding for Prairie View. Hughes and Breedlove were the T-S U standouts.

Ludd took high point honors, by burning the sacks for 26 total points scored. Hughes followed with 20.

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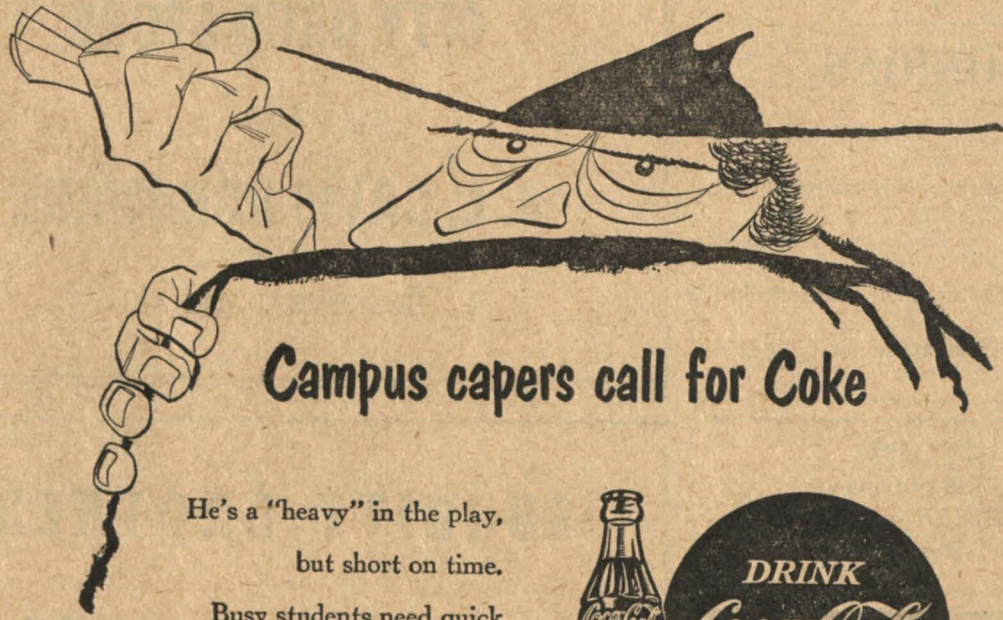
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### Business Adm. Club Queen Crowned

The Business Administration and Economics Club gave a Black and White Informal Pre-Valentine Hop on January 30th. The purpose was to provide entertainment for club members and to select a club queen from four candidates.

Candidates for club queen were: Homerzelle Melton, representing the Senior class; Edwardlene Fleeks, representing the Junior class; Mildred Mark, representing the Sophomore class and Helen Shelby representing the Freshman class. Queen in Edwardlene Fleeks and during intermission was crowned by Dr. J. L. Brown, Head of the Business Administration and Economics Department.

An elaborate floor show was given in honor of the queen, after the crowning ceremony, ending with the queens waltz. A fine night of fun for everyone—that was the annual BA&E club dance! President is Leo Moore, Senior.

### White Caps Hold Annual Dance

The White Caps held their annual dance on Friday, January 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Game Room of the Recreation Center. "Carnival" was chosen as the theme. Colorful balloons and purple and gold chains were suspended from the ceiling while faces of many colors donned the walls.

The music was rendered by the Prairie View Collegians. Some of pieces were: "I Went to The Mardi Gras," "I Don't Know," and "Night Train." Only members of the club and their escorts attended the dance.

The club extends appreciation to Misses Ollie Mae Rhodes, Frankie Dowas, Betty Nettles, Dorothy Jones and other members who rendered their services to make this a successful affair. Misses Andrelia Culberson and Edith Henry, graduated nurses at the Hospital, poured punch at intermission.

Everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable evening.

Reporter:

Thelma Vernell Henderson

### CIC's Make Debut

One of the campus' newest and foremost clubs is the CIC's (Classics in Capsules). This club has as its purpose the development of a greater appreciation of progressive jazz, popular and classical music.

As a kick-off of their many club activities, the CIC's gave a very unique and entertaining dance. Besides the beautiful decorations popular music on all levels was presented for listening and dancing by disc jockeys Tullie Evans and John Davis. Sandwiches and refreshments were served at intermission.

The Les Belles Lettres, another club made up of coeds who have as their purpose an appreciation of the Fine Arts, are the Classic in Capsules' Sisters. Sponsor of this club is Mr. Garret, member of the music Department and Director of the Men's Glee Club. The club is looking forward to a very successful year, spearheaded by their president, Garret P. Stewart. LUCK TO YOU!

### HEALTH FACILITIES—

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more Negroes should receive medical training. It further recommended that Negroes receive more recognition in medical organizations and that equal hospital facilities be made available to them.

## PROGRESS OF NEGRO FARM FAMILIES DESCRIBED

The progress Negro farm families are making partly as a result of the work of 853 colored farm and home agents and supervisors is described in the annual report of Cooperative Extension Service of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture which was released last week. Copies are available in the Library and at the Local Extension Service office.

Among other things, the report points out that Negro farmers and

4-H'ers are making notable progress in increasing their corn yield, expanding their acres of improved pastures, upping their livestock production, and improving their homes.

The 74-page report says farm

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# PANTHER GRID MEN FETED AT ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

A lot of good things were said about the 1952 Prairie View football team here recently as honor was paid to the Southwestern Conference Champions at the annual Football Banquet.

Exactly 50 Panthers and their sweethearts were on hand for the big occasion and heard their good work lauded by past gridiron greats and college officials. They were told that winning was secondary, although their second consecutive trophy was mighty good to have around.

After stuffing the roast turkey dinner with all necessary trimmings, the grid men relaxed and heard an inspiring address by Principal A. T. Miller of Lincoln High School, Port Arthur, a former Panther star and great P.V. booster. President E. B. Evans expressed appreciation to all who had helped in "putting the program over" in his remarks and T. R. Solomon, Athletic Committee chairman and toastmaster provided the in-between jokes, calculated to keep the humor and spirits high.

First announcements of the 1953 captains of the Panthers came at

this time. As head coach W. J. Nicks put it "The men couldn't decide on one, so they elected three captains." They are Jack Bellinger, Halfback, Charles Haywood, End, and Leonard Robinson, Tackle. "This may be a record for captains," Nicks said. "If that's what the boys want, they get it." Bellinger spoke for the trio.

Outgoing captains Vance Heard and John Freeman both had final words for their teammates. Both spoke highly of the coaching staff which includes head coach Nicks, Grant S. Gray, Hugh McKinnis and Vernon Wells.

Coach Nicks, who is also athletic director and chairman of the department of Physical Education, was high in his praise for the fine spirit of the men with whom he worked. He also took a turn at thanking the large number of other departments and individuals who made up the large all college team in the promotion of the college athletic program.

Most of these included the official Athletic Committee composed T.R. Solomon, chairman, R. J. Hunt, athletic business manager, C. A.

# Panthers Drop Two To Southern

The Southern University cats took two games from the Prairie View Panthers here last Friday and Saturday, 77-70 and 83-79.

Wood, director of information, G. L. Smith, Dean of the school of agriculture, H. E. Fuller, Dean of Men, A. A. Lee, Maintenance superintendent, L. C. Moseley, cashier, business office, C. L. Wilson, Dean, School of Engineering, H. A. Perkins, Superintendent of Grounds, and L. E. Perkins, Panther Inn Manager. In addition there was L. C. McMillan, who handled the publishing and distributing of football programs and Deans J. M. Drew, C. L. Wilson, T. P. Dooley and L. C. Phillip.

F. G. Fry, chief engineer, showed films of the Homecoming and New Years Day games. It was after this that the Panthers pushed the tables back and moved into a new and final phase of the evening's entertainment—the football dance. The Panthers' ladies took the spotlight at this stage along with the "Collegians" and another chapter in Prairie View football history came to a close.

# CAGERS DROP BISHOP COLLEGE TWICE

Sparked by the brilliant defensive playing of big Clarence Ludd, 6' 6" center from Odessa, Texas, the Prairie View A & B College cagers overcome a third quarter ten-point lead by the Bishop College Tigers, defeating them 71-76, Saturday in the second game of a twin bill here in the College gymnasium. The Panther quintet had dropped the Tigers earlier Friday, 91-78.

The first game was a relatively easy one for the Panthers with Irving Justice and David Harper matching point for point the accuracy of Bishop's student Seaberry. Seaberry, a Bishop sophomore from East St. Louis, Missouri, hit the nets for an amazing 46 points scored to take all high point honors and still saw his team go down to the 91-78 defeat.

The Tigers started fast the second half with Seaberry hitting from all points to amaze with his teammates an early 12 points lead. A lead they held throughout three quarters. Jackie Carr, 6' 3" Panther center from Houston was placed on Seaberry and the Tigers game completely fell apart and the Panther Five rolled to the 71-76 victory in three thrill-packed minutes, with three Tigers and a Pan-

ther sidelined for personal fouls. Irving Justice, 6' 4" forward, and Ludd were outstanding defensively and offensively for the Panthers, controlling the backboard and hitting the bucket for a .42 and .49 average respectively.

High point player for both games was Seaberry who scored 72 total points in both games. He was held to 26 points in the second contest.

Hitting 12 field goals out of 20 attempts the Bishop Standout also copped accuracy honors the second game with a .600 average. Ludd followed with a 25 total points scored, and an accuracy average of .49.

## STUDENT COUNCIL—

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