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Becton addresses banquet to honor Buffalo Soldiers



The Buffalo Soldier monument in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, honors Black soldiers who served their country in the 1930s and 1940s.

Press Release

Prairie View A&M University President, Lt. General Julius W. Becton, Jr., recently joined General Colin Powell, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a rousing salute to the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th and the 10th cavalry.

President Becton was the featured speaker at a Reunion Banquet

luncheon for the 9th and 10th cavalry, held at the Sunflower Missionary Baptist Church, Leavenworth, Kansas.

The salute to the Buffalo Soldiers came at the behest of General Powell and with the determined work of Commander Carlton G. Philpot who was able to arrange the program after Gen. Powell was transferred to another

duty station.

Becton received a standing ovation from the crowd for his speech and was frequently interrupted with applause. During his speech, he answered the age old question of why Black soldiers, such as the Buffalo Soldiers, chose to fight for the U.S. when they did not possess full civil

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Computer Science program accredited: a first for TAMUS

Press Release

The Prairie View A&M University Computer Science Program has been awarded accreditation by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission (CSAC) at its annual meeting held in Dallas on June 28, 1992.

This accreditation places Prairie View A&M University among the top rated universities with computer science programs in the nation.

Dr. Haku Israni, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology says that, "It is rare for any program to even consider attempting to obtain accreditation in its infancy. We graduated our first student from this program only in May, 1992."

It should be noted that accreditation agencies such as CSAC were

developed in order to assure that higher education programs meet the minimum standards of educational criteria agreed on by members of the subject field or profession.

As such, this early accreditation is an outstanding coup for Prairie View A&M University and the Texas A&M System as a whole.

According to a report issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, only five Texas universities have received a similar accreditation. They are Baylor University, Texas Christian University, University of Houston-University Park, University of North Texas and University of Texas-El Paso.

As such, Prairie View

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Fall Semester
August 27-29

22nd Annual Career Festival
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Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.

—E.B. White

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NEWSBRIEFS

ABC News recruits communications students for GOP Convention.

Ten Students from the department of communications have been asked by the ABC News network to provide technical and professional assistance at the upcoming Republic National Convention to be held at the Houston Astrodome.

Among those who will

serve as special assistants to the various news reporters, anchors and technical crew are: Nicole Bell, Deanavonne Lawson, Roland Lemonius, Donna Shelton, Michelle Johnson, Anita Griffin, Melanye Lacy, Robyn Ford, Tatia Epting, and Brian Jackson.

Commencement Speaker Chosen

Professor Earl M. Lewis, of the University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, has been chosen commencement speaker for the upcoming Prairie View A&M University graduation ceremony scheduled

Sunday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the university field-house.

General Pledges Papers to PVAMU

Retired Lt. General C.A.H. Waller has announced that he is gathering his professional papers for placement in the Prairie View A&M University Archives Department of the university library. Waller has announced that his donation of the papers should take place after September 1, of this year.

Waller was recently PVAMU's commencement speaker during the May 1992 exercises where he

was well received, according to official accounts. The subject of Waller's speech was "Are You Ready?....Winners and Leaders."

Purdue Honors Faculty Members

Three Prairie View faculty members were awarded fellowships this summer at Purdue University. Dr. Jo Ann Blake (College of Nursing), Dr. Ordia L. Harrison (College of Education) and Dr. Mach H. Jones (Division of Social & Political Science) were given fellowships in order to study and do research at Purdue, within their respec-

tive disciplines.

Fall '92 Faculty and Professional Staff Conference

The Fall '92 faculty and professional Staff Conference will be held on August 20 - 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. The guest speakers at the conference will be Dr. Barry B. Thompson, president of West Texas University, Canyon, Texas, Dr. James Douglas, dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, TSU, Houston and Dr. John Odom, president Odom and Associates, Madison, Wisconsin.

Of note to the summer grads.

University Release

Commencement for students graduating this summer will take place on Sunday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Candidates should report at 9:30 a.m. to the Health & Physical Education Building on campus.

Rehearsal will be on Saturday, August 8, at 8:30 a.m. Caps and gowns may be purchased at the University Bookstore Mondays through Fridays and on Saturday, August 8.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. Earl Lewis, retired distinguished chairman of the department of Urban Studies at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

PEOPLE

Dr. Sid Credle, Associate Professor & Chairman of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems at PVAMU received his BS degree from Hampton University, MBA from Cornell University, a Ph.D. from the University of Texas-Austin and is a CPA licensed in New York.

Credle has had experience as an audit/tax specialist with Arthur Andersen (NY) and the Collins and Aikman Corporation. He previously taught accounting at Florida A&M University and the University of Texas.

Under Credle's leadership the department of Accounting & Information Systems has been designated one of the 'Peaks of Excellence' at Prairie View, and is considered an innovation in Texas accounting education.

This recognition is attributed to the department's student leadership program, a dynamic internship structure, the competitive methodology developed to teach strategy/tactics using chess analysis and Japanese fencing and the accomplishments of the department's graduates.



Dr. Sid Credle

NEWSWEEK

Post office dedicated to P.V.'s first postmaster

U.S. Postal Service breaks tradition, dedicates new facility to living person

In a rare public ceremony, the U.S. Postal Service honored the first postmaster of Prairie View on July 17th. Mrs. Esel Bell had the new postal facility located at the Avenue B/FM 1098 Loop named in her honor.

Mrs. Bell is one of very few individuals to have a post office dedicated to them as a living testimonial as most facilities are posthumously presented. However, Mrs. Bell's service during her tenure as postmaster was so exemplary and profound that the postal service felt that it must break with tradition to honor her for her contribution to the Prairie View, Texas community.

Bell, who was born in Magnolia, Texas, is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and was hired as a postal clerk in 1950 and served in that capacity until 1968 when the postal branch (of the Waller Post Office) became an independent entity.

She was named superintendent of the Prairie View Post Office, where she served

until 1984. In 1984, she was named the first postmaster of the Prairie View Post Office. Esel Bell retired in January 1989 after 38 years of service.

Although she is retired, her enthusiasm is still evident by her service to fundraising and community service to PVAMU School of Home Economics, the Johnson-Phillips All Faith Chapel, the PV Athletic Department Fund, PV Alumni House, the PV Development Fund and the Charles Gilpin Players.

Bell has also served as leader of a girl scout troop, member of the Prairie View Credit Union Board of Directors, past Vice-President of the Prairie View Local Alumni Association, past president of the Jack and Jill of America (PV Chapter), secretary and board member of the Hillcrest Water Users Association and a member of Phi Delta Kappa.



Esel Bell

College of business receives \$30,000 scholarship fund

University Release

State Farm Insurance Companies established a \$30,000 scholarship fund for the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University.

These monies will be used to support women and minority students pursuing careers in any area of business.

Mr. Paul McClain, Regional Personnel Manager, of Austin who presented the check to Dr. Barbara Jones, dean of the College of Business, indicated that the gift is an indication of their positive opinion of PVAMU and the companies' support of the education of minority students.

This contribution is a part of the continuing support of State Farm to the College of Business. The State Farm Chapter of Toastmasters, International also is the sponsoring group for "Voices of Distinction", the PVAMU chapter of Toastmasters which operates out of the College of Business.

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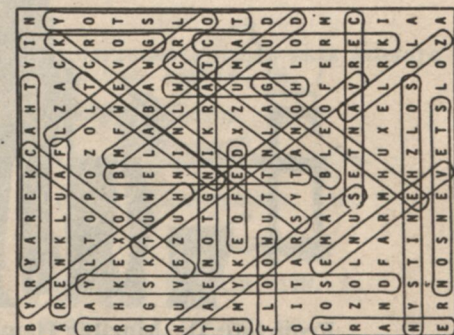


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NEWSWEEK

Banneker students chosen for summer programs at universities across the U.S.

Press Release

Twelve students from the Benjamin Banneker Honors College at Prairie View A&M University are involved in intensive summer research programs on campuses of the University of Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania State University.

The students chosen to participate in the Consortium on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Summer Research Opportunity Programs (SROP) are:

University of Michigan: Kelly P. Doakes (chemical engineering), Charles L. Harris (architectural engineering), Kathy D. Harrison (psychology); *University of Iowa:* Deyna Sims (political science), Mark Waddleton

(mechanical engineering) and LaChee D. Payne; *Michigan State University:* is Derrick Rogers (communications); *at Pennsylvania State University:* Reginald B. Wilcox (electrical engineering); *University of Wisconsin at Madison:* Kusi Fordjour (chemistry); *University of Illinois at Chicago:* Katrina Burson; *University of Chicago:* Reginald Simmons (psychology).

According to Valeria O'Neal, Banneker College Coordinator, "this type of representation of Banneker students at some of the nation's top research universities make it all worthwhile".

Students will receive a stipend of \$2,500 plus expense allowances of approximately \$1,100 to cover travel plus room and board.

The SROP, founded seven years ago by the CIC universities, is designed to encourage talented undergraduate students to pursue graduate study and eventually become professors.

Dr. Jewel L. Prestage, dean of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, will participate in the 1992 SROP conference at the University of Illinois on July 24. "The conference brings more than 500 minority students as well as dozens of faculty members and administrators from the participating universities together in a single location.

The networking that results is not only beneficial to the participating research students, but to the associated professors as well", Prestage added.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Summer '92 Graduates



from the staff of The Panther

Association for Counseling and Development holds first annual meeting



From left: Dr. Marilyn Hamilton, Mrs. Sherylle Fuller, Mr. Lee Coleman, Mr. Joe Jenkins, Ms. Lois Hayes, Mr. Daniel Boone, Ms. Bennie Richards, Mrs. Andrea Branch and Dr. Waymon Webster

Prairie View's newly formed Association for Counseling and Development recently met on campus at the Hobart Taylor Auditorium.

The association is dedicated to the furtherance of, "... The ideals and philosophy of the professional discipline of guidance, counseling, and human development."

The association also promotes the exchange of professional experiences and personal growth through interaction at state, local and national conferences and meetings.

The guest speaker for

the forum was educational coordinator, Daniel Boone, who is with the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors in Austin.

According to Sherylle Fuller, secretary of the organization, the association was formed by graduate students of Prairie View's Guidance and Counseling Department in order to increase the professional growth of each new counselor.

Although this year's program was the first of its kind, the association hopes to make the program an annual affair.

SPORTSWEEK



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Football team expects renewed comeback this season

Press Release

Football returned to Prairie View in 1991 following a one-year absence, but the Panthers were not ready for the challenge as they limped through a winless season while being outscored by a whopping 617-48 margin.

However, first-year coach Ron Beard survived, and this year his battered team is determined to make amends for last season's nightmarish showing.

"We played well in the last game against Southern and it had a carry-over effect to the spring drills. They're coming back in 1992 with something to prove," Beard said.

Heading the 18 returning starters is Reginald "Bo" Gilliard, who caught 68 passes for 649 yards and three TDs. Danny Hull will direct the offense. Seasoned run-

ners are available in Julius Whitby and Andre Riser.

Wide receivers Jamal Myers and Shawn Narcisse along with tight end Kerick Arrington will take some heat off Gilliard. Joseph Carter and Maurice McGowan are on the line.

John Witby leads the defensive line and Alphonso Provo, Niles Dillard, and Tony Woods the linebackers. Dominique Artis, third in the SWAC in tackles, is in the secondary where Courtney Parham and Adrian Mosely play key roles. Punter Samuel Barner was second-team all-SWAC.

Beard and his staff are also very excited about the 29 newcomers they have been able to recruit for the upcoming season, despite the absence of scholarships.

Among the newcomers are eight huge offensive linemen: Ervin Bennett, a 6-

foot-4, 320-pounder from Navasota; Robert Green, a 6-5, 260-pounder from Montgomery; Levy Bradley, a 6-4, 260-pounder from Sterling; Darryl Norris, a 6-2, 280-pounder from Forest Brook; Don Gamble, a 6-6, 242-pounder from Clements; Arturo Aguilar, a 6-foot, 260-pounder from Killeen; David McPherson, a 6-6, 260-pounder from Victoria; and Don McLaughlin, a 6-5, 275-pounder from Killeen.

Coming to the aid of the Panthers' defense are Jesse Scott, a 6-1, 240-pound-linebacker from Reagan; Rodney Lillie, a 6-4, 260-pound defense lineman from Worthing; Dedric Clark, a 6-5, 317-pounder from Klein Forest; Von Cross, a 6-3, 240-pounder from Coldspring; and James Duplechain, a 6-3, 230 pound linebacker from Yates.

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY 1992 PANTHER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
SEPT. 05	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	LABOR DAY CLASSIC 7:30 P.M.	HOUSTON, Tx.
SEPT. 12	ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY	6:00 P.M.	PRAIRIE VIEW, Tx.
SEPT. 19	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY	6:00 P.M.	PRAIRIE VIEW, Tx.
SEPT. 26	OPEN		
OCT. 03	GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY	AL LIPSCOMB'S STATE FAIR CLASSIC 7:00 P.M.	DALLAS, Tx.
OCT. 10	WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY	7:00 P.M.	CANYON, Tx.
OCT. 17	ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 P.M.	PRAIRIE VIEW, Tx.
OCT. 24	ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY	7:00 P.M.	MONTGOMERY, Ala.
OCT. 31	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	2:00 P.M.	ITTA BENA, Ms.
NOV. 07	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	2:00 P.M.	PRAIRIE VIEW, Tx.
NOV. 14	JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY	7:00 P.M.	JACKSON, Ms.
NOV. 21	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	6:00 P.M.	HOUSTON, Tx.

LIFESTYLES

Port Arthur mayor honors Rev. Talley at Art Exhibit



"Faces of the King", (Detail) Acrylics/Collage

Prairie View A&M University Professor of Art, Rev. Clarence Talley, took the Port Arthur area by storm when his works were displayed at the Texas Artists Museum Society Gallery from July 12 through July 31.

Talley, who is understandably excited about the honor, compiled works primarily of sculptures, acrylics and drawings. The themes for the exhibit are "Religion in Art: Something Within" and "The 15 Stations of the Cross".

The exhibit, was sponsored by the Prairie View A&M Alumni Club of Port Arthur.

According to Rev. Talley, his work allows him to draw on his "spiritual roots" through the exploration of such diverse topics as teen pregnancy, illiteracy and the breakdown of the family.

Rev. Talley graduated from Southern University with a bachelors degree, earned a master of fine arts degree from Louisiana State University and began teaching at Prairie View A&M University during the fall of 1975.

Talley is a published author and has written a book entitled "The Call for the Prophet", which is a study of old testament prophets.

Talley's most recent work, which has caused a stir is entitled "The Black Male: An Endangered Species."

Mayor Mary Ellen Summerlin, of Port Arthur, honored Rev. Talley with a proclamation welcoming his exhibit and praising his contributions to society.

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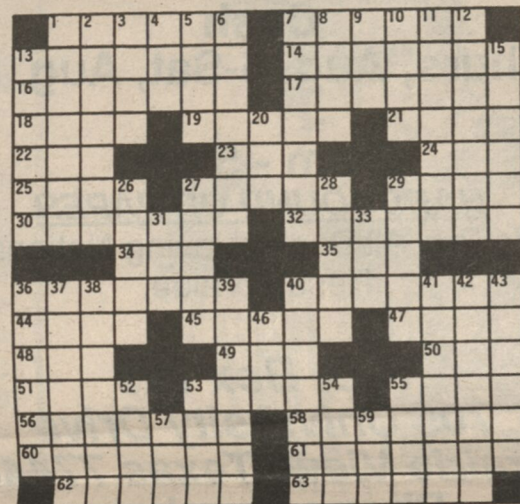
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- 1 Meditators
 - 7 Drink taken after a drink
 - 13 Church in Rome
 - 14 Natural environment
 - 16 Former
 - 17 City in California
 - 18 Gives a bad review
 - 19 Chess pieces
 - 21 Overly proper person
 - 22 Part of TGIF
 - 23 Kith and —
 - 24 Horse
 - 25 Nuremberg no
 - 27 Detroit athlete
 - 29 Ticket sales for an event
 - 30 Dessert item
 - 32 Defamed
 - 34 Louisville slugger
 - 35 — Yat-sen
 - 36 Propriety of behavior
 - 40 Loses weight
 - 44 Man from Mecca
 - 45 The devil
 - 47 Store sign
 - 48 Nod off
 - 49 American league team (abbr.)
 - 50 Part of MPH
 - 51 Patron
 - 53 African capital
 - 55 Take a bride
 - 56 Persist at, as a point
 - 58 From Lhasa
 - 60 Religious recluse
 - 61 Flatter
 - 62 Conditions
 - 63 Cuddle
 - 13 Moving like a horse
 - 15 Having a label
 - 20 Toupee
 - 25 Important person
 - 27 — Andronicus
 - 28 Ascended
 - 29 "Trivial Pursuit" edition
 - 31 Feather's partner
 - 33 Lou's partner
 - 36 Vienna's river
 - 37 Schoolroom need
 - 38 Short, sleeveless garment
 - 39 Becomes due, as a note
 - 40 Rutgers' river
 - 41 Balance sheet section
 - 42 Lift up
 - 43 Peaceful
 - 46 Metric —
 - 52 Hindu deity
 - 53 — board
 - 54 — order
 - 55 Whip mark
 - 57 — part
 - 59 Ralph Kramden's vehicle
- DOWN**
- 1 Sea mammal
 - 2 Kitchen device
 - 3 Tennis match parts
 - 4 Gad's son
 - 5 Highway part
 - 6 Enter furtively (2 wds.)
 - 7 Station
 - 8 Dutch painter
 - 9 Former pro league
 - 10 Nitwit
 - 11 Rome, The — City
 - 12 Show joy

Answers to puzzle on page 8.



"Fourth Station of the Cross: Jesus meets his afflicted mother."



Becton

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rights here.

He said, "To some it might seem ironic that Black soldiers would take up arms to defend a country where they were not received as first class citizens. However, those who make this statement misunderstand what the Buffalo Soldiers understood. They knew that the U.S. was their home, and while imperfect, there is always a chance for change...there is always a chance for progress."

President Becton cited the fact that some twenty medals of honor were awarded to the Buffalo Soldiers from 1867 to 1898 and that the infamous bandit, Pancho Villa, was captured by the Buffalo Soldiers.

He said, "The Buffalo Sol-

diers were loyal, dedicated and determined. The lesson of the Buffalo Soldier is one of duty and honor. In life we can choose to be a part of the solution to the problem."

Becton went on to mention that during the times of the Buffalo Soldiers, true civil rights were not fully available to them. But, in spite of this imposed handicap...they did their duty as God gave them the light to see that duty...and those who might say that their accomplishment was miniscule must answer the question. How much of America would exist today had it not been for the Buffalo Soldier?

Computer Science accredited

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A&M University becomes the only member of the Texas A&M University System to be accredited by CSAC.

Dean Israni noted that receiving this accreditation is like "...receiving a seal of approval from one's peers." He further emphasized that this accreditation came as a result of the herculean efforts of the stu-

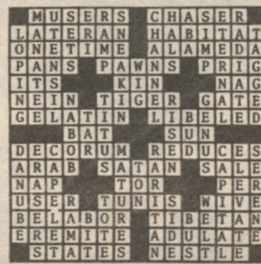
dents, faculty and staff of the Computer Science Program.

The Computer Science Accreditation Commission is a relatively new one which has begun in 1985. Only ninety-four universities were accredited as of September 30, 1990, according to the commission's book of listed

schools.

With this accomplishment PVAMU joins Howard University, Jackson State University, Southern University, Norfolk State University, and Hampton University as the only six Historically Black Colleges and Universities which have received such a prestigious honor.

Answers to Collegiate Crossword See Page 6.



Default Prevention:

A must for the Prairie View student

Former Prairie View students are currently not repaying the loan fund they borrowed while at school. Consequently, those students currently enrolled are being penalized.

Prairie View's current default rate for the Stafford Loan is 32.9%. This rate means that

1. New students to the SLS loan program cannot borrow any loan funds.
2. Pro-Rata refund policy must be implemented.

The university has implemented the following plan to attempt to reduce future defaults.

1. Delayed disbursement of all loan checks for 30 days after the fall semester begins.
2. Delayed disbursement of loan checks for new students for 30 days after the spring semester begins.
3. Established Office to assist students with their loan concerns.
4. Require all students to attend mandatory pre-loan counseling sessions prior to receiving their Stafford check.
5. Require all students who properly withdraw to attend an exit counseling session.
6. Contact all students who are about to default on their loans regarding methods to keep them from defaulting.
7. Implement for the Fall 1992 semester electronic loan fund transfer. This will permit students to have their loan funds applied to their loan check.

If Prairie View continues to show default rates in excess of 30%, the institution may lose its Stafford and Pell Grant Program.

Former students in need of assistance in trying to get their defaults removed may call the Loan Collection Office at 409/857-2005.

Jacket

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letes in her charge with the help of six assistant coaches.

According to Jacket, "The hardest parts of the job are psyching someone and keeping them focused on exactly why they are there as well as choosing a relay team."

She mentions that Olympic coaches often get the credit or the criticism for a particular event, when in fact, the athletes' personal coaches are often there with them. It is these individuals who have contributed immensely to an athlete's success and their performance and should also be recognized.

She has found that choosing a relay team can be difficult and is a sensitive issue, for each athlete considers herself to be as good as, or even better than another who has been selected for the team. Commenting on the selection process of the Olympic Trials, where past Olympic champions may fail to make it to the final round, Jacket considers this to be the "greatest system we have".

She maintains that an outstanding athlete's poor performance on a particular day of the trials cannot be overlooked. For indeed, the United States' success in Barcelona depends on each athlete being fully prepared for an event on the given day.

Discipline, to Jacket, is a prime ingredient for one's success in any endeavor, and is a quality she tries to instill in her athletes. Likewise, whenever she hears them speaking of how well they plan to perform in an event, she will often say, "Don't tell me about it...instead, show me."

This perspective has a direct bearing on her personal philosophy of living each day as if it is the last and not procrastinating with things that are of the utmost importance.

Jacket draws much of her inspiration from her close and supportive family and has also been influenced by the strength and character of such former coaches as Dr. Nell Jackson and Aretha Guidry.

As it turns out Jacket may be part of an ongoing tradition of outstanding coaches.

Dr. Nell Jackson, who coached her while she was at Tuskegee, became the first Black female Olympic head coach. Jacket has now followed her lead to become the second to receive such an honor.

Reflecting on the successes of her career, Jacket is content with the realization that she has achieved everything she ever planned. Notwithstanding that sometimes her choices did not meet everyone else's approval, she has always been committed to doing it "her way," for only then can she be satisfied with herself.

After returning from Barcelona, Jacket plans to resume her duties at Prairie View A&M University, and, "With the help of God and her fellow coaches, make the university's athletic department and track teams the best they have ever been."