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'MISS PRAIRIE VIEW' CROWNED

Counselor Joins the Staff

Dr. William Levi Cash, Jr., a native of Savannah, Georgia, assumed the position of Counselor and Professor of Psychology at Prairie View recently.

Dr. Cash received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University; The Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology; the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Michigan.

Among the experiences which Dr. Cash brings to his new appointment are: Chaplain, U. S. Army, and member of the Executive Committee, Chaplains' Association of Congregationalists Churches of the United States; Pastorates: New Iberia, Louisiana; Greensboro, North Carolina and Detroit, Michigan; Instructor: Shaw University and Livingstone College; Travel-Secretary, National Student Council of the YMCA and Director of the North Carolina Extension Plan of the YMCA, also. He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Society.

As a part of his official services, Dr. Cash will direct the College Counseling center which will be instituted in the near future.

"The services rendered by the Center will include individual counseling of a personal, educational nature in addition to psychological testing," stated Dr. Cash.

Along with Dr. Cash, his wife, Mrs. Viola Cash, a native of Salem, Virginia, and a graduate of North Carolina A. & T. College; his son, William L. III, and his daughter, Cynthia, have become members of the campus family.

P. V. Enrollment

Soars 2nd Semester

With the beginning of the second semester, the college enrolled 864 former and new students.

Statistics from the registrar's office show a total of 1016 male students and 1316 female students. They represent 150 counties of the state of Texas. There are a number of students from out of the state areas as well.

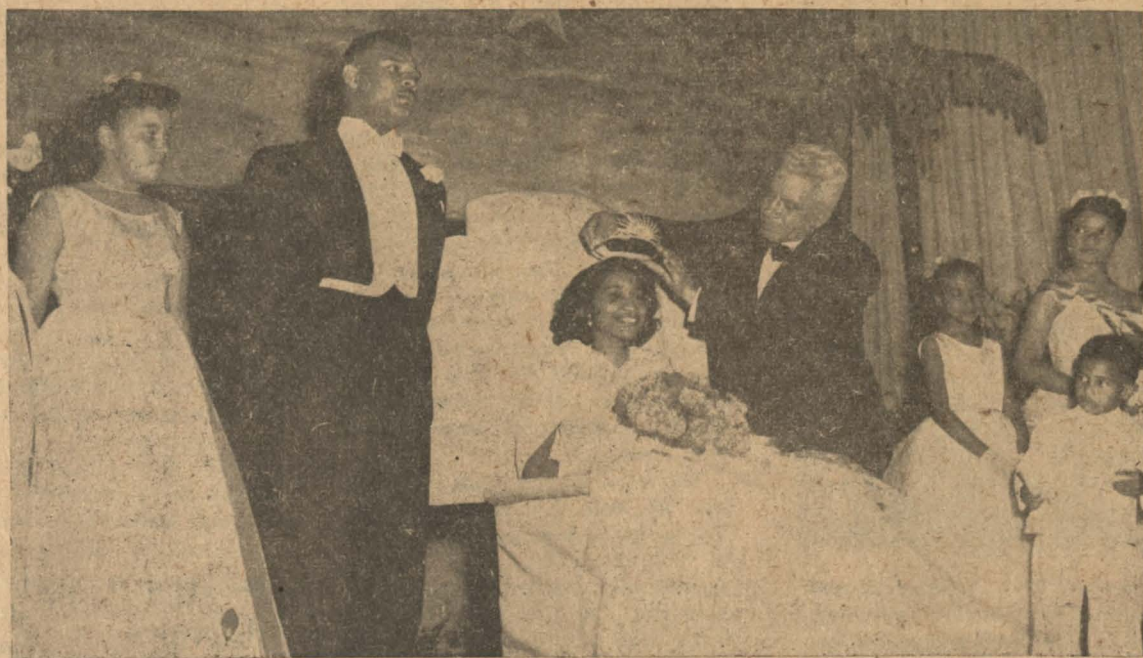
As classes got under way for the last half of the 1953-43 session, a "steady stream" of students began passing on the sidewalks and across campus areas enroute to various classrooms. Between the Education Building and the E. B. Evans Animal Industries Building on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, anytime during the change-of-class period, an observer might feel as if he were on the main street in a metropolitan city.

Notes on Evans Hall

The young ladies of Evans Hall that had birthdays in February were honored with a party given in the parlor recently.

The coeds dressed in masquerade form—in the form of well dressed "men." Suits were donned, voices changed and hair was combed back to really act the part. Refreshments were served, games were played and there was dancing for all.

Mr. Ward, a photographer on the campus, was on hand to take pictures of this unusual party. Mrs. Lillian Shelton was sponsor and supervisor.



"I Dub Thee, Queen!" might well be the caption of the ceremony pictured above as President E. B. Evans places the crown on the head of Opal Johnson, Miss Prairie View, during the Coronation ceremonies, February 6. To the immediate left of the throne is Andrew Perkins, the queen's escort.

'Tis Gala Affair

Midst a tropical setting, Miss Opal Johnson was crowned queen of the College in the auditorium gymnasium on February 6, 1954.

The ceremony began with the entrance of the outer court composed of some twenty couples. Dressed alike in short white evening gowns and wearing the "queen's" ribbon of red, green and yellow—they added to the colorful ceremony. The inner court was composed of the queen's two attendants, Misses Edwardene M. Fleeks and Sammie Ruth Lewis—who served for Nola Jane Simon who graduated at the end of the first semester.

Miss Prairie View, after marching to her throne was escorted by Andrew Perkins, Feb. 1954. Dr. Evans, president of the College, crowned her. Their was a presentation of flowers to Miss Johnson by various clubs and organizations on the campus showing their respect.

A brief floor show was given in honor of the queen, composed of a solo, "Stranger in Paradise" by Kay Francis Jones, and two dance numbers by Shirley Thomas, Colleen Phillips and Andrew Walls. This was followed by a graceful dance by the Royal Family.

The following persons served on various committees that contributed to the success of the affair:

Decorations: Miss Pearl Sewel; Mrs. J. A. Randall, Mr. Leroy Weaver, Mr. A. E. Greaux, Mr. A. A. Lee; Costumes: Miss Pearl Foreman, Mrs. Julia Owens; Music: Kathryn Jordan, Mrs. Essie C. Lopez, Mr. Leonard Bowden; Miss Myrtle Brown, Mrs. Key Atlas White, Mr. Melvin B. Tolson; Resources: Miss Betty P. Hunter, Miss Anne Campbell; Engineer: Mr. F. G. Fry; Consultants: Mrs. R. L. Bland Evans, Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Mr. H. E. Fuller.

General Chairman was Miss Ella W. Cullins with Mr. James E. Nix, Co-Chairman. Supporting student organization was the Les Belle Lettres with Ethel Stanton, president as Student Chairman.

Music for the dance that followed the ceremony was provided by the Prairie View Collegians.

Houston Businessmen Visit Campus

Approximately thirty-five members of the Negro Houston Chamber of Commerce met with Dr. A. S. Arnold, Head of the Department of Business Administration, Dr. J. L. Brown, Head, Department of Economics, and staff members of these departments, to formulate plans for a business clinic to be held in the spring.

The purpose of the clinic will be to show the progress of Negro business in various fields over the past years and the opportunities that are available in these areas today.

"Through the cooperation of the faculty in the field of business and business men and women in Houston, a closer bond can be secured between the school and that community," stated Dr. A. S. Arnold.

Education Conference To Convene March 5

"Community-Related Program of the Public Schools for Negroes in Texas," is the theme of the 25th Annual Education Conference sponsored by the College.

The conference will convene Friday morning, March 5, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

"Emphasis, this year, is being placed on the role of the principal in projecting a school-community related program," advised Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Chairman of the Prairie View Research Committee.

Approximately 1,000 superintendents, principals and public school teachers attend the Education Conference annually.

The annual program is sponsored in cooperation with the Cooperative Program for Educational Administration and is undertaken with the view of improving the quality of the services rendered by school administrators in their respective communities.

Members of the Prairie View Research Committee include: Dr. J. M. Drew, Dean of Instruction; Mr. S. W. Davis, Professor of Education; Mr. H. T. Jones, Principal of the Prairie View Training School; Dr. E. M. Norris, Professor of Agricultural Education; and Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extramural Services.

All-School Career Conference Success

The third All-School Career Conference was held February 7 and Monday, February 8. In order to permit all students and teachers to attend the various sessions of the Conference, no classes were held on February 8.

The over-all program included a Sunday morning Chapel Service and a Sunday evening Vesper Service conducted by students around the general conference theme, "After College, What?" On Monday, there was an All-Campus Convocation with Mr. John W. Rice, Executive Secretary of the Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce as principal speaker.

The Convocation was followed by twenty discussion-groups and work-

PV Grad Chosen For Special Work

Lt. James O. Sullivan, now on duty at Camp Hole Colorado, was chosen among eight officers to act in the capacity of an Escort Officer in the 1953 "Exercise Ski Jump" now being held at this location covering the period January - April 1954.

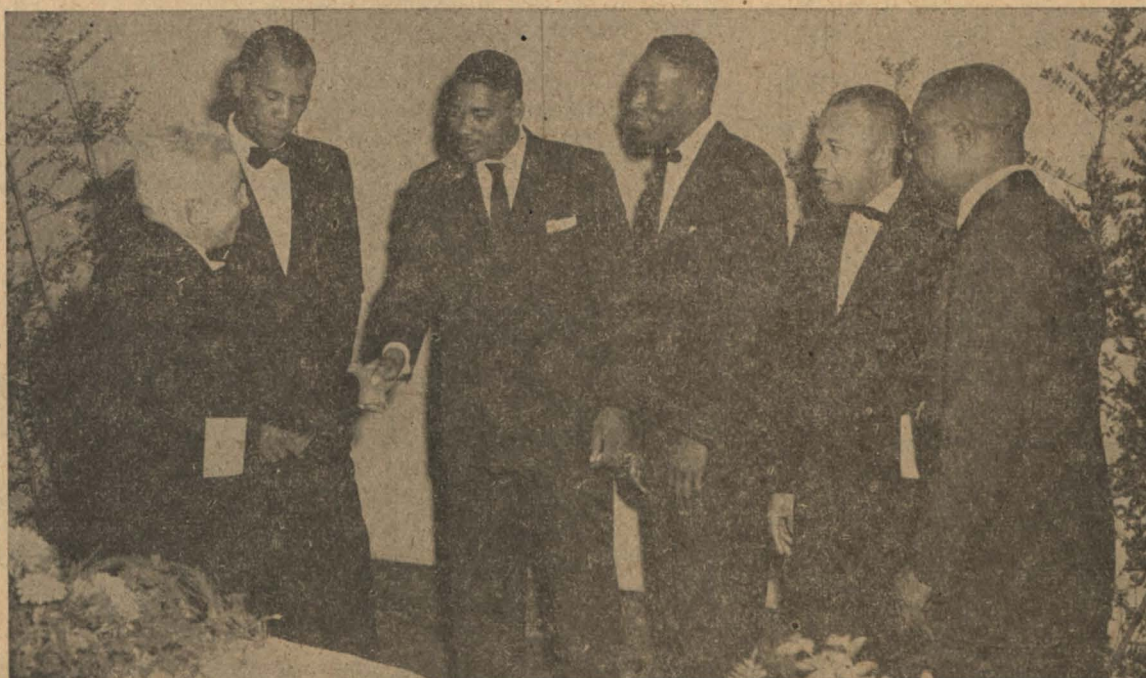
This position calls for the handling and dissemination of top military secrets and escorting top military ranks around the surrounding and bivouac areas. Lt. Sullivan's duties among others, will be with the French distinguished guests. This selection came after

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shops dealing with specific career areas.

Monday afternoon, the Conference closed with a general assembly in the Gymnasium-Auditorium at which time a panel discussion composed of campus personnel and visiting speakers serving as members, was conducted.

There was full student participation in the meetings and many beneficial ideas and suggestions were received. All are looking forward to the Conference next year—may it be as successful as this 1954 session was.



ALL-AMERICANS, ALL! . . . President E. B. Evans congratulates All-American football players Charles Wright, Elijah Childers and Charlie Brackins and Head Coach W. J. "Billy" Nicks as Chairman of Athletic Council, C. L. Wilson looks on. The occasion was the Annual Football Banquet held recently in the Prairie View Dining Hall.



NOTED DIRECTOR-CONDUCTOR — The name of Efrem Kurtz, musical director and conductor of the Houston Symphony Orchestra which played a concert in the Auditorium-Gymnasium, January 31, is a familiar one with music lovers the world over. During 30 years of conducting symphony orchestras, opera and Ballet, has become a dominant figure in the musical life of six continents, and his considerable achievements with the Houston Symphony Orchestra have recently earned for him new acclaim from press and public alike.

Music For Millions

The College Auditorium was hushed, the audience waiting eagerly for the performance—a little sigh passed through the group of approximately six hundred patrons, followed by a burst of applause as Efrem Kurtz conductor of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, took the stand.

Selections played were: Beethoven's, "Overture to Prometheus," Op. 43; Tchaikowsky's, "Symphony in F Minor, No. 4, Opus 36; Ravel's, "Ivavane for a Dead Princess"; Khatchaturian's "Walze, from 'Masquerade' Suite"; Wagner's, "Overture to 'Rienzi.'" The audience wasn't satisfied with just these renditions but insisted on two encores.

The orchestra is composed of talented, expertly trained musicians whose average age is thirty, which is well under that of many other orchestras. "They are young in years, but old in experience," the conductor says, "with the optimism of youth, they approach each musical work as a new challenge which they must conquer. With such a will-to-do, it is no wonder that they play well."

KOB's Initiate 21

One of the foremost social organizations, the KOB, has started the second semester off by initiating twenty-one new members. During the probation period, the new pledges had to walk the chalk line to fill the requirements for admittance into the organization.

As the culminating activity of Initiation Wee, the "Big Sisters" gave their new members a dinner in the "Red Room" of the Recreation Center.

Spearheaded by their president, Audrey Scott, junior, the club has splendid plans for the remainder of the year.

New members are: Barbara Fuller, Betty Clark, Doris Collins, Delores Washington, Theresa White, Dorothy Blanton, Dorothy Coney, Helen Childress, Colleen Phillips, Ethel Coleman, Geraldine Booker, Beverley Phillips, Shirley Thomas, Jimmie Lee Phillip, Jerutha Phillips, Francis Black, Sandra Dorsey, Peggy Fields, La Ruth Moye, Thelma Simmons and Geraldine Bruce.

Ft. Worth-P. V. Club News

The Prairie View-Fort Worth Club organized with President William McCullough; Secretary, Evva Jean Foster; and Reporter, La Ruth Moye.

During the Christmas holidays, they had a Dinner-Dance in honor of the PV-Fort Worth Queen, Mary L. Lee, a former Miss Pantherette. Her attendant was Miss La Ruth Moye, Sophomore coed and a recent KOB pledgee.

Plans are in progress for a club dance on the campus which will be scheduled early this spring. Miss V. S. Smith is the sponsor.

Debating Club News

With the first debate scheduled for an early date in February, the Prairie View Debating Society is laboriously preparing to make outstanding achievements for the year.

The coaches and members of the Society are anticipating a successful year of debating. The topic is "The United States Should Adopt a Policy of Free Trade."

Mu Alpha Sigma News

The Mu Alpha Sigma Honorary Society of the Music Department is starting the new year with musical activities for the enjoyment and appreciation of the Prairie View community.

The society has started several projects this year, the first being "The Music Hour," every Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Student Lounge. Various classical selections from the record library of the music department are played for the listening enjoyment of the faculty and student body. Certain nights have been set aside for special request numbers. The society sincerely hopes that everyone will attend and listen to these favorite classical selections.

The second project is the playing of dinner music for the student body every Sunday in the Dining Hall. So far the members of the Mu Alpha Sigma have selected the records for the dinner music but the student body is urged to request classical selections they would like to share with the Prairie View family, feel free to bring them over to the music department and the members will be pleased to play them.

The third project is the presentation of Miss Evelyn Hall, voice instructor, in a recital on the third of February. Miss Hall will be accompanied by Dr. R. von Charlton, Head of the Music Department, who is also a concert artist of great reknown.

The society will be sponsoring various musical activities throughout the year. Some Wednesday evening programs will be devoted to student and faculty performances, lectures, and demonstrations. On Wednesday, January 24 at 8:00 o'clock in the student lounge, Dr. von Charlton gave a lecture on Wagnerian opera. Excerpts from some of Wagner's operas were played.

Officers of the club for this year are: Davetta B. Callis, president; Myrtle E. Adams, vice-president; Leona M. Adams, secretary; Jean M. Williams, assistant secretary; Ethel O. Stanton, treasurer; Joyce M. Amey, parliamentarian.

Houston-Prairie View Club News

The president of the Houston-P. V. Club, Mr. Walter Griffen, announced that the most recent plans for the year are a dance scheduled for March 13 to entertain and welcome the new members of the club, and the presentation of a vesper program February 28.

Several other plans are being made by the club so as to contribute to the more important events of the year.

F. T. A. Organizes

The Preston-Prunty Chapter of the F. T. A. has elected officers and mapped out plans and projects to be carried out for the remainder of the 1953-54 school year. The officers elected are as follows: Donald Fulbright, president; Barbara Smith, vice - president; Dorothy English, recording secretary; Essex Folks, corresponding secretary; Bernice Williams, treasurer; Herbert Marshall, chairman of the program committee; Barbara Smith, queen; Joe Horace Mucker, reporter.

The organization's primary purpose is to stimulate a well rounded interest in the teaching profession. A few of the plans for the year consist of an "International Dinner," a Convention, Panel Discussion by practice teachers and a tour of the schools of Texas.

All Future Teachers and persons interested in becoming a member of the Future Teachers of America are asked to watch for the membership drive which will come in the rear future.

Veterans Club Sponsors Campus 'March of Dimes'

We have the feeling that there are few, if any, projects conducted on a national scale more worthwhile than the "March of Dimes" annual campaign" stated members of the New Progressive Veterans Club in a recent meeting. The membership, which has approved several worthwhile projects for the Club during the year, rededicated themselves to fulfilling the purposes of the organization in their January meeting and pledged to sponsor the campus drive for "dimes" to a successful conclusion.

New officers recently elected to fill vacancies include: Richard Price, vice president; Harold Blow, business manager; Franklin Taylor, sergeant - at - arms; Earl Mosley, parliamentarian; Arlington Broughton, reporter; James Hall, Chaplain. Henry Scranton was appointed Sports Director and "Tiny" Johnson was encouraged to assist with sports' activities, also.

The organization's basketball team, "The Vet Quint," undertook to defeat the Panther-five in the gymnasium January 26, in a bene-

fit game for the "March of Dimes" campaign. Final score of the game was the Panthers 60, The Vets 28.

Campus solicitations for the March of Dimes effort continued through February 2. The goal in view the sponsors add, is "the closest we can come to \$500."

Added Notes of Thanks

The New Progressive Veterans Club wishes to thank the entire student body for its fine participation in the "March of Dimes" campaign; particularly, the Baptist Prayer Group, the Church of God in Christ Group; the Society of Architects and Engineers, the Culinary Arts and Culture Club; the Club is also grateful to the College staff who helped to make the drive the success that it was.

SWIDC Organized

Mrs. Georgia Bell Levy, member of the Political Science instructional staff and chairman of Varsity Debating, recently attended a meeting in Dallas, Texas where the Southwest Inter-Collegiate Debating Conference was organized.

"The Conference adopted general objectives, rules, procedures and drew up a tentative intra-conference debating schedule for the current school year," stated Mrs. Levy.

Continuing, she said, "a second meeting in the Spring has been projected in order to set up a permanent organization."

Representatives in addition to Mrs. Levy who met at Dallas and created the SWIDC included: Mr. John Paul Jones (Texas College); Mr. Alfred Tyler (Bishop College), and Mr. Calvin Reese (Wiley College).

Galveston-P. V. Club News

The Galveston-Prairie View Club for the year of 1954 was organized on the lawn in front of the Education Building lately so they could formulate plans for a successful second semester.

Officers elected were: Cleopatra Donley, president; Joyce Hunter, vice-president; Rose Marie Bennett, secretary; Gloria Anderson, assistant secretary; Carrie B. Thomas, treasurer. In fulfilling the first item of their club agenda of activities, the club made a worthwhile contribution to the March of Dimes campaign.



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Music Instructor Gives Recital

Miss Evelyn Hall, new voice instructor at Prairie View, was presented in a voice recital on February 3, 1954, in the auditorium-gymnasium with Dr. R. von Charlton as accompanist.

Miss Hall attended the New Jersey State Teacher's College and graduated from Howard University where she majored in voice and was soloist with the Howard University choir for four years. She has studied with Frederic Wilson and Rose Louise Burge, noted specialists in the field of music.

The summer of 1953, she appeared in Summer Stock productions, among them the well loved, "Show Boat." She also presented concerts in the Metropolitan area of New York. The previous summer, she received a voice scholarship from the McMillan Studio in Washington.

Miss Hall's recital should be counted among the outstanding events of the year.

I can't easily get in the mood for spending \$25 for an evening's dinner and entertainment for two, although I find it not unpleasant if the check is paid by someone else.

Summer School in Oslo To Be Held, July 3 To August 14

The University of Oslo will hold its eighth Summer School from July 3 to August 14, 1954. While designed for American and Canadian students who have completed at least their freshman year in any accredited college or university, the summer session is open to English-speaking students of other nationalities similar to the ones held each summer since 1951.

Students may choose courses in the following fields: General Survey of Norwegian Culture; The Humanities; Social Studies; Education System of Norway; and Graduate seminars in Norwegian Education, Literature, Social and Political Problems.

Six semester-hour credits may be earned in the six weeks course and the session is approved by the U. S. Veterans Administration. A limited number of scholarships are available for the Summer School.

For information, write: OSLO Summer School Admissions Office, in care of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Texas Former Four-H'er Promotes Prosperous Farm

A 22-year-old former star 4-H club youth, who won more than 50 ribbons and a number of cash awards with his farm projects, has converted his training and experience into a \$14,000-a-year gross income as full operator of his parents' 300-acre farm, says State Extension Leader W. C. David, of Prairie View A. & M. College, in a report to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The young farmer is Robert "Robbie" Adams of Luling, Texas, who stated, "I've always wanted to be a farmer."

State Leader David points out that Mr. Adams is an excellent example of the value of 4-H training. "Bobbie is an inspiration to every farm boy in Texas," he says in praise of the young farmer.

Jobs Available

The Naval Air Material Center located in the Naval Base, Philadelphia, Pa., has a pressing need for qualified professional personnel.

Urgently needed are aeronautical, electrical, electronic, general, industrial, mechanical, power plant and tool engineers. There are also positions for specialists such as mathematicians, metallurgists, physicists, physiologists, psychologists and technologists.

Applications are being accepted to fill these vacancies and interested persons should file an Application for Federal Employment, Standard Form 57, with the Industrial Relations Department, Naval Air Material Center, Naval Base, Philadelphia 12, Pa. If information regarding specific vacancies is desired, this activity should be contacted.

Students Attend Methodist Movement.

Several members of the Methodist Student Movement attended the annual conference which was held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

The purpose of the conference was to emphasize the importance of brotherhood in our society today.

Members who attended this conference were: Gloria Anderson, president of the campus Methodist Movement, Sylvia Elston and William Elston. Accompanying them was the Reverend Bonner of Hempstead, Texas.

INCOME TAX INSTITUTE HELD

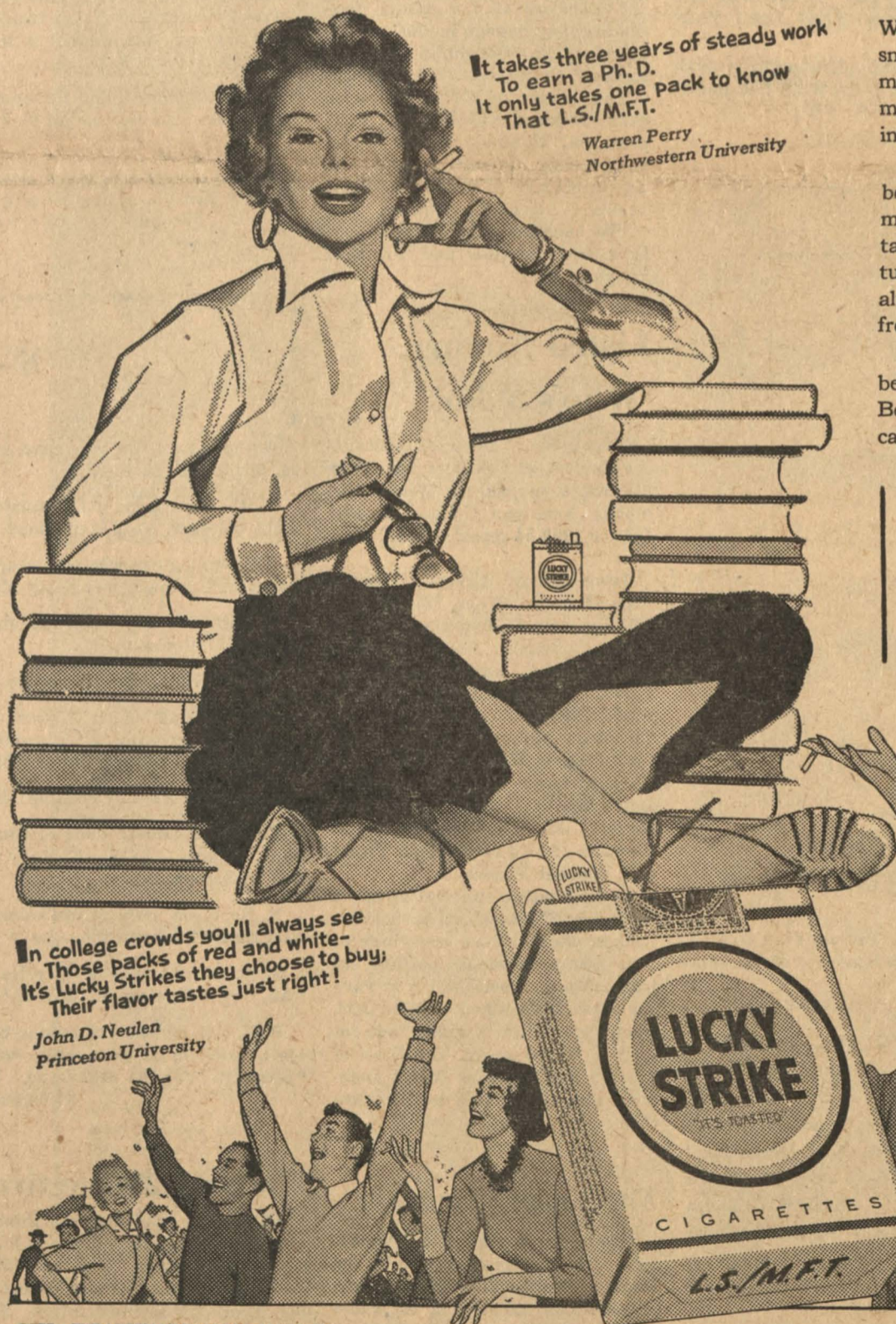
The Department of Business Administration held its annual Income Tax Clinic in the Administration Auditorium, on February 15-17.

The purpose of the institute was to aid students, teachers, school officials and all members of the Prairie View, family, to understand how to fill out various income tax forms. To acquaint the public with tax in general and specifically income tax, a history of Income Tax was presented by Miss Earnie Flowers, student in the Department of Business Administration, in the opening session. Mr. B. S. Ferrell, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Houston, Texas, discussed Individual Income Tax Returns.

In the second session, Mr. J. C. Rawls, Department of Economics, gave the procedure in the preparation of returns. The last meeting was highlighted by a talk on the client's responsibility in planning transactions and submitting data, by Mr. W. B. Watkins, Clerk-Manager, Maintenance Department, Prairie View.

Mr. Wellington Swindall, Instructor in the Department of Business Administration was the coordinator of this program which was successful and beneficial to all that attended. This department is headed by Dr. A. S. Arnold, other instructors are: Miss Lillian B. Garnett, Miss Mary L. Burton.

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EDITORIALS

WAS THE 'PARTY' A SUCCESS???

By EDWARDLENE FLEEKES

The entire student body was invited to a party January 18-24. To some, it was a pretty nice affair as they had been looking forward to it and preparing for this treat since September.

All of us like to be popular; so to become the "Belle of this Ball" you have to do more than dress for the occasion. Using your mental capacity to its fullest extent by accepting and applying the fundamentals taught in the various classes, are the essentials needed to win this title at this affair.

The instructors composed and played the various tunes at this affair. Some students danced through them quickly, yes, "jutterbugging" or "bopping," others glided through on a "waltz" and some didn't get on the "dance floor" as they just could not get in step.

This is a new semester—if you didn't come up to par in your scholastic achievements, use your failures as stepping stones to success. One of the foremost campus organizations, the Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society, urges all of you to have as your goal, admittance into this worthwhile club.

In May when this "party" will be repeated, look forward to your invitation—and YOU be the "Belle of the Ball!"

POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT

All eyes are focused on the capitol—with special regard to the issue before the Supreme Court, that of the integration of schools.

This is of prime importance, not only to instructors and students of today, but the decision will have a great bearing on future generations.

The outlook appears that the decision will be in the affirmative. What bearing will this have upon you? What will the social implications be? These are questions that need your immediate deliberation.

The world is ever changing in some aspect—that comes with time and progress—be on your toes and keep up with the pace!

POETS CORNER

"JUST GOING ALONE"

By EDWARDLENE M. FLEEKES

A lone figure walking, Taking in Natures wonders, Immune to those around, Because of problems she ponders.

Lost in an aura of sadness, She goes along her way, Not choosing the company of others, Nor heeding the things others say.

Is it trouble or self pity, That is gripping her soul? Or an over-rated situation Of which she can't take hold.

Maybe it's a love problem, Or the pains of growing up, Whatever it is—the way she behaves, It Can't be that tough!

Been looking at her a long time, There's one thing wrong, if any, Although sweet, charming and intelligent, She's lonely and only twenty!

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Student Council Receives Praise

President E. B. Evans in his talk to the student body in Vesper service recently praised the Student Welfare Committee, headed by Essie Fowlks, for the magnificent job the committee is doing.

Dr. Evans approves particularly the council's seeking to find, "Ways by which scholarship might be improved." The President states, "This is the first Student Council that I know of that has ever discussed the problem of scholastic improvement."

Other topics the committee is considering are: (1) improvement in the dining hall facilities; and (2) better teacher-student relationships on the discipline committee.

It is hoped that the Student Council will continue to do well, and the cooperation of the entire student body is solicited in its behalf.

Student Forum Is Organized Here

The Prairie View student forum on public affairs was recently organized in the Administration Building Auditorium. The purposes of the organization are:

- (1) To promote knowledge and understanding of important public questions.
(2) To assist in promoting that quality of intellectual interest in human affairs which is the hallmark of a college, and
(3) To provide a forum in which the members of the college community may engage in the respectful, fruitful, thoughtful exchange of their views about public issues.

The officers of the organization are: President, Elijah Miles; Vice-president, Marian Johnson; Secretary, Bessie Garland; Corresponding Secretary, Yvonne Ransom; Treasurer, Kenneth D. Hunt.

The sponsors of the forum are Miss Betty Hunter and Dr. Earl Lewis.

Listed Among 'Who's Who'

Twenty-six of the most outstanding Juniors and Seniors have been selected to appear in Who's Who among American College Leaders for the 1953-54 school session. They are:

Joyce Amey, Ernestine Craft, Kay Francis Jones, Jimmie L. Phillips, Opal Johnson, Davetta Callies, Bennie Jewel Douglas, Cleo Woodard, Charles Washington, Essex Fowlks, Loston Harris, Cluren Richardson, Jerry G. Joyce, Thaddeus McDonald, Haywood Smith, Doris Whitfield, Helen Ratcliff, Edward Hill, Joe Mucker, Laura Smith, Dallas, Pierre, A. C. Rhymes, Alvin Roberts, Garrett P. Stewart, Jr., Edwardlene M. Fleekes and Wendell Venerable.

These students were selected on the basis of classification, position held in class for the last three or four years, present position of leadership and membership in various organizations and position held. Their scholastic average was at least a "C" or above. The Dean of Women and Dean or Men's judgment also contributed to the selection.

The Vesper Hour

The vesper program on Sunday, February 28, was sponsored by the Houston Prairie View Club. It was presented on the style of the radio program, "The Arthur Godfrey Talent Show," with each member of the club acting as a scout master.

The talented commentator was Holland Bynam, who made a great showing on the Freshman Talent Show.

Orchids and Onions

ORCHIDS to our great football team for the expert skill they exhibited throughout the season.

ONIONS to the students who flunked courses due to lack of effort.

ORCHIDS to the students who contributed so generously to the "March of Dimes."

ONIONS to those students who persist in making distracting noises in chapel programs.

ORCHIDS to the Charles Gilpin Dramatic Players for their splendid presentation of "Mother Is A Freshman."

ONIONS to those who "accidentally" remove silver, etc. from the dining hall.

ORCHIDS to those who were responsible for our newer and smoother method of registration.

ONIONS to the students who removed the "March of Dimes" containers from the bulletin boards.

ORCHIDS to the Sophomore class for meriting both banners in Sunday School.

ONIONS to those who still contribute their share to the untidiness of the campus.

ORCHIDS to all those students who did their utmost in every course in which they enrolled during the first semester.

The Happenings

Well, believe it or not, we're back with another issue of ye ole PANTHER. After such a long vacation, we're just bubbling over with news—stale, new and what not.

The Christmas Holidays are a thing of the past. Come to think of it, so are final examinations. Final exams! Ah, what a thought! What with so many of our good ole pals majoring and minoring in "Rec-ology" and "Tree Science" our grades in the lesser subjects (book subjects, that is) hit a new low, which is not as it should be. We'll never make seniors and graduates at that rate.

Congratulations to all mid-term graduates and good luck to the departing seniors who are leaving to do their practice teaching.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra won the praise and esteem of Prairie View Music lovers Sunday, January 31, by presenting such a dynamic heart-warming concert.

W-E-L-L-?

Arthur Alton do you have eyes for a little sophomore coed whose initials are E. B. B. M.?

Edith Champion, it's beautiful music that you and James Hubbard make together. Keep it up, huh?

Well, well, guess who was seen in front of the Education Building! Yes, ladies and gents, 'twas Betty Mason and Harry Wright. Well?

Say, B. Coursey, why the shy look for the young lady from Port Arthur??? Speak up!!

Couple of the Month: Charles Haywood and Joan Crawford.

Old Faithfuls: John Payton and Wilma Hooks; Hattie Jackson and Julius Spikes; Aubrey Hammond and Olivia Gaston; John Lister and Effie Fields; Fred Burnett and Billie J. Simmons.

Starting a New Friendship: Bernadette Franklin and James Garrett.

Bureau of Lonely Hearts: Our prospects for one month, only seem to be R. Wagner, L. Cole, E. Robertson, O. Ryans, E. Daniels, N. Coleman, and D. Scroggins.

H. Robinson perhaps you would be wise to watch you step!!! Let it be said that "A hint to the wise is sufficient." How wise can you be?

S. A. A., if you take up voice, perhaps you can "Make Believe" that "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life At Last I've Found Thee."

Well, this personal column is concluded for the record. Keep your eyes open, and watch your step—who knows? YOU may be one of the "personals" for the next issue. W-E-L-L?

Continued next month

File April 22 Selective Service Test Application

All eligible students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file applications at once for the April 22 administration, Selective Service National Headquarters advised today.

An application and a bulletin of information may be obtained at any Selective Service local board. Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application immediately and mail it in the special envelope provided. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 8, 1954. Early filing will be greatly to the student's advantage.

Results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student, according to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test.

Student Panorama Is Huge Success

The Student Welfare Committee presented a student panorama on the Vesper Hour, January 24, 1954. With Loston Harris as Master of Ceremonies, the audience was taken on a tour of various high class night clubs to hear and see the talent that Prairie View has to offer.

First stop was the "Mocambo." Starring there were Kay Francis Jones singing, "Embraceable You;" Bennie Douglas with a splendid rendition of "Ebb Tide"; Miles Carter and his singing Sax doing "Pretend"; James Fagin, another Harry James, doing "Stardust."

Going on down "Entertainment Avenue," the next stop was the "Band Box." Here Francis Black and James McKinny did the show stopping number that was the hit of the show with their duet, "Make Believe." James Hubbard, Dotson Burns and Arthur Alton, a new campus trio that is loaded with talent, gave two selections with Alton soloing on the ivories. Hal-loise Johnson, a popular favorite with the student body, was the other star at this club.

After leaving the "Band Box," MC Harris ushered the audience to the "Stork Club." Here Bobbie Hamilton gave a stirring rendition of "Saving My Love for You"; William Barksdale brought the house down with "Deacons Hop"; Connie L. Smith, frosh coed made her stage debut with "Rags to Riches"; and the Tones, McKinny, Deward Carter, did "That's My Desire."

Really a treat, this program was enjoyed by all who attended. Here's hoping it will be repeated soon!

Political Scientist Speaks at Vespers

Mrs. G. B. Levy, professor of political science, gave a summary of President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to Congress on the Vesper Hour recently.

She stated that "the constitution provides that the President of the United States shall deliver from time to time messages and advise courses of action for congressional consideration."

The highlights of her message were the various Presidential proposals: (1) a cut in foreign and economic aid; (2) keep sending military aid and technical assistance; (3) cut ground forces and build up atomic energy and air force. On Korea he proposed: (1) recommendations for Senate ratification for Eastern Mutual Security Pact; (2) the security pact for mutual aid in event of Communist aggression; (3) After Korea, continued assistance to French in fighting communist in Indo-China. For Nationalist China the President proposed continued aid to Chiang Kai-Shek.

In the domestic affairs, he proposed a farm program with flexible price support, and have farm prices fixed by the operating market. The President also proposed a social security program with wider coverage and decreased deductions, and have the voting age lowered from twenty-one to eighteen.

Because government has a great bearing on our entire lives, Mrs. Levy strongly suggested that every student become interested in our political way of life.

Joins A & S Staff

Mr. Wendell T. Jones, a native of Mooreville, North Carolina, recently joined the staff of the Mathematics Department in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Jones received his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Carolina A. & T. 1948; the Master of Science, from the University of Iowa, 1950.

The new instructor served on the faculty at A. & T. and has had several years of military experience as a 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Transportation Division.

Gilpin Players Are Big Hit

The Charles Gilpin Players presented a three-act comedy, "Mother Is a Freshman," in the auditorium gymnasium, January 28.

The cast was headed by Nola Jane Simon, playing the leading role of the mother; Virginia Berry, as her daughter; Norma Johnson, as housemother; Renaldo Yerwood, as the handsome professor; and Adolph Fulton, as the doubting Dean. The supporting cast included: Mattie V. Jackson, Maxine Shavers, Lois Perkins, Jerutha Phillips, Dorothy Eleby, Shirley Fields, Holland Bynum, C. Edmer Parish, Lafayette Reed and Charles Walker.

The play was directed by Mrs. F. B. Ledbetter, Miss Hazelyn D. Scott, Mrs. Horace D. Murdock and Mr. Hubert D. Smith. Technical assistance was given by Mr. F. G. Fry.

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FRESHMEN ORGANIZE

The freshman class for this year elected the following officers near the end of the first term. They are: Hurley Fontenot, president, Ray wood, Texas; Mack Hicks, vice-president, Marshall, Texas; Arthur Dunbar, secretary, Texarkana, Texas; and O. D. Anderson, treasurer, Marshall, Texas.

Other officers will be elected at the next class meeting.

SOPHOMORES TO HEAD TALENT SHOW

The sophomore class is sponsoring a campus-wide talent show planned for some time in the near future. Unwilling to let all of the talent on the campus go to waste, the sophomores plan to make this one of the biggest shows ever.

Those interested in participating are asked to contact Mr. Bobby Drew or Miss Frances Black.

You are invited to help make this show a success.

Alpha Pi Mu Members Attend Convention

Four students of the Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society attended the sixteenth annual convention of the society at Jackson College, Mississippi on February 10-12.

The meeting was thoroughly enjoyable and profitable and all took an active part in the convention business. Miss Eleanor J. Fry, abstracted reports and then abridged the abstracts for reading before the convention and received a rising vote of thanks. Mr. Elijah Miles was elected to the national vice-presidency. Mr. Samuels was toastmaster at the banquet and was elected regional director for Texas. Others who attended were Cluren Richardson, president of the local chapter, Thaddeus McDonald and Miss Kathryn Jordan, instructor in the Department of Music.

There were 32 colleges represented and 101 delegates. Sponsor of the local chapter is Mr. W. A. Samuels.



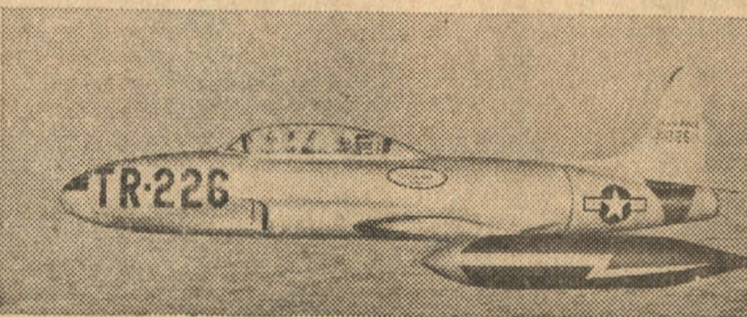
1. Pilot training begins at Lackland Air Force Base, where Aviation Cadets get 3 months of officer indoctrination.



2. It's a hard grind, but Cadets also find time to relax.



3. In primary training the Cadet flies his first planes, a Piper Cub, and this T-6. Later he will fly the more advanced T-28.



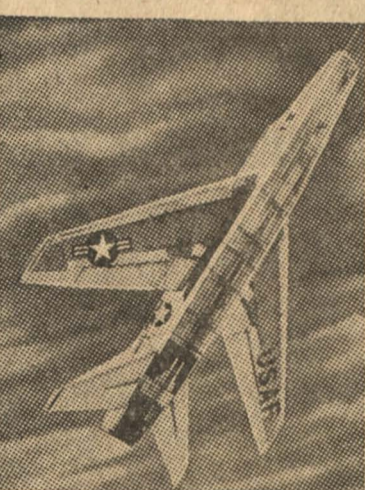
4. After flying conventional planes, he moves on to jets... going up with an instructor in this T-33 trainer.



5. He wins his wings as an Air Force officer, earning over \$5,000 a year.

How to qualify for Pilot Training as an Aviation Cadet!

To qualify, you must be at least a high school graduate. However, you will be of more value to the Air Force if you stay in college, graduate, and then volunteer for training. In addition, you must be between the ages of 19 and 26½, and in top physical condition. If you think you are eligible, here's what you do: Take your high school diploma or certificate of graduation together with a copy of your birth certificate down to your nearest Air Force base or recruiting station. Fill out the application they give you. If you pass your physical and other tests, you will be scheduled for an Aviation Cadet Training Class.



6. Then winds up his training with the latest and fastest planes in the air.



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WHERE TO GET MORE DETAILS:
Contact your nearest Aviation Cadet Selection Team, Air Force ROTC Unit, or Air Force Recruiting Officer. Or write to: Aviation Cadet, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

Medical Schools Recommend May Admission Test

PRINCETON, N. J. — Candidates for admission to medical school in fall of 1955 are advised to take the Medical College Admission Test in May, it was announced recently by Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the test for the Association of American Medical Colleges. These tests, required of applicants by almost every medical college throughout the country, will be given twice during the current calendar year. Candidates taking the May test, however, will be able to furnish scores to institutions in early fall, when many medical colleges begin the selection of their next entering class.

Candidates may take the MCAT on Saturday, May 8, 1954, or on Monday, November 1, 1954, at administrations to be held at more than 300 local centers in all parts of the country. The Association of American Medical Colleges recommends that candidates for admission to classes starting in the fall of 1955 take the May test.

Application forms and a Bulletin of Information, which give details of registration and administration, as well as sample questions, are available from pre-medical advisers or directly from Educational Testing Service, Box 592, Princeton, N. J. Completed applications must reach the ETS office by April 24 and October 18, respectively, for the May 8 and November 1 administrations.

Women's Choir News

The women's choir made two appearances before the end of the first semester. Before the Yuletide Season, they presented a program for the Vesper Hour. The ensemble presented modern chorales, secular selections, traditional carols and a solo from Miss E. Hall, voice instructor. The group toured the campus before the holidays singing carols after which they were served hot chocolate in the Music Studio.

This group, under the direction of Miss E. W. Cullins, is looking forward to many trips and a state-wide tour later in the semester.

Art Department News

Have you ever been to Room 309 in the Education Building to see the artistic display on the bulletin boards? If so, then you will agree that young Picassos and Dalis are budding at Prairie View.

The talented students in Miss Sewell and Mr. Weaver's art classes have gone all out for creating originals to be exhibited at the Fine Arts Festival in May.

So many students have acquired an enthusiasm for art activities until an Art Minor Curriculum has been added to the courses in the Education Department. We welcome more aesthetics to our college.

Campus Prof's Son is Nat'l Frat. Member

John M. Coruthers, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Coruthers, has recently been made a member of Delta of Kappa Eta Kappa, National Professional Electrical Engineering Fraternity.

The initiation of Mr. Coruthers occurred at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he is a junior in Electrical Engineering.

Dr. J. M. Coruthers, John's father, is a professor in the school of Agriculture, of which Mr. G. L. Smith is Dean.

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FOR THE RECORD . . . ! ! !

*'Tis never too late
To preserve in some state
The records made by the truly great!*

*So to the Panthers, greatest of them all
Is dedicated their history—
National Champions! Crowned last Fall.*

From Florida

DEAR DR. EVANS:

In as much as most Floridans and F. A. & M. graduates were against Prairie View during the Orange Bowl Classic, they finally broke down and spoke out frantically and whole heartedly for Prairie View.

As for Charlie "Chuck" Brackins, he is the man of the hour and the talk of the town.

For Coach Nicks' information, all football fans unanimously agreed that Coach Gaither would have preferred the relinquishing of the costly gifts presented to him than to lose "THAT" game.

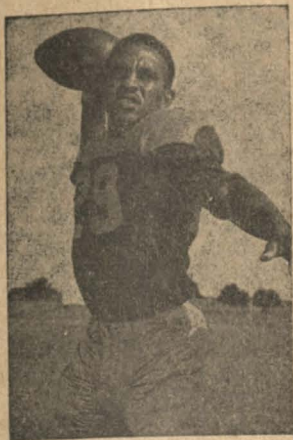
Please pardon the slang inscriptions on the paper. I only want to make the students feel good and to buildup their morale, even though it's already high.

NOTE.—A clipping from the Miami Herald was enclosed with the above letter. The following notations were written around the margins of the clipping:

*"The game was really great, I ain't lying ay-thar;"
"This game was played and won in Florida—by TEXANS;"
"Yes Sir, Prairie View fell in the Orange Bowl like a
Mississippi freight train and I aint lying 'ay-ther' (either)"*

I am,

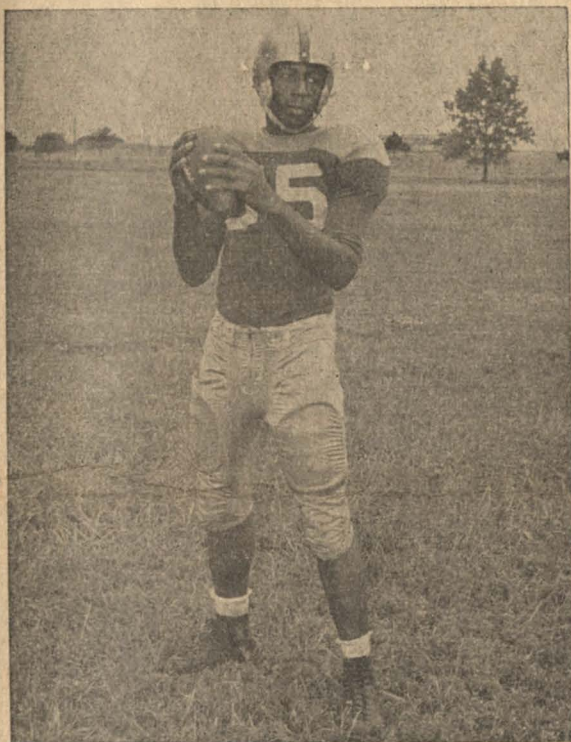
*Very truly yours,
J. W. A.*



Tri-Captain
JACK BELLINGER
Fullback



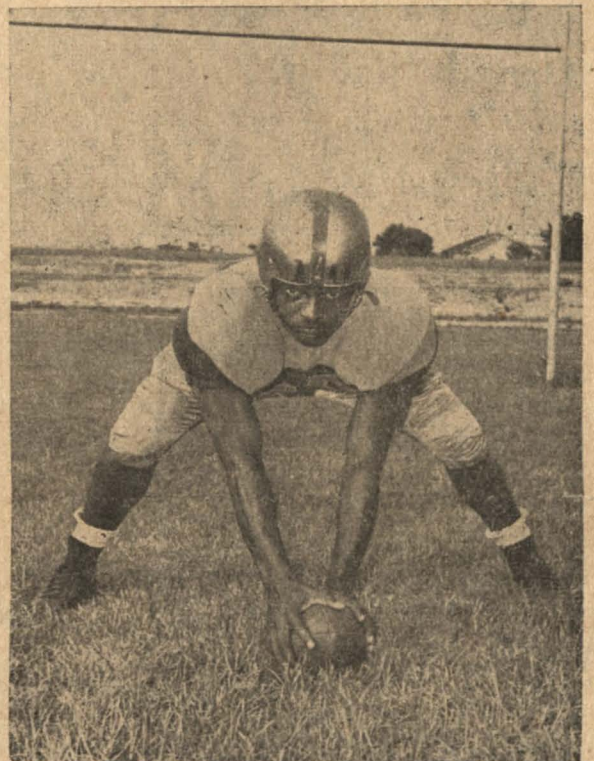
Tri-Captain
CHARLES HAYWOOD
End



CHARLIE "Choo Choo" BRACKINS, Quarterback



Tri-Captain
LENARD ROBINSON
Tackle



BILL WYNN, Center

About the Panthers

Perhaps at no other time in the history of football at Prairie View has the Panther squad brought as much recognition to the institution as during the past year, 1953.

Records of the team in the past fail to reveal where the P. V. squad had brought the NATIONAL NEGRO FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP title to the campus, to say nothing of having the Southwest Conference Championship title for the third consecutive year, pinned to its lapels, also.

After having won twelve games—no games were tied—among which three were played in famous "Bowls," the Panthers and their Prairie View fans everywhere have become rather "chesty" about their ability. We feel this is as it should be. So seldom does one get the opportunity to "poke out his chest" in genuine pride for having done a job successfully, that given the opportunity, it seems only fair that one take advantage of it.

We take pride in our team and our coaches, and preserve on these pages the photographs of the "greatest football team of 1953!"

The PANTHER "pokes out its chest" (with restrained modesty) so that all may know that the Prairie View Panthers are the best.

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What makes a woman think that because you drank a quart of milk yesterday you want to drink a quart today and every day till death?



The Panther Squad, 1953 football season and post-season, which brought to the College and to the Southwest the first National Negro Championship title.

About the Coaches

The PANTHER recognizes that football coaches are judged by the teams they produce. We do not go along with this feeling altogether, for it is our position that our Prairie View coaches are among the best, anywhere, win or lose.

Our Head Football Coach, W. J. "Billy" Nicks, represents the type of individual whom the staff of this paper feels is a contemporary coach—mild mannered, scholastically conscious, fair minded, a hard worker, and dedicated to doing his best with his squad and the Physical Education Department.

Our Offensive Coach, Hugh L. McKinnis, is what we designate as "the stickler" — determined to be punctual, determined to be accurate, determined to be "regular," determined to get the best possible response from the members of the squad, and determined to function as a member of the coaching team by holding up his end of the responsibilities.

Our Defensive Coach, E. V. Rettig, is the "calm, cool, collected" type of football strategists—unruffled, unhurried, undismayed, unscarred from battles with foes on the gridiron, and undisturbed about unfavorable criticism about the team.

We like our coaches, and take pride in rendering them a salute for having given us our "Coach of the Year" as well as the "Team of the Year."

Study Abroad

A small number of students and teachers can travel to and from Europe without cost by serving on the educational and recreational staff of the 1954 student sailings of the one-class ship CASTEL FELICE, according to Mr. Anthony S. Pinter, president of Study Abroad Inc., in charge of these sailings.

Duties of the staff include assistance with program of lectures and discussions about the European countries and problems of the educational tourist, language classes, the newspaper and library; and supervision of the deck games, swimming, talent shows, dances, moving pictures and shipboard discipline. These positions are open to Americans and to Europeans who have been studying or teaching in the United States, Mr. Pinter announced, but only applicants with qualifications in the fields should write to the CASTEL FELICE Staff Council, Study Abroad Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

The CASTEL FELICE will sail for Havre, Southampton and Bremerhaven June 4, from Quebec and New York, June 30. Minimum fares are \$140 each way from or to New York.

Some Facts About Dental Health

By DR. G. E. HAMILTON

The sixth annual National Children's Dental Health Day was observed throughout the country in February. This observance was designed to place the spotlight on the need for more dental health education for children.

Tooth decay is probably the most common of all diseases. It is estimated that 95% of the nations population has been afflicted by what dentists call "dental caries." These dental caries have annoyed, pained and disfigured the human race. Loss of teeth, difficulty in eating, teeth shifted into ugly positions, even facial deformities are but a few of the ravages that may begin with an ignored pinpoint cavity.

As regards children, the number one villain in dental health is sugar. In fact, some dental scientists have declared that if America's sweet tooth grows much larger, we may become a nation without teeth. Each time a child eats a sweet, the teeth are attacked by acids produced from the sugar.

Sweets eaten between meals are particularly dangerous because each time the sweet is eaten, the decay process starts again. The child who nibbles on candies, cookies and other sweets five or six times a day invites badly diseased teeth.

If a mother gives her youngster a sweet between meals, she is urged to see that he brushes his teeth immediately. Better still, she might substitute fresh fruit, popcorn, or nuts instead of sweets for between-meal snacks.

Research has given dental scientists several preventive weapons in the age-old fight against the dental diseases. These weapons are:

1. Proper use of the tooth brush immediately after eating
2. A nourishing, balanced diet low in sweets
3. Early detection and treatment of dental diseases
4. The Fluoridation of community water supplies or the periodical application of Sodium Fluoride to the child's teeth.

Dental decay is chiefly a disease of childhood and adolescence. If the devastating effects of too much sweet food can be avoided during this period, these young people will have far less dental ills than their elders.

PV Grad Chosen For Special Work

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he was administered the French Proficiency test and made a superior score. This action will probably lead to an intelligence post in Europe in the future. Lt. Sullivan was the only member of his race assigned to this position.

An outstanding alumnus, Lt. Sullivan, Class of '53, was an honor student, received the T. K. Lawless award for the most outstanding student of his class and the Colonel Sam W. Becker award for the most outstanding graduating cadet of the 1st Inf. Regt. at Prairie View.

Picture at the right — A party given in the parlor of Evans Hall recently.



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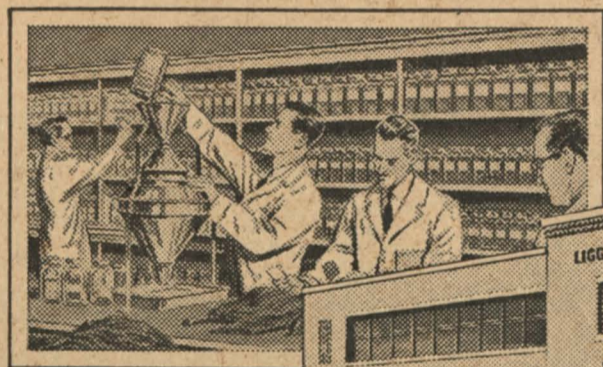
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