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**PAN HELLENIC COUNCIL** — Recent photo of the group included Waverly Nolley (Alphas), Karen Wynn (Deltas), Jennifer Jones (AKA's), Beatrice Harmon, (Sigma Gamma Rho), Clyde Pikes (Sigmas), Deidre Hunter (S.G.R.), Shirley Deese (Deltas), and Ronnie Smith (Alphas).



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**American Heart Ass'n.**

**PV's Jump Rope Project Raises Funds in March**

The American Heart Association's Jump rope for Heart, held at Prairie View A&M University, March 1981, has raised \$435.36 toward the fight against premature death and disability from heart disease.

Some 32 students and adults participated in the event which featured six-member teams jumping rope to earn pledges based on the number of minutes jumped in a three-hour period.

Members of winning teams at each school will receive warm-up suits. A winning team must have raised at least \$200 to qualify. Any individual member of a non-winning team who turned in pledges of

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## All-Faiths Chapel Drive Nears \$ 1/2 Million

According to the Reverend W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel, Prairie View A&M University, the All Faiths Chapel Drive has reached a total of \$484,807.77 in cash. The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents authorized a \$10,000.00 appropriation for preparation of program of requirements. According to Reverend Johnson our projected goal is to have a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$1/2 million) by June 10, 1981. We will keep you abreast on the outstanding progress we are making in our fund raising activities at Prairie View A&M University.

Listed below is a financial report of the All Faiths Chapel status:

FINANCIAL REPORT	
ALL FAITHS CHAPEL CENTER BUILDING FUND	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:	
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976	\$ 500.00
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977	3,055.00
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978	42,137.45
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979	123,180.75
January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980	241,197.06
January 1, 1981 to	4,305.47
	<b>SUB-TOTAL \$414,375.73</b>
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED:	
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978	\$ 311.72
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED:	
Prairie View Development Fund Gifts	
January 1, 1979 to May 27, 1980	9,788.37
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED:	
All Faiths Chapel Center Building Fund	
Account, #59-300	
July 25, 1979 to February 28, 1981	53,853.56
TOTAL GIFTS AND INTEREST RECEIVED TO:	
April 2, 1981	478,329.38
TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED: April 2-24, 1981	
	50.00
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED:	
All Faiths Chapel Center Building Fund	
Account, #59-300 March 31, 1981	5,978.39
<b>GRAND TOTAL GIFTS AND INTEREST RECEIVED AS OF APRIL 24, 1981 \$484,807.77</b>	

**Don't Forget — Your Participation in the 1981 PANTHERLAND Final Copy Deadline — May 15**

## Miss PV A&M Pageant A Winner

by Henry Hawkins

Alice Christine Clemons, a 21-year-old junior from Chicago, Ill. won the title of Miss Prairie View in the 12th annual Miss Prairie View pageant held in the Prairie View fieldhouse last Thursday (April 23).

Miss Clemons earned the right to represent Prairie View in the Miss Texas pageant in June, a prelude to the Miss America pageant.

Winning the title earned Miss Clemons the right to represent Prairie View for a year at official functions and various social affairs. She will be officially crowned at next fall's homecoming football game, October 31.

First runnerup in the pageant was Vanessa Gail Walker, a 19-year-old sophomore from Prairie View. Second runnerup was Deidre Dickson, a 20-year-old junior from Houston.

Tina Marie Seriale, a 19-year-old sophomore from Highlands, Texas won the title of Miss Congeniality, as voted by the seven contestants. Miss

Congeniality represented the girl who was the "most cooperative, courteous and friendliest."

Miss Clemons was awarded first place on a composite decision of five judges based on talent, swimsuit appeal and evening gown wear. For her talent, Miss Clemons sang the theme song from the movie "Valley of the Dolls."

For her talent portion Miss Walker sang a medley of songs including "The Greatest" and "Jesus Is Love."

Miss Dickson sang "I Found Love" during her talent presentation.

Miss Clemons is a marketing major, who attended the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff two years before transferring to Prairie View.

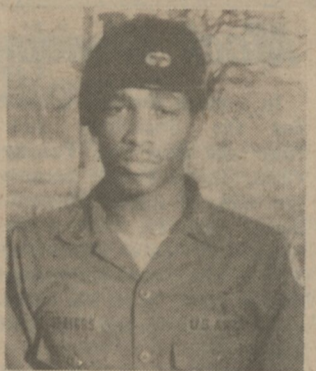
She is a member of the American Marketing Association, Symphonic Band and Baptist Student Movement Choir.

While at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff she won the title of "Miss August" in a calendar girl competition.

Miss Clemons, a graduate of Lindbloom Technical High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Clory See **PAGEANT**, Page 7



**MISS PV A&M WINNERS** — Alice Clemons (center) junior from Chicago, Illinois won the title of Miss Prairie View A&M. First runner-up is Vanessa Gail Walker (left) of Prairie View and second runner-up is Deidre Dickson, sophomore from Houston.



George Spriggs

**PV Cadet Named Airborne Honor Grad**

During the summer of 1980, Cadet George Spriggs from Houston, Texas, earned the highly coveted silver paratroopers' wings and the special designation of "Honor Graduate" from his Airborne class at Fort Benning, Georgia. The "Honor Graduate" award is a distinctive achievement because it is given to the best student from among all of the officers, cadets and enlisted personnel attending the class.

The Airborne course is three-weeks of rugged training designed to build courage, confidence, physical fitness and discipline. The highlights of the course were the five parachute jumps (four during daylight and one at night) from an aircraft flying at an altitude of about 1200 feet.

Cadet Spriggs is an engineering major and MS III cadet. He is the first Prairie View cadet to earn this distinctive award during the last ten years.

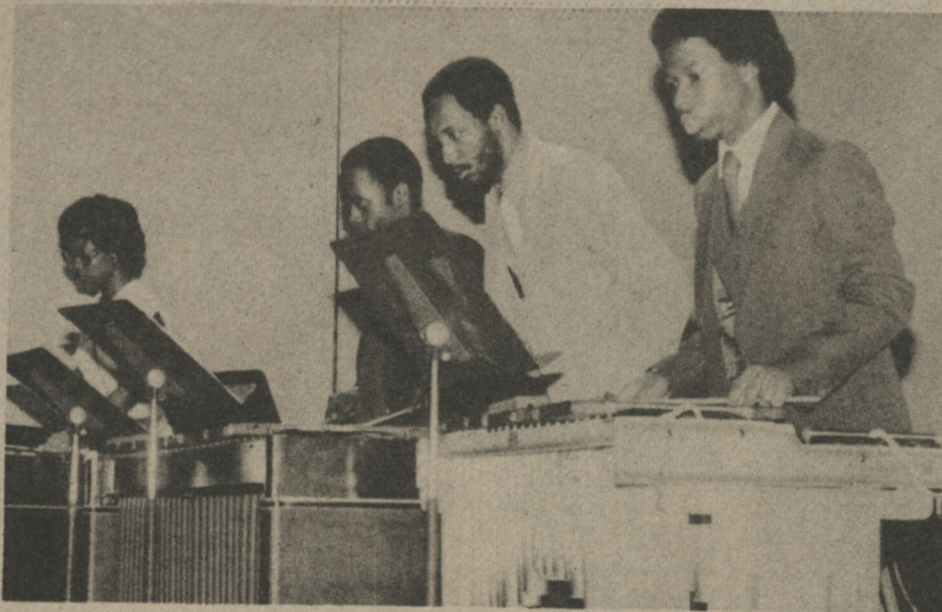
**Spanish Institute Scheduled for Summer Session**

An Intensive Conversational Spanish Institute will be held June 15 through July 24 at Prairie View A&M University's Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

In making the announcement, H. Olivette Higgs, acting department head, said the institute will be open to public school employees, business, industry, government, nursing or health professionals, social work or other areas of employment.

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**PARENTS DAY PROGRAM** — Music students entertain during annual observance of Parents Day, Sunday, April 26 in University Fieldhouse.

### Mock Wedding is Project of Sociology Class

In a mock wedding project for the Sociology 303: Marriage and the Family Class, Ingrid Pistole became the bride of Robert Montgomery, April 15, 1981 at the Memorial Center Ballroom, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The entire class participated in the project.

The bride wore a gown of white lace with a satin overlay

with a lace veil, white pearl crown and a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids wore gowns of rainbow assortment including baby blue, pink, peach and yellow.

Myra North played the part of the bride's mother. The groom's mother was played by Carrie Edison. Bridesmaids were Bennie Boman, Diane Eagans, Barbara Harris,

Brenda Blackman and Phyllis Johnson.

The best man was Howard Grant. Groomsmen were David Livings, Erasmo Bawers, Anthony Zeno and Tim Simon.

Lisa Tolden, soloist, sang "One in a Million."

The service was conducted by DeWayne Pearson and

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### Black Baseball Collection Shown at National Museum

Until Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby stepped across major league baseball's color barrier in 1947, Negro baseball leagues were virtually the only opportunity for blacks to play ball.

"Black Baseball: Life in the Negro Leagues," an exhibition continuing at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History through May 15, introduces the Museum's new black baseball history collection and describes the cultural phenomenon of these ball clubs.

Carl Scheele, Smithsonian community life curator, and cultural historian Donn Rogosin assembled the collection and arranged for a portion of the photographs, uniforms, baseballs, trophies and other mementoes to be exhibited in a two-case display on the Museum's first floor.

Many of the artifacts were donated by individual players. Some of those players will visit the Museum Friday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. to participate in a special presentation program.

The Negro baseball leagues were a black athletic response to the segregation of the major league in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The first successful black league — the Negro National League — was founded by Andrew "Rube" Foster, an ace pitcher with the Leland Giants. Despite setbacks, they grew, matured, overcame hardship and ultimately flourished. The leagues introduced first-rate athletes to black Americans who were seeking their own place in U.S. society and an identity with American culture.

The players were genuine heroes. They traveled to every part of the nation. They earned a large part of their income in barnstorming exhibitions in the country-side, playing any team, white or black, that promised a payday — even if it meant a 500-mile bus ride.

The days were long. Roy Campanella, who played for 10 years with the Negro leagues and 10 years in the majors, recalled playing four games in one day on more than one occasion. Three games on Sunday was a common occurrence. The installation of electric lights for night baseball in the 1930s made the travel schedules even more exhausting. And in the winter, the black athletes played on integrated Latin American teams with major leaguers.

The athletes were among the best-known, most respected and well-traveled black Ameri-

### Reginald Hobbs A Young Man On The Way Up

"Versatility is my name," says Reginald Hobbs about himself. Reginald is a theater major who will graduate in August.

This remarkable young man has accomplished a great deal of things in a short amount of time. He has completed Nine major play productions at Prairie View. He has dazzled the stage as such characters as "Boo," the street wise thug in, "Livin' Fat"; "Marvin Hudgens," a country typed bully, "Judge Brack," the sinister bad guy in "Hedda



Hobbs

Gabler," just to name a few. Recently he has just finished what he calls his last major production, "Pelleas and Melisande," a Love story. Reginald especially like that particular role. "It was very different, I was playing an innocent boy of 17 who fell in love with his brother's wife.

Reginald's talent does not end with acting, for he is also a dancer. He has been involved in five major dance production at P.V., one of which was written by him. He has also been fortunate enough to achieve a dance scholarship, from Margo Marshall's School of Ballet. His dancing has really paid off for him. He auditioned and was cast as a dancer in the Equinox Theatre Production of, "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

Reginald's diversity in the arts does not end there, for he has just released his first 45 record, of which he wrote, sung, and produced. He plans to release and album by the end of the summer.

What's in store for the future? Well, Reginald has been accepted at California's Institute for the Arts, to study acting for his M.F.A. degree, after which, he plans to begin his career in acting professionally. With the determination and, self-motivation that Mr. Hobbs has he shall truly succeed.

cans of their day. They became models of excellence and achievement for youngsters to emulate. Their cosmopolitanism meant they were equally at home with small-town preachers of the deep South and sophisticated businessmen in the larger cities.

"Negro baseball may have represented the highest achievement of black enterprise during segregation," Donn Rogosin says. "The leagues were multimillion-dollar operations. Monies rippled through the black community as boarding houses, restaurants and taverns benefited."

The black leagues were explicitly patterned after the major leagues. By the 1940s there was a Negro National League, a Negro American League, a black World Series and a black All-Star game known as the East-West Classic.

Black and white "special event" encounters were frequent during the heyday of the Negro leagues. The white opponents ranged from hastily formed semi-professionals to major league "all-stars."

The leagues flourished for most of the 1920s and some Negro players commanded salaries of over \$350 a month — a large sum by the contemporary standards of black wage earners. Journey-men ballplayers made as much

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**PARENTS OF THE YEAR** — Pictured at top: Colonel and Mrs. Reginald Sapenter and below: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis.

### Baseball

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as \$200 a month. Among the outstanding players were Oscar Charlestown, John Henry Lloyd, Smokey Joe Williams, Dick Redding and Bullet Rogan.

The Depression destroyed the leagues' prosperity and in 1932 they folded and most of the teams reverted to independent status. Only a second massive infusion of capital revitalized the Negro leagues' structure in the 1930s.

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### 1981 Yearbook Specials Feature Finalists Named

**MOST BEAUTIFUL:**  
Jennifer Jones, Pamela Shields, Michele Wolfe, Tina Seriale, Alice Clemons, Julie Holloway, Marilyn Curtis, Valerie Cooper, Demetrice Gray, Kaye Buffington, Synthia Thomas, Celitha Swanson.

**ALTERNATES:**  
Marsha Reeves, Daphne Thomas.

**MOST FRIENDLY:**  
Aldo Putman, Deidra Willey, Debra Mathis, Paul Wesley, Harry Duffy, Norman Briscoe, Branda David, Tonja Amos.

**MOST HANDSOME:**  
Donnie Smith, Linnell Walker, Keith King, Henderson Taylor, Carl Johnson, Willie Thomas, Andre Dixon, Michael Hearn, Percy Roberts, Lloyd Berry, Andre Collins, John Russell.

**MOST CURVACEOUS:**  
Ramona Robertson, Bernadetta Mitchell, Brigitte Bass, Cheryl Bonner, Cheryl Williams, Effie Pearson, Twila Caldwell, Portia Donovan.



**MISS PV A&M IS CROWNED** — Newly elected campus queen Ms. Alice Clemons receives official crown from President A. I. Thomas and flowers from the outgoing queen, Natalie McKinney.

Jakkie Woodson, Ingrid Pistol, Kathy Josey, Sandra Zelaya.

**MOST TOGETHER:**  
Danny White, Gary Dyers, Harold Dockens, Mark Falls, Quinn Jenkins, Jordan Blair, Reginald Sampenton, Derrick Owens, Clyde Pikes, William

### Tri-Beta News

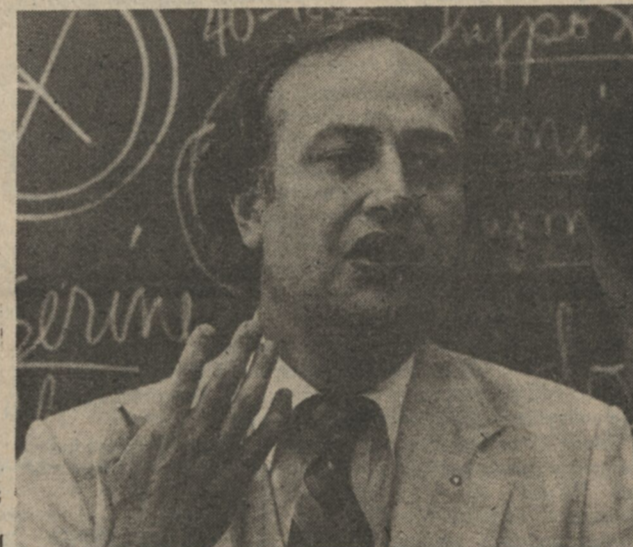
The Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society sponsored a biology seminar on April 22, 1981. The guest speaker was Dr. Daniel Thor, Professor of Microbiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He presented his research which was entitled, "Hybridomas and Homing Liposomes in Cancer Immunotherapy."

His research was concerned Swanson, Donnie Anderson.  
**ALTERNATES:**  
Ricky Walker.

with packaging a drug that would be able to determine cancerous cells from normal cells. This drug will kill the cancerous cells and leave the normal cells intact. He stated that his research was relatively new and that there were several opening for persons interested in this type of research.

On April 24 the Tri-Beta members traveled to Brenham to tour the Blue Bell Creamery. The members were impressed with the various processes of the plant's operation. After the

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Dr. Daniel Thor, Tri Beta speaker.

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National Survey Report

Starting Salary Offers On the Rise to Graduating Seniors

Data just compiled by the College Placement Council show that starting salaries to this year's college graduates are unaffected by the current sluggish economy. Almost all of the 24 curricula surveyed at the bachelor's level reported increases in starting salary offers over those reported in the CPC July 1980 report.

The highest salary offers were to engineering graduates. Students majoring in petroleum engineering continued to attract the top offers at the bachelor's level — \$26,244 annually, 10.1 percent above the July 1980 figure. Second-ranked chemical engineering, at \$24,276, experienced a 12.3 percent gain. Since the July 1980 report, increases in salary offers for the eleven engineering disciplines included in the survey ranged from 8 percent to 12 percent.

Job offers to engineering graduates continued to dominate the CPC survey, accounting for 63 percent of the bachelor's offers reported although this group includes only 7 percent of the projected bachelor's degrees to be conferred in 1980-81, according to Brutus N. Jackson, Director of Career Education and Placement at Prairie View A&M University, a participating institution in the national survey.

The three business disciplines, with 26 percent of the bachelor's offers, reported increases of 9 percent to 11 percent in salary offers since July 1980. The highest average offer in this group went to accounting majors — \$16,956 per year.

The seven scientific disciplines for which data are collected accounted for 8 percent of the volume. While offers to computer science graduates dominated this category in number of offers, the reported annual average of \$19,968 took second place. Other physical and earth sciences reported the top dollar offer in this group — \$21,912, which represents an 18 percent jump since the July 1980 report.

The humanities and social sciences group traditionally has a limited number of offers in this early report. Many graduates in this group receive job offers later in the academic year or following graduation and therefore are not represented in this mid-season report.

Of the 19 programs surveyed at the master's level, chemical engineering recorded the highest average salary offer. At \$21,340, this group jumped 12.7 percent over last July's closing figure. Geology and related geological sciences ranked second with an average of \$25,380.

The College Placement Council Survey data are based on offers, not acceptances, made to college students in selected curricula and graduate programs. Data are submitted throughout the year by 184 placement offices at 161 colleges and universities throughout the United States. Formal reports are issued in January, March and July. A preliminary report is published in December and a summer supplement in October.

The March 1981 CPC Salary Survey is based on offers reported between September 1, 1980 and March 6, 1981, and is available only to members and subscribers of the College Placement Council, Bethlehem, PA.

Wesley Foundation

Many exciting events have come into being with great and continuing promises for the future. Among some of the most productive events have been on campus as well as off campus programs and experiences. On campus programs involve: provisions of films, special worship services, and financial assistance to students, and the ongoing fellowship for all the family members of the University. Films were: "Religious Revolution Void"; "Civil Disorder: Kerner Report"; "Heritage of the Negro"; "Free At Last";



WINNING TEAM — Regular staff members who work and advise with the PANTHER pose with the plaque the paper won recently in regional judging at Savannah State in Georgia. Pictured back row (l-r) are C. A. Wood, Paris Kinkaid, Tom Godwin, Henry Hawkins; front row: Gloria Perez and Vanessa Jackson. (Not pictured, Jack Weeks).

The Sweet Smell of Success

"Ambition" is a word that triggers in the mind's eye all sorts of glowing dreams and ideals. An ambitious person desires strongly to make a place for himself in this life. This desire may well up from within, or it may be impressed on us by others. Ambition is a drive for recognition, power and success.

Few of us want to go along in life as nobodies. Competitions and rivalries confront us almost from the beginning of our conscious lives. Personal behavior at home, report cards, athletic contests, elections as class officers, and appointments by our superiors all provide rewards and disappointments as we vie with one another. Even if we have a natural abhorrence or indifference about these pressures, we cannot avoid them.

It is not surprising, therefore, that as we grow up there is formed within most of us an admiration for excellence as well as for a definite push to attain it. Many well-meaning persons, pursuing their ambition, have failed miserably because they have misjudged their goal, or have overestimated their part in it, or both.

The brothers James and John sons of Zebedee, were ambitious men. They had been chosen by Jesus to share in accomplishing His mission. It must have seemed to them that there were great possibilities for their future in a new order. Who cannot understand the excitement of these disciples as they followed their remarkable Teacher, heard His words, and witnessed His actions? For the two of them, the sweet smell of worldly status must have been too much to contain.

Inattentive to Jesus' prediction of His own death in Jerusalem, the two brothers blurted out the request that they be accorded important positions in His new regime. Not only had they misunderstood Jesus' goal — "a kingdom not of this world" — but they had misunderstood their part in it. James and John were ambitious, but for the wrong reasons. Despite this, the loving Lord still assured them of a place in the Kingdom, but with quite unexpected status — that of servants.

Many of us, pursuing our ambitions, make the same kind of

and "Four of Us Are Strangers!" Special Worship services included leading the Ash Wednesday service at First United Methodist Church in the P.V. Community. The director has busy counseling and procession loan applications for students to receive United Methodist Student loans. Two students were presented letters for scholarships of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each from the Glenn Flinn Memorial Scholarship Fund. The recipients of these scholarships were: Mr. Curtis Thomas of Port Arthus, Texas, and Mr. Kerry Matthews of Freeport, Texas. Some off campus experiences with great promise include the All Campus Retreat of the Wesley Foundations of many colleges and Universities of the Texas Conference Division of Campus Ministry held at Lakeview Methodist Assembly of the United Methodist Church out from Palestine, Texas. At this retreat, Mr. Curtis Thomas, a freshman here at P.V., was selected by peers as one of three students to serve on the Conference Division. In addition, Mr. Thomas and the director, the Reverend Darnell I. Walker, have been selected to be part of a delegation of Wesley Foundation students and directors to attend a Seminar on World Hunger which takes them to the United Nations'

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The Stone The Builders Rejected Became The Head

Rev. Cube Charleston, College of Industrial Education and Technology



Stones have many uses. They are known to stand many hardships. Our Bible tells us of many times when stones were used and their importance.

1. Jacob used a stone for a pillow when he went to sleep and he dreamed that he saw angels going up and down a ladder.

2. Moses used a stone for writing the laws.

3. David used a stone in his sling-shot when he killed Goliath.

4. Stones are used to put at the mouth of wells for safety.

5. Stones are used to construct buildings, and also put at the corner of the building to tell of its history.

6. Stones are used to make expensive jewelry.

7. Stones are put at the head of graves to identify the deceased.

My message comes about the rejection of Christ. Many times Christ was rejected. Sometimes we reject him by not thanking him for his blessings. Other times we reject him by not asking for his guidance.

Matthew said he was rejected when a farmer had a large farm and hired a wicked foreman. When he hired the wicked foreman the man went to a far off country and told the foreman to take care of the farm. When harvest time came the man sent the foreman some help. The wicked man beat the man and killed him. He sent

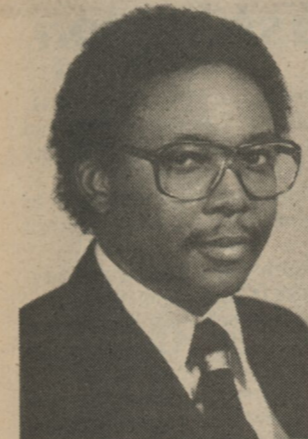
another man to neip the foreman. The foreman did the same thing again. Then he sent his only son, and the foreman beat and killed his son.

Matthew said in the parable, that God has always sent prophets to save people. God sent prophets and they killed them. God sent missionaries and they killed them. God sent his only son and they killed him. The son that they killed stayed in the grave three days and was resurrected. He arose and said all power in heaven and earth is in my hand. He was rejected but now he is the head.

We have read many times in the Bible of many biblical characters that were rejected. God made them the head. (1) Moses was rejected, he was put in a basket and hid in the river. God touched Pharaoh daughter's heart, she got him out of the river and raised him as her own child. Moses grew up to be a law giver and prophet. He delivered a whole nation. (2) Joseph was rejected and sold by his brother. God promoted him from a slave to a ruler.

Many times we feel rejected, may feel like you are the least or have been left out. But God can make you the head, make you the head of joy, make you the head of kindness, head of opportunities. When a door slams behind you, look for the one God to open another one.

mistake these disciples made. Aware of this, we should depend solely on our Lord to direct our lives and regularly ask Him to purify our ambitions.



Dr. Settles is Licensed Psychologist

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has approved the application of Dr. Carl E. Settles for license to practice in Texas.

The Prairie View professor is now a Counseling Clinical psychologist. He is now one of approximately 15 blacks licensed in psychology in the state of Texas.

A Prairie View A&M graduate and outstanding student athlete, Dr. Settles earned the Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas.

He was invited in March to participate in a workshop at Howard University, Washington, D.C. which examined Quantitative methods and Interdisciplining Contributions to employment and training.

He also conducts a workshop in community leadership in Galveston, Texas during the month of March.

Alphas Attend Regional Convention

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter attended the 35th Southwestern Regional Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 16-18, 1981. The brothers in attendance were Ronnie Smith, Hermon West, Percy Roberts, Rickey Gaines, Tyrone Davis, and Ronald Morgan.

While at the convention, the Chapter won several awards: W. E. Dubois Award, for the chapter with the highest overall grade point average, 3.12, in the Southwest Region; second place for te scrapbook competition.

Several brothers served on various committees: Grievance committee, consisted of Hermon West and Ronnie Smith; Resolutions and Recommendations committee, Ronnie Smith; National Publications Committee, Rickey Gaines;

Election committee, Rickey Gaines.

The graduate brothers of the Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter also had a note worthy involvement in Convention. The brothers who attended the convention were Mr. Robert Harris, Mr. Frederick Roberts, and Mr. Raymond Carreathers. Brother Harris served as a member of the awards committee. Brother Roberts served on the constitution committee, and the Resolutions and recommendations committee; he was also chosen as "Brother of the Year." Besides serving on the constitution committee, brother Carreathers was elected as vice-president of Southwest Region (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas).

Associate Editor to Sphinx Ronald Morgan

Alpha Spotlight



Ronnie Smith

Brothers Ronnie Smith of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is a senior majoring in industrial technology. He is from Hooks, Texas where he graduated from Hooks High School. He is the son of the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cafayette Smith. While attending Prairie View A&M University, brother Smith has attained various honors. His membership in honor societies are as follows: Phi Eta Sigma (freshman); Epsilon Pi Tau (industrial education and technology), in which he is the president) Alpha Kappa Mu (national). Other honors include Who's Who Among American University and Colleges, Dean Scholarship Award for sophomore with the highest grade point average in the College of Industrial Education and Technology, Meritorious Service Award, National Dean List, and President's Honor Roll (4 consecutive semesters). He has been chosen as one of the outstanding young men in America. He is also a member of the Junior Fellow, Junior Managers Association. After all this, brother Smith

Wedding —

CONTINUED from Page 2 photographer was Tina Leimer.

The project was coordinated by Bertha McWilliams.

The purpose of the formal wedding project is to continuously perpetuate weddings and marriage in the minds of our students, said Elizabeth Martin, sociology, social work instructor. "Society appears to be like Charles Darwin's theory of the origin of the species in that it is continuously changing to adapt to most of its environments," said Martin. "Society has little regard for the sanctity of marriage therefore, if we plan to perpetuate some of our basic institutions, we must take upon ourselves the task of instituting basic principles, values, morals and social norms."



TRI-BETA GROUP VISITS BLUE BELL ICE CREAM COMPANY (Photo by Harold Taylor)

Mega Omega Beta Week

Greetings from the members of Mega Omega Beta. We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the graduating seniors, and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

We would like to extend a special congratulations to the graduating members of the Mega Omega beta Social Club.

still finds time to make contributions to our great fraternity. He served as recording secretary for the chapter, and now he serves as the vice-president. During the Alpha State Convention was elected to be the Assistant State Secretary for the Texas State Council of Alpha Chapters. He represented the chapter at the Regional Convention, where he served on several committees. He is also chairman of the Chapter's Entertainment Committee. Associate editor to Sphinx Ronald Morgan

These members are: Michael Collins, Conrad Green, Michael Haynes, Zerrie Hines, Regenia Holden, Vanessa Johnson, William Johnson, Norris Jones, Thaddeus Lott, Harold Madison, Rosalind McPhail, Michael Mitchell, Eranetta Moore, Yvette Nelson, Michael Newman, Cassandra Preston, Cathy Smith, Edward Rehm, Keith Smith,

Walter Swindell, Monroe Taylor, Linda Tezeno, Hermon West, and Darrell Woods.

Although these members will be leaving the campus, memories of them will never leave our hearts. We send our love and friendship with them and hope they will always remember to keep the faith. "Bucky"

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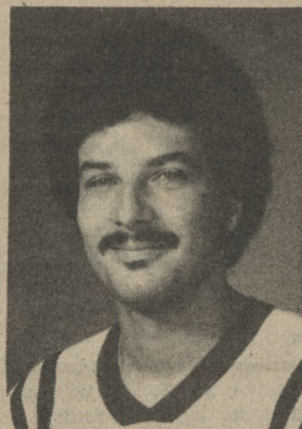
AWARD — Mrs. Bertha Armstead (right) founder and organizer of the Solomon Armstead Student Loan Fund at PVA&M receives Appreciation Plaque presented to her by students of Prairie View for "all the help given over the past few years." President A. I. Thomas and the newly crowned Miss PV Alice Clemons, made the presentation.



CETA Salutes Michelle Williams

CETA salutes Michelle Williams, formally from Carpentersville, Illinois. She is adapting to the Southern atmosphere while learning all of the tricks of the trade of CETA Carpentry, and has successfully passed the National Carpentry apprentice Test given at 8508 Glenvista Street, Houston, Texas.

Michelle, now living in Hempstead, Texas, plans to be successful in the construction world.



CETA Craig Simmons Succeeds

Craig Simmons, the wayfaring soul-trainer has successfully complete the CETA Carpentry Apprentice Class in Prairie view and passed the National Apprentice Test, given at 8505 Glenvista Street in Houston, Texas. Craig, a globe trotter (living in Several different States) will commence work immediately with the Carpenter's Union and work in this area.

Spanish —

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"We are also looking forward to having retired individuals attend as well as those who are interested in pursuing life-long learning," says Department Head Higgs. She also pointed out that participants may earn up to as many as six credits chosen from Spanish language or Bilingual Education courses, while developing conversational skills in English.

For detailed brochures and applications, please write to or call The Intensive Spanish Institute, Department of Foreign Languages, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, zip 77445.

Note the smokers about you who smoke — and cough — then drop the "gasps" habit! You'll feel better and so will your long-suffering, non-smoking acquaintances.

Craig A. Washington

Craig Anthony Washington was born on October 12, 1941, in Longview, Texas. He attended Brock Elementary School in Houston as well as Fidelity Junior High School, then Fidelity Manor Senior High School from which he graduated.

Some of his high school activities included membership in the Student Council, participation on the track team, football team, basketball team, and band.

He worked his way through Prairie View A&M University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in biology in 1966.

Some college activities included membership in the Student Council, Les Beaux Arts, Barons of Innovation Social Club, and he was Captain of the Tennis Team.

Mr. Washington attended Texas Southern University Law School from 1966 to 1969, graduating number one with honors.

While in law school, he was Captain of the Moot Court Team (1967-69), president of the Student Bar Association (196-69), and Research Assistant to the Dean of the Law School (1968-69).

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Washington served Texas Southern Law School as Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Law, teaching a course in legislation dealing with the drafting and passing of bills. During the 1973-74 school year, he taught a political science course in the Afro-American Studies Program at the University of Houston.

In 1970 he left the University to enter private practice. Currently he is President of Craig A. Washington and Associates, a Professional Legal Corporation, in Houston. Also, he is head of another company, Washington Properties, Inc., and has a partnership, Mahogany Interests.

Mr. Washington is licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas, the United States District Courts of the Southern, Western, Eastern, and Northern Districts of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the fifth circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He is a member of the Vestry and Senior Warden of the St. James Episcopal Church of Houston, Texas.

He was an Institute Fellow, 1974, with the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and was a Participant, 1975, at the State Legislative Conference at the Center for State Legislative Research and Service, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University.

Mr. Washington has been an outstanding member of Texas Legislation.

The 67th session unfolded with Representative Washington again as Chairman of the Human Services Committee, a member of Regins, Compacts, and Districts, a member of General Investigating, and, for the third time, Chairman of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

He is married to Dorothy Marie Lampley and they have two children, Craig II and Chival Antonette.

Representative Washington maintain offices in his building, the Houston Building, at 2323 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas.

Wesley — Tri-Beta —

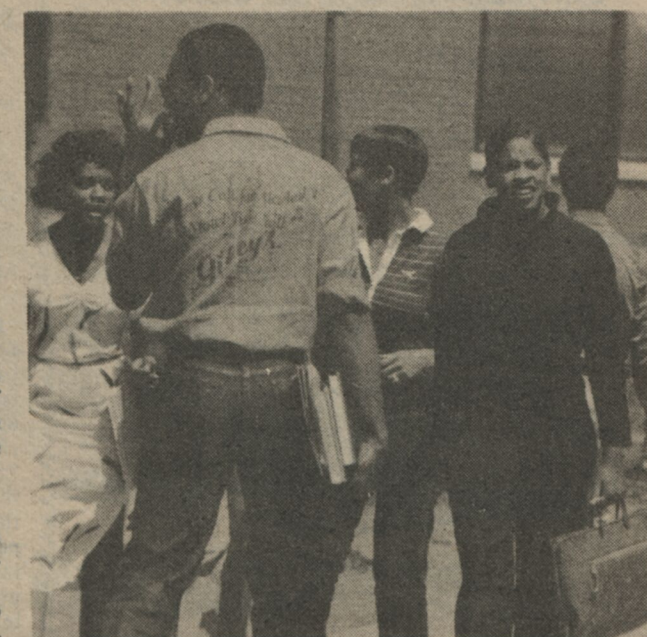
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completion of the tour the Tri-Betas were treated with ice cream.

Tri-Beta members elected their new officers for the 1981-1982 school year. They are:

President, Harold H. Taylor; vice-president, Bernard G. Crowell, Jr.; secretary, Dorothy L. Ringer; treasurer, Anitra L. Pugh; historian, Linda D. Johnson.

The new officers are looking forward to a productive new year.



PV CAMPUS SCENE

1981 Football Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Date and Game Details. Includes games for September, October, and November.

Skate Masters

The name Skate Master speaks for itself. The Skate Masters is a roller skating club on Prairie View A&M University Campus. This roller skating club goes to various roller skating rinks in Houston. Most members of the skate masters are previous skaters.

Skating is a skill and talent, but, most of all it is a pleasure for those who skate and also fun. The skate masters colors are white and burgandy.

This club is formed of men and women, freshmen, seniors and sophomores.

The skate master sponsor the sales of popcorn balls, punch, link and sandwiches and chili dogs. These kinds of sales are to benefit their club, so they may have a skating party. On April 20, 1981, the skate masters are having a skating party the fee is \$2.00 at Super Skate in Houston.

The club consist of 56 members and the President is Clarence Jones.

PV Women Win at Drake

Prairie View's women's track team kept long streaks alive with victories at the 72nd annual Drake Relays over the weekend.

The 1600 meter relay team of Maryann Higgs, Easter Gabriel, Loretta Edwards and Sheila LaBome won that event in a time of 3:36.55 and the 800 meter relays team of LaBome, Cassandra Graham, Higgs and Gabriel also won that in a time of 1:39.55.

The 400 meter relay team of Higgs, Gabriel, LaBome and Graham finished second in a time of 45.85.

The 3:36.55 clocked by the 1600 meter relay teams was the fastest time clocked this year by a fast improving relay team of Prairie View and isthe fastest time clocked by a women's team in the Southwestern Athletic Conference team this year.

Karen Waddell, sophomore shot putter from Memphis,

The Panther relay teams

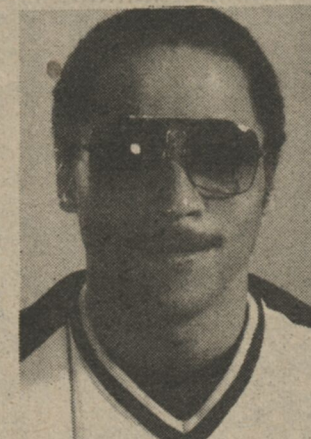
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Thomas Battle



Al Gomez

Two Panthers Named to SWAC All-Tournament Team

Sophomore center-fielder Thomas Battle and senior second baseman Al Gomez were named to the recent All Southwestern Athletic Conference All Tournament team after the inaugural tournament held at Grambling University.

The Panthers dumped Grambling 10-4 but lost to Jackson, 8-3 and Southern 17-2 in the double elimination tournament. Battle and Gomez each hit home runs in the opening game and had outstanding defensive tournaments.

The Panthers have just two

games left a home date and a game on the road against Southwest Texas. The Panthers will host the Bobcats Wednesday and play at San Marcos Sunday.

Coach John Tankersley also is playing a waiting game on the NAIA District 8 raters. The top six teams in the district will advance to the district playoffs May 13-14-15 at Wichita Falls, Tx. Prairie View was ranked sixth in the latest poll and need to hang onto that spot to gain a spot in the playoffs.

Gomez, a senior from Hacienda Heights, Cal., is the No. 2 hitter on the team with a

.385 average. He also leads the team in home runs with 10, runs batted in with 37 and doubles with seven.

Battle is hitting at a .337 clip with four home runs and 20 runs batted in.

Gomez is ranked eighth in hitting in the latest SWAC statistics with junior first baseman Allen Lee 11th, senior catcher Adolph Grump 12th, Battle 15th and Bruce Osborne 25th. Lee shares the triples lead with Derrick Smith of Grambling.

Jacket Serves As Referee At 1981 Drake Relays

Barbara Jacket, who claimed 13 Drake Relays titles since she began bringing her Prairie View A&M University women's track teams to Des Moines, served as Women's Referee at the 1981 Drake Relays, April 24-25.

Jacket has been Prairie View's women's track coach since 1964 and has made many trips overseas as the coach of international teams. Her latest was in January-February tour this year of New Zealand that culminated with the 30-member U.S. team participating in the New Zealand Games.

In addition, Jacket has coached women's track teams in the 1979 Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the 1977 World

University Games in Sofia, Bulgaria.

A graduate of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Jacket has captured two AIAW national championships and three indoor and five outdoor Southwestern Athletic Conference titles at the Prairie View, Texas, school.

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PV A&M PLAYER OF THE 1980-81 YEAR



AL REYNOLDS

Al Reynolds, junior from Houston, won the Miller Athlete of the Year at Prairie View. Reynolds won out over other outstanding athletes at Prairie View in a popular ballot contest conducted by the Panther. Reynolds was a starter on the Panther basketball team for two years and has been among the top scorers the past two years.

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Clemons of 7118 S. Vernon in Chicago, Ill.

The first runnerup, Miss Walker is a graduate of Forest Brook High School in Houston. At Prairie View she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Nursing Club, Memorial Student Center Board and recently won the title of Miss National Baptist Student Union of America.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin P. Walker of Prairie View.

The second runnerup, Miss Dickson is a 1978 graduate of Madison High School in Houston. At Prairie View she has served as President of the Blackstone Pre-Law Society and Vice President of Club Pantherette.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Lovella Dickson of 3911 Grapevine in Houston.

Other contestants in the pageant were:

Cheryl Ann Bonner, a 21-year-old junior architecture major from Houston; Gladys Marie Branch, a 20-year-old junior engineering major from Port Arthur; and Marilyn Gail Morris, a 20-year-old junior from San Antonio, Texas.

Jump Rope —

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\$100 or more will receive a windbreaker, while other team members will receive T-shirts.

Proceeds from the event go to support the American Heart Association's research, education, and community service programs in Texas.

turned in some of their best times of the year but could not match the likes of Texas, which was unofficially the meet's outstanding team with six first place finishes and



# Top Sports Awards Presented

Two outstanding track performers from the 1979-80 season and an outstanding baseball player from this year grabbed top honors at the Prairie View All Sports Banquet recently.

Honored as the most outstanding male athlete was Al Gomez, a senior second baseman on the Panther baseball team, from Hacienda Heights, California.

Honored as the most outstanding female athlete was Debra Melrose, who led coach Barbara Jacket's team to three indoor and outdoor conference championships and a TFA-USA national championship.

## SPORTS SCHOLAR

Winning the President's Academic Award was Karry Houston, from Dallas, who helped coach Hoover Wright to high finishes in the NAIA indoor and outdoor meets and the NCAA Division II meets.



Karry Houston

still to be played, Gomez may even better those marks.

Gomez was named to the All Southwestern Athletic Conference team a year ago and has been the sparkplug of this season which has the Panthers at 18-22 with two games left and a possible spot awaiting them in the NAIA District 8 playoffs.

Gomez set two school records in hitting this past year socking a record 10 home runs in a single season and 20 home runs over his career. With games

## MOST OUTSTANDING



Gomez



Melrose

Melrose has been called by Ms. Jacket "one of the most versatile performers to come through Prairie View. Her determination has payed off in a lot of races and events she entered in."

For instance in last years SWAC indoor track Melrose finished first or second in five events she entered. "It's hard to find that kind of versatility," Ms. Jacket said.

Houston, a three-year track letterman, had the highest academic average of any athlete at Prairie View.

Awards were passed out to individuals in other sports including:

## — OTHER AWARDS —

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

- Most Valuable*—Dana Watts, soph., St. Paul, Minnesota
- Most Outstanding*—Elora Faye Lee, soph., Pine Bluff, Arkansas
- Most Improved*—Ruth Griffin, fresh., Chicago, Illinois
- Most Versatile*—Chandra Collins, fresh., Bryan, Texas

### MEN'S BASKETBALL:

- Most Valuable*—Al Reynolds, jr., Houston, Texas
- Most Outstanding*—Gary Outlaw, soph., Atlanta, Georgia
- Most Improved*—Gregory Daniels, jr., Houston, Texas
- Most Versatile*—Al Reynolds, jr., Houston, Texas

### FOOTBALL:

- Most Valuable*—Gerald Davis, sr., Houston, Texas
- Most Outstanding*—Byron Holmes, soph., Temple, Texas
- Most Outstanding Freshman*—Ralph Williams, fresh., New Orleans, Louisiana
- Most Outstanding Defensive Player*—John White, soph., Beaumont, Texas
- Most Outstanding Offensive Player*—Paul Rhodes, soph., Austin, Texas

### BASEBALL:

- Most Valuable*—Charles Hudson, sr., Dallas, Texas
- Most Outstanding*—Al Gomez, sr., Hacienda Heights, California
- Most Outstanding Freshman*—Fred Brown, fresh., Houston, Texas

- Most Improved*—Allen Lee, jr., West Columbia, Texas
- Most Versatile*—Walter Denman, jr., Crockett, Texas

### TENNIS:

- Most Outstanding*—Vernon Fields, soph., Beaumont, Texas
- Most Valuable*—Olatero Olakunkle, jr., Owa, Nigeria

### GOLF:

- Medalist*—Gary Walters, sr., Paris, Texas
- Most Valuable*—Charles Hopkins, sr., Baltimore, Maryland

### WOMEN'S TRACK: (for 1979-80 season)

- Most Valuable*—Essie Kelley, sr., Spur, Texas
- Most Outstanding*—Essie Kelley, sr., Spur, Texas
- Most Versatile*—Debra Melrose, sr., Austin, Texas
- Most Improved*—Woodie Wilson, soph., Odessa, Texas
- Most Outstanding Freshman*—Karen Waddell, fresh., Memphis, Tennessee

### MEN'S TRACK: (for 1979-80 season)

- Most Valuable*—Clifton Terrell, sr., Houston, Texas
- Most Outstanding*—Joe Johnson, sr., Houston, Texas
- Most Improved*—William Dixon, soph., Baltimore, Maryland
- Most Outstanding Freshman*—Tony Curry, fresh., Dallas, Texas
- Outstanding Cross-Country*—Marvin Miller, fresh., New Orleans, Louisiana

## THE PANTHER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

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## Commencement Exercises May 3

Approximately 500 graduating seniors will receive degrees, diplomas and awards during annual Commencement Exercises scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 3 in the University Fieldhouse.

Graduates in the Army and Navy ROTC programs will receive commissions in their respective branches.

The commencement speaker is State Representative Craig Washington, a PV A&M graduate and TSU Law graduate and Houston native.

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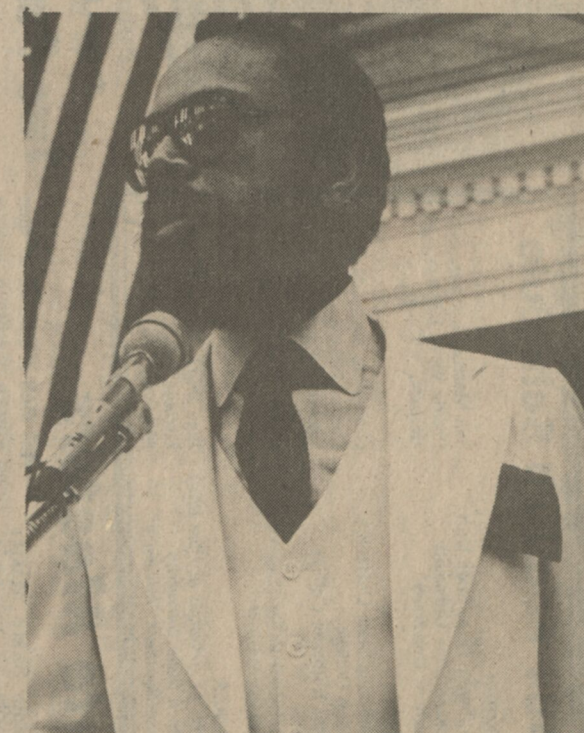
## Commencement Speaker



## New Queen For PV

Alice Clemons, a 21-year old junior from Chicago, Illinois won the title of Miss Prairie View A&M during the 12th annual pageant held Thursday April 23.

First runner-up in the competition was Vanessa Gail Walker of Prairie View Community and second runner-up was Deidre Dickson of Houston. Tina Marie Seriale of Highlands, Texas won the title of Miss Congeniality.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE —  
CRAIG A. WASHINGTON, PV '66