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# the PANTHER

May 7-14, 1985

## Tuition increases dampen student's future

By Yolanda Ray

The cost of higher learning is on the rise while federal aid is decreasing and students are concerned.

The students have been hearing rumors of tuition increases but somehow it just never seemed to sink in. Now everyone realizes that this increase in tuition is a very big reality, and things are going to change.

Along with the fact that tuition is doubling and financial aid is declining, the academic standards for receiving financial aid have risen. The requirement to be a recipient of financial aid was a grade point average of 2.0, the same as the requirement to remain in good standing with the

university. Now it has taken a big leap from 2.0 to 2.5. This will affect some students who depend on financial aid to keep them in school.

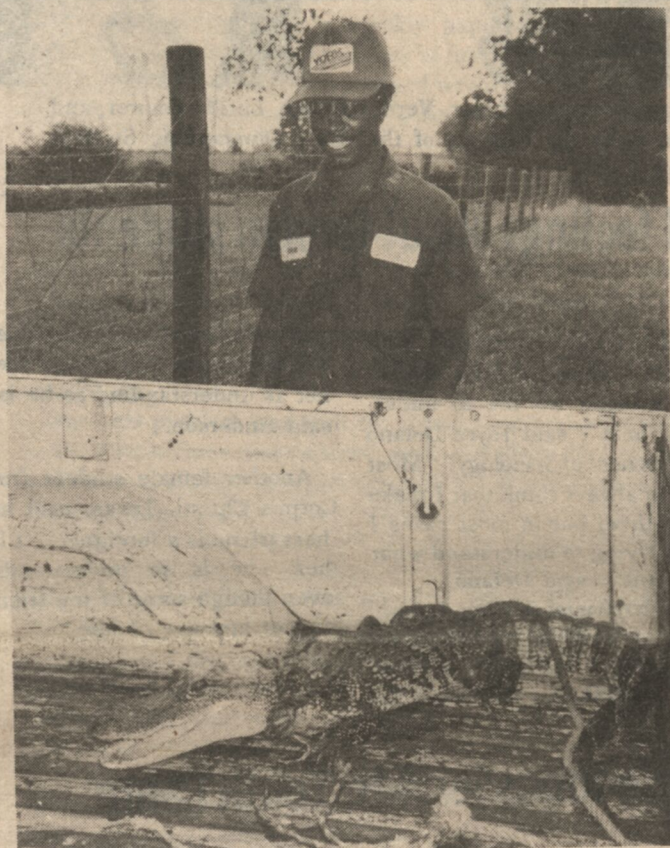
There are those who are not receiving any form of financial aid and the tuition increase has really hit home. Zephyr Stevens, a sophomore from Galveston says, "If my parents can't afford it I'll be going to Galveston Junior College. If my parents have to pay an excessive amount I won't be back, even though I would like to return."

Then there are those who are recipients of financial aid, but feel their grade point average may not be as high as the new

standard. Staci Harris, a sophomore from Port Arthur says, "It's scary for me not knowing whether or not I am coming back."

Another student, Kenneth E. Davis of Houston, believes this aggravation should be laid in the lap of President Reagan. "Now Reagan, in an attempt to lower the federal deficit, cuts funding to colleges and universities and also cuts other special programs. The hardest hit are these black institutions which barely receive funds already."

There are several types of fear among the students but all seems to come to one basic question. Will I be able to continue my education?



John Wayne Reese pers down at the alligator he found roaming around the back roads near campus. Reese ran over the reptile with his truck and immediately took it to Dr. A.N. Poindexter where it was treated for head injuries.

## Naval ROTC holds annual review

The Naval ROTC held its Spring Review on April 25th at the Memorial Student Center.

The guest speaker for this event was Brigadier General Jerome G. Cooper USMCR. He was promoted to general on May 18, 1984.

His current assignment is Deputy Commanding General Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Deputy Commanding General, Eastern Region, Parris Island, South Carolina.

Cooper was selected as Outstanding Young Man of the United States, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Citizen of the Year; man of the year by the Notre Dame Club, and he was also elected to Alabama's House of Representatives in 1974 and again in 1978.

Cooper is a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Officers' Association, the Marine Corps Association, the American Public Welfare Association, the National Association of Social Work, the President's Advisory Committee for the Alabama Chamber of Commerce, Ready Reserve, Reserve Officers Association, and a life member of the Montford Point Marine Association.

The purpose of the annual Spring Review ceremony is to recognize NROTC midshipmen who have achieved academic and military excellence during the school years.

The NROTC unit celebrated its 17th year of existence at Prairie View during the month of April, 1985.



Pictured above is a nighttime view of the beautiful water fountain in the center of the campus.



# AMA holds Awards Banquet

By Eva Ratcliff

The Prairie View Chapter of the American Marketing Association held its first awards banquet Thursday, April 25, in the President's Dining Room in Alumni Hall.

The guest speaker for this occasion was Elvin Bethea, an area manager for Anheuser-Busch and former football player for the Houston Oilers. In Bethea's speech, he put emphasis on goal setting.

"Whatever goal you have set," he said, "you can always achieve it by motivating yourself."

Bethea said in order to be the best, you have to build up your self confidence. He also said the doors of opportunity are open and it's up to you to take advantage of it.

AMA Officers for the 1985-86 term were installed at this year's banquet.

The winners of the AMA Outstanding Student Awards were Veria Johnson and Gregory Jammer.

The AMA sponsor and coordinator for this event was Lucille Pointer. She said that this year's banquet was indeed a success. Pointer has been a sponsor four years.

Gus H. Giese, general manager and Jim Baird, field sales supervisor from Anheuser-Busch were also special guests.

The American Marketing Association is backed by the Anheuser-Busch Company.



Pictured above, from left to right, are Gregory Jammer, Veria Johnson, Lucille Pointer, and Gus Giese. Jammer and Johnson were the winners of the AMA Outstanding Student awards.

## Americans have mixed feelings about foreign students

By Lasbat Imory

It is important to know how American students feel about foreign students at Prairie View.

There is a big difference in our culture's said Carolyn Brown of Nursing School. "I try to make friends with some foreign students but they always feel inferior to American students. I do not blame them, maybe if I went to another country I might feel the same way," said Brown.

"My biggest problem with foreign students is their accent. It is difficult for me to understand them," said Joyce Delano of the School of Sociology. "Most of them always think that I make fun of them but in most cases I will be trying to understand what they want," said Delano.

"My boyfriend is from Jamaica," said Patricia Anderson of Army ROTC. "He makes me feel like a woman, he treats me the

way a man should treat a woman. My American boyfriends were not as understanding as he is," said Anderson.

Another female student from Corpus Christi, Texas, said her best friend is a foreigner. "I like her, she is so understanding even though some of my friends do not approve of her."

## Benefit held to raise funds for 4-H, Youth Camp

By Gloria Boyd

"A family affair" were the words used to describe a fund raising benefit for the H.S. Estelle 4-H & Youth Camp which was held Saturday, April 27th at the Marriott Hotel - Galleria in Houston, Texas.

The benefit held a dual purpose -- to raise funds for the camp and to "Roast and Toast" Mr. Preston E. Poole, a retired county Extension agent who was a trail blazer in making things equal for everyone in Extension, including the youth who participated in the youth camp. The fundraiser was sponsored by retired county Extension agents supporting the H.S. Estelle 4-H & Youth Camp.

The Camp has provided camping experiences to over 10,000 minority and limited income youth over a 10-year period and has been very instrumental in inspiring them to attend college and secure employment. Unfortunately, the camp was forced to close due to a lack of funds, so the retired Extension agents rallied to the cause of reopening the

camp and decided that "Roast and Toast" would be one of the several ways to raise funds.

Several retired county agents, current county Extension agents, the staff of the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University, district Extension directors, representatives of major corporations, administrative heads, special guests and family and friends of Mr. Poole attended the "Roast and Toast."

Poole's friends and former co-workers joined in to roast him and did so in high spirited fashion. Throughout it all, Poole maintained his composure and accepted his plaque and gift graciously saying, "I am always happy to be around the Extension family and friends....and my wife, who is my best supporter also has been my best roast and toaster over the years."

The roasters included: retired Extension agents, R.A. Sanders and A.B. Rigsby; Prairie View A&M University Dean of Agriculture, Theodore Freeman; Galveston County Extension agent,

George Meador and a supporter of Mr. Poole who was responsible for the large Galveston County turnout to the event, Wayne Johnson, Jr. from LaMarque, Texas.

Other persons who appeared on the program were: master of ceremonies, Eddie Orum; retired agents, Mrs. Georgiana Thomas and Charlie Mayes; Prairie View A&M University President, Percy Pierre; Mayor of Prairie View, Ronald Leverett; Cooperative Extension Administrator, Hoover Garden; fund raising coordinator, Beverly Spears; 4-H & Youth representative, John Williams, Jr., and Harris County Extension agents, Mrs. Barbara Sharp and Arnold Brown. Musical entertainment for the "Roast and Toast" was provided by Prairie View A&M students, Valentino LaFontaine and his accompanist and a Houston based group named "Real Estate."

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# EDITORIALS & COMMENTS



## Its been a long year

It has really been a long year. There were a lot of things the Panther set out to accomplish this school year, and I believe we were successful.

We changed the look of the Panther, and made it more modern. We covered as much of the news as we could, plus some other things that were unexpected. We had some fine stories such as the article on Alumni Hall, and the probation story. Both caused unmixed feelings among the University community, but that is exactly what a newspaper is supposed to do.

We made the paper more accessible to the students, something that really needed to be done, considering that the students pay for the paper, and not the University itself.

The thing I believe we should be most proud of is the fact that we turned the Panther into a weekly paper instead of a bi-weekly publication. Of course it wasn't easy at first, it took us a while to get on schedule, but once we did, we stayed weekly for the rest of the year. I believe the Panther has become a fine newspaper, and that it will continue to grow.

During this long year, the Panther has seen as many problems as we have successes.

We first had problems being declared an actual student newspaper. The official proclamation from the administration took its own sweet time in coming. But after our second issue, it finally arrived. So our first two issues, even though they were put out by students, were not actually student newspaper. Thank God that situation was cleared up.

Our next problem was with our typesetting and printing service in Sealy. Two or three times a week, we had to travel 37 miles each way to make sure our paper was printed correctly. It really put some miles on the managing editor's truck. Several times that we traveled that long road, our paper was loaded with errors, our pictures were not shot and several other things were incorrect or not done. During this time, we were taking bids from other services, because we were ready for a change.

Then came the final straw. We drove that long 37 mile trip to Sealy just to find out that our paper would probably be almost a week late because their camera man was going deer hunting. I was amazed to find out that the Sealy News felt that deer hunting was more important than our newspaper. We then made our first crucial editorial decision. We decided to pull all of our material from Sealy and take it the GNP printing service in Hempstead. They proceeded to take up where Sealy left off, and we got our paper out in time. We still do our business in Hempstead, and we are very satisfied.

Due to the our changing printers, another problem arose. Getting the money to pay our bills became a problem. Not because we didn't have enough money, but because you must go through a complex system to get your own money to pay your bills. Well our bills didn't get paid and our paper was in danger of not being printed. But after some stiff complaining by serious individuals, our bills were paid. And only three months late! This problem we still haven't solved, because as of this, our last issued for the spring, our bills have not been paid. But we're working on it.

Probably our most serious problem was the one we had with the administration about so-called negative press. We received a lot of comments concerning several stories printed that many thought reflected negatively on the university. Now after having fought this battle, I found that several administrators don't know as much about journalism as they do about running a university. If they did, what those stories did was report the facts, nothing more nothing less. Maybe if those administrators had studied journalism, they would have seen that.

But overall, it has been an encouraging year. The staff has learned a lot of things about journalism and how effective a newspaper can be. Although I am graduating and our adviser plans to leave, the Panther will continue its commitment to provide information to the University. Next year's editor has been chosen, and I believe he will do a fine job.

The Panther will continue to grow and continue to develop into an excellent college newspaper.

Mark L. Banks  
Editor 84-85

## Editor selected

The Student Publication Board unanimously selected Bert Bilton as Panther editor for the 1985-86 school year on April 24. Bilton is a Journalism junior who will intern this summer with the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

## Editorial Philosophy

By Bert Bilton

I feel that the Panther has made great gains throughout the semester; despite much controversy that has attempted to hinder our progress.

As the newly selected editor, I intend to continue the success and improvement of the Panther. The editorial philosophy I intend to pursue will be that which insists upon accuracy and fairness.

I feel that these two qualities are essential for a newspaper to be run successfully and to be accepted by the university community. Accuracy is important so that we can keep the credibility of the Panther in good standing with the community.

The Panther has been very accurate in the past and I will continue this consistency. Fairness is a fundamental issue and everyone has his own definition.

We may never agree; but I believe it is the responsibility of a newspaper editor to do his best, consistent with his responsibility to the First Amendment.

It is also important that I say that the Panther, under my guidance, will report all news; whether "good" or "bad" The Panther is obligated to inform the community of the issues concerning them; the Panther will carry out this obligation.

I must also commend Mark Banks for a job well done as editor of the Panther. Without his guidance and dedication to the newspaper, the Panther would have never gotten off its feet.

The entire Panther staff did a wonderful job this year also. We need more dedicated staff workers like them in order for the Panther to become more successful. If you are interested sign up in Hilliard Hall, Room 129.

# Journalism: A dramatic field of interest

By Teddy Dikas

Journalism is an aspect of communications dealing with news gathering, precise language styling and accurate news reporting.

As a drama, journalism is a catalyst that draws people's attention toward happening event. Specifically as dancing, journalism is a field of interest, full of human creativity in writing and ability in recognizing the taste of the audience.

Self-interest is the most contributory factor toward the success in any career pursuit, but journalism takes more than this. Practice: Practice as said make perfect, thus, becomes the language of journalism. Language familiarity is yet another requirement of good journalism. Ability to gain the control of grammar is what makes a journalist. It may take many years of wide reading to acquire the proficiency in grammar, but once anybody grabs the tricks in language usage, he's got "the world in his pocket" in any aspect of writing.

Justifying logically the process of "give and take" in the field of journalism, one should think of journalism as having the greatest "badge of respect" in the society. In this situation, a journalist is recognized as a professional star, performing every day in front of different audiences. The better the journalist performs, the more respect and money he acquires, and the more experience he acquires, the more bargaining material he becomes. In

addition, the knowledge of journalism is a knowledge of general. Other sections of human knowledge are developed once the style of writing is achieved. From the sense of imitation to sense of self-critic, journalism is an auxiliary knowledge to all human reasoning. Writing it as it was said than as it was meant to be said is a unique working strategy of modern journalists. This sets them off ironically as neutral elements in the society.

When we ask ourselves what other areas a journalist can find himself in the growing society, we ought to remember that publishers are one of the group of richest people in our society today. In show business, script writers emanated from acquiring knowledge of writing. In marketing, advertisers are nowhere without creative knowledge of journalism. In radio and television, you cannot say it if you cannot write it right.

From the rumbles of war in the Middle East to the Oval Office of the President in Washington, journalism is a brave "go-between" for the government and its people. Think about the brave field and some renowned veteran journalists in all the corners of the White House, think about the broad knowledge of government activities and societal influence they acquire everyday, the million-dollar worth of respect lavished on them by top government officials for mutual benefits.

Journalism is a lucrative business of much interest.

## Letter to the Editor

Due to health reasons, it was with deep regret that I withdraw from Prairie View University earlier this month.

I am writing this method to tell the PVU community how very much I appreciate their many kindnesses to me during my residency there. I was always treated with graciousness & consideration, especially by Dr. Bessie Smith, Dr. Patricia Brooks, Mr. Hulén Davis, Mr. Yepp, Mrs. Hill, Dr. Carruthers, Mrs. Frankie Ledbetter and Dr. Fill-

yaw. My experience as a Graduate Student at PVU made me feel that I belonged to a large family, & I was at home. I will never forget the stately oaks, our school bells, Dr. Martin Luther King's Memorial Bench, & Maya Angelou. I am proud to be an alumna of PVU!! Thank you PVU - I shall never forget you.

With Love,  
Elizabeth Sloan

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We request that the material be typed, double spaced, with the name telephone number of a contact person. We reserve the right to editorial discretion concerning publication of submitted items and photographs.

The Panther serves the university community and the surrounding area. It also serves as a laboratory for Communications majors and gives them hands-on-training in their chosen career.



# PVA&MU Annual Greek Show a success

By Hattie Horn

The annual Greek step show was held Friday night, April 26, in the Women's gym at Prairie View A&M University.

Sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council of Student Organizations of PV, the step show's entries consisted of Greek fraternities and sororities listed on campus.

Entertaining as well as competitive, Friday night's groups were judged on precision, costume, and overall appearance by a panel of judges who were graduate students from each or-

ganization. Categories were split so sororities competed against each other and fraternities did likewise.

Stepping is almost like military marching. It includes pivots, elaborate moves of the body, and detailed hand movements. The trick is, if there are many in a group, is to be precise and crisp. Costumes help out by adding uniformity and eye appeal to the group.

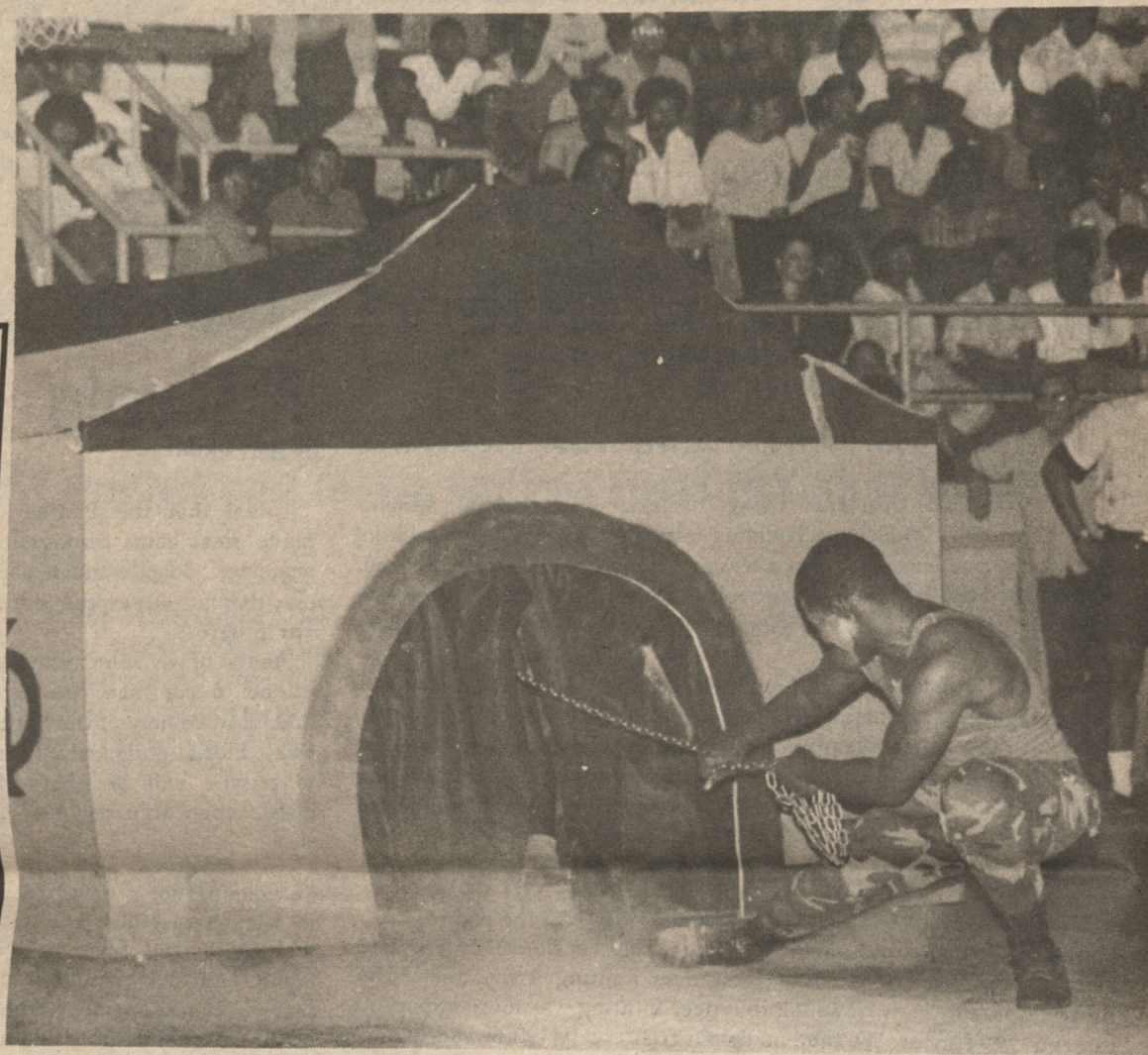
Prairie View turned out some interesting "steppers." Each

group was unique in their own way and from the roaring approval of the audience, the hard work that went into each groups routine was appreciated.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

won with the best costume (white tuxedos with blue trim,) and took first place in the sorority division. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. grabbed first in the fraternity division.

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# Former PV track star in Hall of Fame

By Joyce Johnson

Former Prairie View track star Felix Johnson was inducted into the Track & Field Hall of Fame at the 75th Drake Relays, in Des Moines, Iowa in April 28.

Felix Johnson had an impressive track career at Waco Carver High School before coming to Prairie View A&M University in 1967. At Carver, Johnson won the state in the 440 yard dash with a timing of 49.1. Recruited by coach Hoover Wright to run the 440 for the Panthers, Johnson was later converted to a 1/2 miler. Johnson's first timing in the 880 yard clocked him at 1:54.3. In late April, 1968, after a lot of coaching from Wright, Johnson ran the 880 in 1:50. After that he ran a consistent 1:50 mark or better in the 880.

During his tenure at Prairie View, Johnson became a two-time Southwestern Athletic Conference champion and record holder. His greatest achievement was to tie the existing world record in the 880 during the AAU meet in Miami, in 1971.

During his junior year at Prairie View Johnson tried out for the 1968 Olympic track team. He finished 2nd in the Los Angeles trials. He later met disaster in the Lake Tahoe trials when he received a severe muscle strain. Johnson did not make the Olympic team but he did not quit. He came back to Prairie View his senior year and qualified at the AAU meet for overseas competition. Johnson later traveled extensively on the AAU circuit.

After graduation from Prairie View, Johnson worked with a furniture firm. Back injuries received on the job shattered his track career.

Coach Wright says he wishes he had more runners like Johnson today; "He was very nice, and would do anything that was asked of him in the interest of improvement."

Felix Johnson now resides in Houston, Texas with his wife and children; they run a day care center.



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# Naval ROTC raffles bike

The Naval ROTC organized their annual spring raffle. This year, our efforts were put toward raffling off a ten speed bike. The unit sold over eight hundred tickets. All proceeds went toward the NROTC ball. The drawing

was held on April 25th, during a luncheon with Brigadier General Cooper. Ms Sonia Jones was the owner of the winning ticket. The Naval unit would like to thank Ms. Jones and everyone else who helped in making this a successful event.



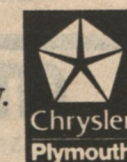
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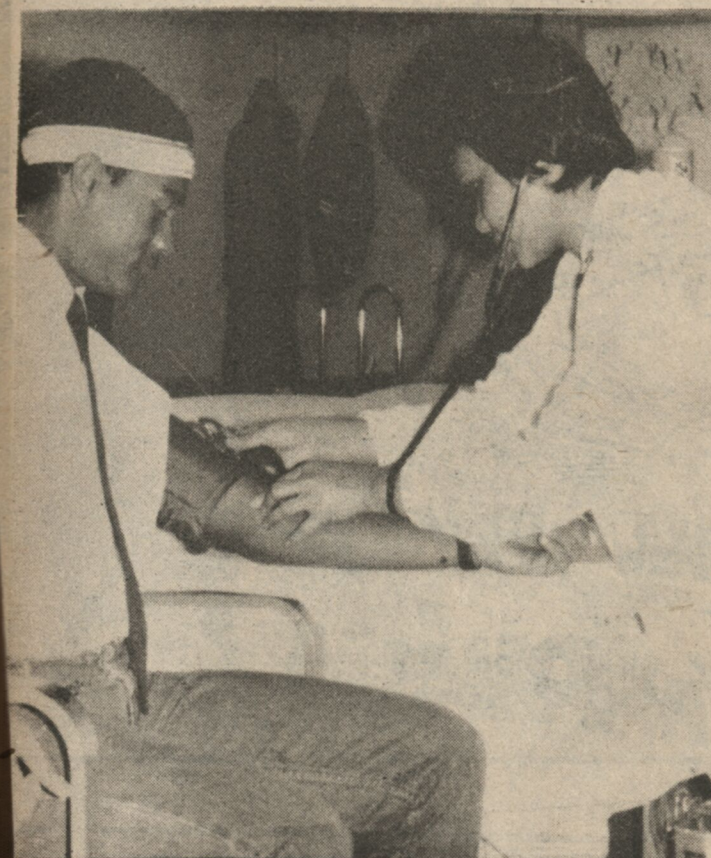
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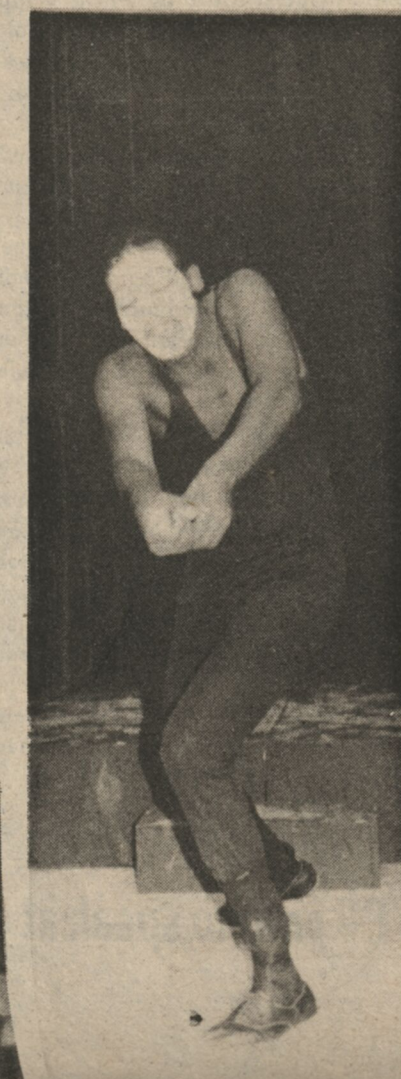
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# Financial Aid trouble

By Rochelle Gowans

The Financial Aid program at Prairie View A&M University provides financial aid assistance to academically qualified students who would otherwise not be able to attend the University.

The Financial Aid Center administers the following financial aid programs: student employment, student loans and scholarships, grants, counseling and advisement and financial aid.

In the past, these programs have proven worthy for some students, but for others it has been a problem beginning each semester and not ending until the debt is paid back or graduation day.

About 98% of the students at Prairie View are on some kind of financial aid. But financial aid is decreasing, tuition is tripling and students are dropping out. The financial aid department has advised, and readvised students on

applying for aid. And to help solve this problem some students ask, "What about living off campus to help decrease the cost of going to college." Well, about 10% of the students at Prairie View live off campus and they say its definitely cheaper, but not cheap. Because of this there are more students looking for residence off campus. And even more dropping out. "The enrollment rate is expected to drop, says several administrative employees. We can see it coming."

While Prairie View is making money by raising tuition, at the same time it is losing revenue from students who are moving off campus and students who are just plain dropping out. Some students have sought help from scholarships, they found it only delays the problem a semester. What about the next semester?



## WE ALL PAY FOR VANDALISM!

## PV grad to speak at commissioning ceremony

A Prairie View graduate who is now an Army Two-Star General will be the guest speaker and commissioning officer at this year's ROTC commissioning ceremony.

Major General Julius Parker, Jr. is a 1955 Prairie View A&M University graduate. He will commission 19 graduating cadets in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall on May 12. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The cadets have gone through the entire Army ROTC program and have completed their advanced camp summer at Ft. Riley, Kansas. They are eligible to receive commissions into the United States Army, active and reserve. The ceremony itself is a

very prestigious one. The honor of taking the oath of duty and conviction to the country makes the occasion even more meaningful to the future Second Lieutenants.

Parker is considered to be the most distinguished soldier that the Prairie View A&M University Army ROTC program has currently on active duty. Parker is the highest ranking officer on active duty who is a graduate of Prairie View. He is noted for his strong support of the Alumni Association at the University through his moral and financial support.

Parker has held numerous high level command and staff positions throughout his 30 years of service. He is currently serving as the Deputy Director of

Management and Operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency in the Pentagon.

The General has three children; two sons and a daughter. The oldest son, Second Lieutenant Julian R. Parker, is a 1983 graduated and commissioned officer of Prairie View A&M University. The other two children, Jules G. and Dorvita J. Parker are currently attending the University.



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## Seminar held

Dr. Irma Thomas Malloy, Director of the Center for Life Long Learning at Texas Southern University conducted a Values of Clarification Seminar April 25, in the Administration Auditorium.

Malloy holds a doctor of education degree from the University of Houston, a master of science degree and bachelor of arts degree from the Tennessee State University. She has done further studies at Temple University and Harvard University.

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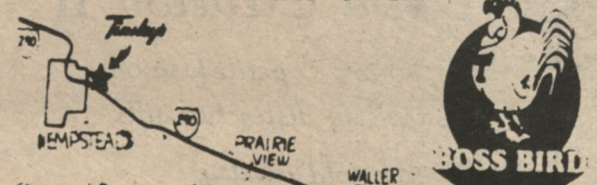
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