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Lillie Taylor, Miss Prairie View A&M University 1985-86.

#### SGA election amidst controversy

By Marcia Robinson

All students were asked to attend an impromptu Student Government Association meeting last Wednesday concerning the recent 1985-86 elections.

A score of irate students heard complaints submitted that the election was handled in a shabby

Various problems were discussed:

- 1. Poll watchers may have influenced the voters at the time the students were casting their ballots.
- 2. The polls were scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m. instead it opened at 9:30 a.m.
- 3. Partisan persons working at the polls.
- 4. No one was present from the administration.

5. Application deadline was extended.

Michael Glass said the list was more extensive, but regardless of whether there are three or ten factors, the fact is that this election was not handled correctly, No guidelines were established for problems such as these.

A motion was made by Kevin Dennis and passed that the Student Senate take a vote on whether to:

1. Have a re-election next fall with the same persons involved in this recent election, plus open it up to others that may be interested.

2. Have a re-election and sustain those persons involved in the university field house, with Jo-

# The Night it Reigned Purple & Gold

By Carmelita Bevill

Personality and talent were the keys to Lillie Taylor's Triple-Crown win in the 1985 Miss Prairie View A&M Pageant.

Taylor, a communications major from Kinloch, Missouri, won the talent competition, the "Miss Cogeniality" title and the "Miss Prairie View A&M" crown in the April 20th pageant.

Animal science major Dana Wiltz, a junior from Houston, was first runner-up for the title. Wiltz also won the swimsuit division of the competition.

Second runner-up was Helene Baloney, a computer science/ math major from Denver, Colorado

For her win, Taylor was awarded: a \$1,000.00 scholarship; Expenses and a \$1,000.00 wardrobe for the Miss Texas pageant; and a trophy. A plaque for her win in the "Miss Congeniality" Division was also given to Taylor.

Wiltz received: a \$600.00 scholarship; a trophy; and a plaque for winning the swimsuit competition.

Baloney received: \$400.00

scholarship and a trophy.

The pageant was held in the university field hous, with Jo-Anne Vallie-Rush of Channel 2 serving as mistress of ceremonies.

Entertainment was provided by the university jazz band and featured singers Terri Ellis, Valentino La Fontaine, and Matt Lindsay.

Judges were: fashion designer and model John Evans; journalist Iola Johnson; Randy Leyba, director of the Miss Dallas Pageant; Opan Johnson Smith, Miss Prairie View A&M 1954; Bruce Wallace, executive director of the Miss Metro Pageant.

Taylor won the talent competition, which accounted for 50 percent of each contestant's total score with a sultry rendition of the Billie Holliday torch song "Good Morning Heartache."

Dressed in a vintage black suit and hat from the 1940's, Taylor created a mood of nostalgia and heartbreak during her two-minute performance.

Taylor said her choice of an old song was influenced by her mother, Parmella Taylor.

"My mother is a lover of music," Taylor said, "especially music of that era. That's something she passed on to me."

"Also," Taylor said, "I'm a big Diana Ross fan, and I first heard that song in her movie 'Lady Sings the Blues', which is based on Billie Holliday's life, and it just knocked me out. I loved it then, and I still do."

"I relate to that song very strongly," Taylor said, "because the past two year I've known some sad times; but I know you have to believe in God and keep going."

Taylor said she draws on personal experience to create a mood when singing.

"When I sing a sad song," she said, "I think about the worst things that have ever happened to me. I pull those feelings out and I let the audience see it-I let them know that my heart has been broken."

"And they feel it," Taylor says. "It's a two-way communi-

see Pageant p. 6



see election p. 4

### The Mites of Summer Ahead

A&M University will offer a science; health sciences-biology, series of two-week sessions to medical technology and nursing; high school juniors and seniors social services-home economics, through its Institute for Pre-Col- social work, and sociology; and lege Enrichment. The programs, education professions. The stubased on the MITE program dents will live in dormitories on (Minority Introduction to Engi- the university campus during neering), will prepare students their two weeks. Their basic for the college environment and living expenses during the period give them insight into various will be covered by a stipend career options. A portion of the provided by the university, and instructional activity will be de- there will be no charge for tuition voted to assessment of core skills or fees. in mathematics and English. In For further information on the addition to the classroom acti- summer programs, students and vity, there will be time scheduled their parents are invited to write for laboratory experiences as the Institute for Pre-College Enwell as field trips.

lowing career groupings will be rie View A&M, Tx. 77446-2133 or selected to attend the sessions: telephone 409-857-2025.

This summer. Prairie View mathematics and computer

richment. Prairie View A&M Students interested in the fol- University, P.O. Box 2133, Prai-

By Gloria Boyd

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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

### Senior Week Activities

Monday, May 6 - Friday, May Saturday, May 11, 1985

College and Departmental Activities for Seniors, Alumni and Ex-Students

Thursday, May 9, 1985

7:00 p.m. - Seniors evening with President and Mrs. Percy A. Pierre - Hobart Taylor Hall. 9:00 p.m. - Senior Dance - Ballroom. Memorial Student Center Friday, May 10, 1985

7:00 p.m. - Senior Nursing Students Pinning Ceremony Christian Hope Baptist Church 3418 Anita Street Houston, Tex-

8:00 a.m. - Graduation Re hearsal - Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m. National Alumni Meeting - Administration Auditorium, 1:00 5:00 - Alumni-Senior Class Picnic-Newman Center Grounds, FM 1098. Prairie View, Texas Sunday, May 12, 1985

8:00 a.m. - Navy ROTC Commissioning Ceremony - E.B Evans Animal Industries Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. - Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony - Hobart Taylor Recital Hall, 10:30 a.m. - Commencement Exercises Health and Physical Education Building Auditorium.

### Architects continue project

By Tamara Valdry

partment of Architecture are car- Houston. These students took all rying forward projects which be- of the photographs for the project gan last summer. Architecture and did all of the ownership instructor and project coordi- research, base maps, and connator, Simon Wiltz, was asked by ceptual drawings and renderthe Community Lending Advi- ings. sory Committee of the University The plans presented by the study design. The area of con- differing aspects of urban re-South Cleburne and North Mc- business district; new uses for

Austin Coleman, first Vice Presi- Twenty-nine students joined the dent for the Community Lending effort as of the fall semester '84. Advisory Committee, included: ownership availability in the soon be realized, Wiltz said, area, improvement of building "Hopefully, they will. The city of facades, land use studies, and Houston has put in an application conceptual drawings and render- to receive monies from the Na-

ings for new structures. volved in the project were: Shar- ston City Council has already on Burnette, Ira Campbell, Con- voted to match whatever finantrella Watson, and Tyrone Wil- cial aid is given by the trust fund liams. Work space was made in order to make the project a available for the students by A.I. reality."

Thomas at the Prairie View A&M Several students in the De- University Nursing facility in

Savings Association to submit a four this summer involved three cern is Almeda Street between newal; a shopping center and vacant land; and a proposal for The study commissioned by upgrading existing buildings.

When asked if the plans will tional Trust Fund for Historical The four students initially in- Preservation. If granted the Hou-

## Broadcasters offer scholarships

In accordance with an agreement with the National Black Media Coalition, Gulf Broadcast Group has instituted a scholarship program offering assistance to Black students attending, or accepted to attend, institutions of higher learning in the service areas of the locations of its stations. Two scholarships of one housand dollars (\$1,000) per year will be made to students pursuing a course of study in Communications or Broadcast

Journalism at schools located in

this geographic area. The deans or department heads of the Communications program may submit applications of their choice of acceptable candidates for the scholarships. A committee will select the recipients of the scholarship awards from the candi-

dates' applications. All applications must be received by June 1, 1985 in order to be considered for this program. Please forward scholarship allications to: Gulf Broadcast Group P.O. Box 42,100 St. Petersburg.

## **Applicants** needed

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Should you wish additional information about our organization, you may write The National Teacher's Placement Agency, Universal Teachers, Box 5231, Portland, Oregon 97208.

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We need about 200 teachers to fill positions in the midwest.

#### NABA holds banquet

The student chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants held its second annual Spring Banquet on April 19, in the President's Dining Room.

Pamela Everheart, CPA, senior tax accountant of Ernest & Whinney, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Everheart informed the students of the various opportunities and challenges they will face in the world of accounting.

"One must be flexible and eager to perform in any position, whether it be accounting-related or not," Everheart said. "How well you perform on a job determines how fast you will climb the ladder to the top.

The officers for the 1985-86 school year are: Marion Cohen president; Rosalind Bell, vice president; Coretta Singleton. secretary; Kimberly Walker, assistant secretary; Franetta Roy, assistant treasurer; and James Hendrix, reporter.

The Texas legislature this week tentatively approved a bill to triple tuition in state-supported schools. A final vote approv ing the bill is almost assured.

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It seems to me that the legislators okaying the measure have forgotten a few things.

They must have forgotten how hard it is to survive in college. They must have forgotten what it is like to work all day in classes. all night at a job to pay for school, and then still have to come home after work to study so you can work all day in the next day's classes.

They must have forgotten what it is like to see parents scrimp and save for years so they can send their child to college to get an education and become successful. They must have forgotten the look on their parents' faces when they graduated from many of the same schools that they are trying to triple the cost of attendng. The legislators must have orgotten the anguished look on the faces of those parents who can't afford to send their children to school. Soon, because of their actions, there may be more parents who will feel that pain.

The legislators must have forgotten the anticipation in a high school senior's face when he finds out he will soon become a college freshman. They must have forgotten all the dreams and hopes that fresman has when

forgotten the joy of seeing you name on a college degree, and all the doors to success it can open They must have forgotten how

he or she attends their first class.

The legislators must have for

gotten all the aspirations that

college senior has on the day of

his graduation. They must have

EDITORIALS & COMMENTS AS

Have legislators forgotten?

hard it is to get a job out there in the world today, and that a college degree is a requiremen for almost every job.

The legislators also must have forgotten that because of federal budget cuts and freezes, the quest for financial aid is going to get harder and harder. They must have forgotten that beginning next fall, the same time they propose to increase tuition, each student on financial aid will have a limit imposed on the amount of money he can receive each year.

Foremost, the legislators must have forgotten who elected them into office. They also must have forgotten that each and every on them will soon be coming u for re-election, and that the people of this state decide whether they keep their job or not.

The legislators seem to have forgotten a lot of things. Especially the fact that they are supposed to look out for their consti tuent's best interest.

And if they do triple tuition i the schools. I think a lot of Texans will remind them come election day.

#### Let's take Action!

By Bert Bilton

Throughout the semester the versity student was literally Panther has received letters to "chewed out" by one of the

While in the fiscal office, a who is less tolerant. female Prairie View A&M Uni-

the editor concerning the atti- fiscal office personnel. The wotudes of many of the faculty and man did not let the student say administrative staff. We have one word in her defense, and told printed these letters hoping that the student to leave because she omeone with the authority to said the student had, "been handle these matters would look getting on my nerves all day." into the situation. Obviously, we This was done not only in my presence but in front of two other Last week a student approac- fiscal office personnel, an admihed me with yet another letter to nistrative staff worker, and anthe editor concerning this issue. I other student. Students should thought about all the complaints not have to be subjected to such we had received and I asked unprofessionalism. If a student myself, "could the students be were to act in this manner toward the ones who have the attitude a staff member, he would prob problems?" My question was ably be suspended from school. answered that some day when I University officials should take was able to witness one of these notice of these incidents before a staff member erupts on a student

### **Telling it Like it is** ica and the United States." His

**By Gretchen Smith** 

For most of us the name Ioe Bob Briggs doesn't ring any bells. After reading his column it will more than likely be a name that will stick to your ribs, however. Will Jarrett, managing editor of the Dallas Times Herald canceled Joe Bob's weekend column after 150 members of the black community met with Jarrett to denounce a recent satirical

John Bloom (who writes under the pseudonym Joe Bob Briggs) eviewed drive-in movies while bringing his red-neck politics and life style to light. In Bloom's last column he satirized the song, 'We Are The World," a fund raiser by members of the music ndustry in efforts to help famine victims in Africa

Bloom writes that he had a group who recorded a similar song, "We Are The Weird." to benefit, "minority groups in Afr-

reasoning behind such a state- By Joyce Norris ment was, "I think we should be sending as many Negroes to college as we can, especially the stupid Negroes.

Regarding Bloom's column Willis Johnson commented, "You cannot call us stupid Negroes and get away with it." Although Bloom was retained

on the staff, Jarrett said his column would be canceled.

I happen to agree with Jarrett's comment that the column should have been edited. The carelessness and blame should be left on the shoulders of the editors. Had they (the editors) done their job this statement would have never made the A front page apology by the

Dallas Times Herald was not enough. Both the editor and Bloom should have been fired, campus. Expenses listed for but that's "the system" for

#### PVA&MU: A University for everyone

We, as caucasian graduate students attending Prairie View A&M University, take issue with and openly challenge a quote from the 1983 issue of The Houston City Magazine which states that "white" people would not come to Prairie View A&M because of its inferior status.

In response to Dr. Pierre's letter of March 5, published in the Panther, we commend Prairie View A&M for providing a very worthwhile program in higher education.

Many of the most prominent educational administrators in Texas received certification and advanced degrees from Prairie View. We felt that this university meets our needs in the following

1. Students' needs are a very high priority

2 Professors have had extensive academic as well as practical experience in the fields they puport to teach.

3. Classes are scheduled according to times most convenient for students, enabling practicing educators from a wide geographical area to enrich themselves

4. Presentations and review of current literature are an integral part of every graduate class.

5. Students are given opportunity and are encouraged to share ideas, innovations and problems with their colleagues. The feedback and interaction as to possible solutions and rationale used to reach such solutions contribute to a conceptual base of understanding.

6. We feel safe and respected on the main campus.

7. Course contents compare major university

8. Quality programs are available in adjacent cities through extension course offerings.

In conclusion, we feel the graduate program at Prairie View A&M is one "white" students are supporting and will Sincerely yours.

> **Iennifer Towers** Bell Lacevara Carol Lewis Pat Cook and others

## A tuition tale

Once upon a time, long, long ago, in an era that may be considered pre-historic to most undergrads, young people were complaining about inflation much as people do today. The five cent candy bar had been replaced by one which cost a lime. Soft drinks had also been inflation struck, as the price first rose to six cents a bottle, then 10. People were mourning the 'death'' of the nickle cup of coffee. We found some consolation in the fact that Dairy Queen still had five cent cones.

A look at bulletins sent out by Prairie View A&M College, shows increase in tuition that may have caused lamenting similar to the outcries current on 1957-58 showed, among other things, tuition of \$25.00 per semester and estimated cost or books and supplies at \$30 for fall and \$20 for spring. By 1962. tuition had sky-rocketed to \$50

per semester although the cost of supplies remained about the same as it was in the days when we who have been 39 for several years were the age of most present college students Texas has always claimed to have the biggest of everything else, but this has never included tuition. I really hope it never does. In all this time, the only change in tuition has been that \$50 has

Other factors in the cost of living in those days may put the present issue in perspective. At that time, it was possible to find favorably with those at any other a furnished apartment in Houston conveniently located near a bus line for \$10 a week. This included utilities paid. A little comparative shopping could find a good square meal for \$1.00 or less. In fact, one lunch counter in Houston offered a sandwich and a milk shake for 50 cents.

become the minimum

The legislature has been very merciful in failing to raise tuition before now. Those who are graduating now should be thankful that they were so lucky as to obtain such as educational bargain. As for those of us who are in the early part of our college days---well, can't the concept of "Where there's a will, there's a way" still apply?

This year's bride and groom were Cynthia Louise and Schatzel V. Hill. Sharon Jenkins was the matron of honor and Allen Victor was the best man.

The event was sponsored by the sociology students and a number of Houston retail stores. The ceremony was conducted by Minister Arthur Purvis of Bellview, Texas. A highlight of the occasion was the sudden ap-pearance and objection to the

marriage by an old girlfriend of the groom. She was later identified as Ms. Sheree Perry. After the wedding ceremony,

Prof. Elizabeth Martin, the coordinator of the event for the past eleven years, drew loud applaise : for quoting legendary sociologists and reiterating the significance of marriage and the family as the core of perpetuating the society's way of life. She then also informed the guests that they were attending a Mock Wedding in a sociology class, "The Family." and not a real

An elaborate reception that lasted over two hours followed the wedding ceremony.

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The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University which is administered by Mr. Hoover Carden hosted the "Annual Spring Meeting of 1890 Extension Administrators, Research Directors and Deans of Agriculture & Home Economics' on April 15th thru 18th at the

Approximately 200 persons

comprised of administrators, research directors and deans from sixteen 1890 institutions and Department of Agriculture

included speeches made by Hou- vive in today's economic times.

ston City Councilman, Anthony Hall and State Representative, Ron Wilson who addressed the participants at the luncheon and banquet respectively. In reference to what city government could do to serve those in exten-

Representative Wilson chal-Tuskegee Institute and represen- lenged the conference particitatives from the United States pants to consider the statement that "if we think we're the best," USDA)/Washington, D.C. gat- then we'll be the best." He also hered to discuss how they could told the audience that those in strengthen and combine forces extension, research and teaching in extension, research and teach- should combine forces and accept the challenge of holding the Highlights of the conference family together in order to sur-

sion, research and teaching, should do and know should be transmitted to us." He went on was receptive and willing to

#### Councilman Hall said, "What we White Hall Hotel in Houston, to say that the City of Houston serve those in extension, research and teaching whenever

Captain Sharon K. B. Burleson was selected to be one of the Outstanding Young Women of America awarded by the Board of the Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in their homes, their professions and their communities.

Burleson is from Mexia, Texas, where she graduated from Mexia High School. She attended Huston-Tillotson College and graduated with a B. S. in Biology. After graduation she furthered her army career as platoon leader and company commander. In January, 1983 she came back to the states from the Republic of Korea where she served as the Director of Industrial Operations for three separate installations. She is now instructor of military science at Prairie View A&M University.

Burleson has been in the military for 11 years and plans to make the army her career. She hopes to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of Army.

Burleson is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Kappa, Education Honor Society, the Association of the United States Army, Army Logistics Officers Association, Big Sister-Big Brother, and a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross.

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Pictured above is the first place trophy presented to the Sigma

Gamma Rhomeos at the Non-Greek Stompfest held recently on

**Burleson-Outstanding Woman** 

### Adams on Panel

April 30-May 6, 1985

Dr. Elaine Adams, Associate Vice-President for Academic Services and Planning, served as a panelist at "The Power of Leadership" conference held April 3 and 4 at the University of Houston - University Park. The conference was sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the American Council on Education National Identification Program for Women. Dr. Laurette Foster and Ms. Sandra Davis were selected by Dr. Percy Pierre, University President, to represent Prairie View as future women leaders in higher education.

#### **New Game Room**

The Memorial Student Center game room has a new look. It has been renovated with new furniture and new, exciting games. Those featured are: Chess, Scrabble, Monopoly, Twister, Parcheesi, Boggle, playing cards, Simon, Labyrinth, Black Jack, Backgammon, Yahtzee and shuffleboard.

The game room has a new schedule for students convenien-

10:00 a.m. -- 10:00 p.m. Monday Thursday.

10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m. Saturday

Come on out to make or break

#### election from p. 1

The outcome was five to two in favor of a re-election. A recount of the recent election was not possible because the ballots were destroyed after a 24 hour period.

In a special call meeting held Friday, it was voted upon to install the newly elected SGA officers instead of a re-election in

Cathy Harris, associate director of student activities, suggested that a legal opinion was needed to establish if it is possible to re-open the election or hold an election in the fall. Mrs. Harris said "steps should be taken to contact an Assistant Attorney in reference to the United States election code, in order to set up an election code for the SGA here at Prairie

A committee was established to do research and present their findings as soon as possible.

## Traffic fatality

A traffic accident on US 290 the evening of April 23 killed a PVA&M employee and sent a student to Hermann Hospital aboard the Life-Flight Helicopter. Curtis Thomas, Chief Engineer of the Power Plant since 1979, was dead at the scene. Ron Pillot, student and DJ of KPVU, eceived multiple injuries, incluling a broken arm and fractures

Details of the accident were not available at press time. As of Thursday, April 25, Pillot had been moved from the intensive care unit to room 575 at Herman

Funeral services of Thomas were to be held Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mt Corinth Baptist Church in Hemp

the Army Chief of Staff during

World War II, who later became

the Secretary of State and the

In addition to attending the

award seminar in Lexington,

Virginia, on April 16-19, each

cadet will be presented a three-

volume Marshall biography and

a certificate. During the four day

seminar cadets also attend ses-

sions on topics ranging from

National Security to the concept

General Marshall is best re-

membered as the Army Chief of

Staff during WW//, and his

sponsorship of the European Re-

covery Act (The Marshall Plan)

which led to his becoming the

only military man in history to

Cadet Colonel Broman's future

plans include serving as a United

States Army Officer, furthering

his education, and eventually

establishing a business in soft-

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### Cadet Broman receives honor

By Michael Glass

Cadet Colonel Isaiah W. Bro- C. Marshall ROTC by Marshall man, Jr., the Cadet Brigade Commander for the Army ROTC Panther Brigade, received the George C. Marshall Award this

This award is given annually to the outstanding fourth year cadet in each collegiate ROTC detachment, and is the highest award that a cadet can receive. It is given by the George C. Marshall Foundation in recognition of excellence in military studies and leadership. "During the time that I have been at Prairie View. I have received a number of awards, but this one is truly a special one," Broman said upon receiving the award. "I will wear it with honor at all times.'

Broman also received personal congratulations from the Army Chief of Staff, General John A. Wickman, Jr. Military Science professors from 315 colleges nationwide select their outstanding senior cadet to represent his or her school at the annual George

#### Grant available

An internship grant for work with the Texas Prison System is now available through Prairie View's Department of Social

The statewide internship program, in which Prairie View has been a participant for the past ten years, enables students to train for careers in social work, criminal justice, and correction.

Dr. Sarah Williams, department head says "The Texas Department of Corrections, which is under a court order to improve its housing and staffing conditions, hopes that this grant will help them fulfill those job obligations.

Student beneficiaries are expected to do some volunteer work in a related field.

For more information contact, Dr. Sarah Williams, department head of Criminal Justice

Hawthorne receives

scholarship

**Prairie View Panther** 

Being a reporter for the Panth- change. The Esther J. Tyler Memorial ious persons involved in the

Scholarship Committee announced the 1984-85 recipient at the annual Honor Convocation. Donna Hawthorne is a junior office administration major from Houston. She is currently president of the student chapter of the National Collegiate Association for Secretaries; secretary of the Ensilon Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (a national organiz-

Dean of the College of Business. In addition to active participation in student organizations in the College of Business, Donna is a member of the Joy Bible Study group. Because the late Dr. Tyler encouraged all students to live where we (the U.S.A.) would be up to their potential, the scholarnow. Not to say that things are so ship does not require a student to great in local; state and federal have honor status to be a recigovernment, but at least we are pient. However, Hawthorne had given time to make a just decidemonstrated Academic ability. particularly in her major coursdate stands on certain issues that es--she has a 3.5 grade-point The Scholarship Committee

ation); and a member of the

student advisory council to the

unanimously selected Donna the recipient. This year's award had a monetary value of \$500. The members of the Scholarship Committee invite interested stu dents who are business majors to apply for the 1985-86 award. Contact any member of the Scho larship Committee for additiona information. Scholarship Committee Members are: Dr. Dorisula W. Hawkins, Chairperson Dr. Clyde Ashley, Mrs. Savanhan J. Collier, Ms. Rosie L Matlock, Mrs. Florine J. Muse, Mr. Glenn Moye, Mrs. Lucille Pointer, Mr. Willie Webb.

# Appeal to Student Government

sociation has developed into a change the "election process" stronger voice for the student here at Prairie View A&M Unibody here at Prairie View A&M versity will not be an easy task. University

er I had the opportunity to communicate directly with var-

Student Government Associa

I was very delighted to see such progress and willingness to work in order to better themselves and enhance their qualities as leaders. But I had problems in getting information during this past election. For the most part we (the student body) were not aware of the candidates running for election until a week before the election. Is that enough time? No, that is not enough time. If we were allotted one to two weeks to make a decision on candidates running for local, state and federal government who knows

concern us as a whole in today's So, to the newly elected members and previous members of

sion, knowing where each candi-

The Student Government As- the S.G.A. your responsibility to There is definitely a need for

#### Kollar Korner

In the time of Jesus and his apostles, news was announced by someone called a kervx which means "a herald." He was like a town crier. There were no radios or televisions or printing presses. So when there was an important message for the people, a herald announced the message to the town or city in a loud voice.

The gospel, which is good news, is God's message to the world. God loves everyone, and gave Jesus, his very special son, to be our Savior - to forgive our sins, to help us live right, and to give us a home with Him in heaven, forever. The apostle Paul said: "I have complete confidence in the gospel: it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth (Romans

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved. The Gospel is good news



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# The 1985 Miss Prairie View

pageant from p. 1

cation because I feel their reharder to show them my feel- learned to concentrate, to reach to go through with it.'

Pageant Judge Randy Leyba best possible effort.' said Taylor's unusual song choice was a definite plus in the but to believe in myself. And

the Miss Dallas Pageant, said you sure can't convince the judg-Taylor's song showed "strong. creativity.

Taylor also scored high in the else urged her to try. personal interviews held before

Taylor said she drew heavily eant. on her training as an athlete "I was shocked," Taylor said, ten pounds!" while preparing for the contest. "and at first I was afraid. But a

inside myself and pull out my

"I learned not to be conceited, that's really helped me, because Leyba, who is affiliated with if you can't convince yourself,

She entered the pageant, Tay-"I loved the song," he said. lor said, only because someone

"I was just walking down the the pageant, Leyba said, show- hall one day," she said, "and ing "a very sincere, congenial Mrs. Verna Edwards stopped me the first term," she said, "then l and asked me to enter the pag- want to work on my song, shop

"Track taught me a lot about lot of people helped me, and God sponse and then I work even. discipline," she said. "In track, I gave me the will and confidence

Next stop for Taylor on the pageant trail is Fort Worth, where the Miss Texas Pageant will be held in July.

Taylor says she's nervous about the competition, but feels that having her mother and chaperone Cathy Harris with her will help her confidence.

Before the pageant, Taylor said, she will concentrate on

I'm going to summer school for for some gowns--and try to gair



Lillie Taylor, perform her reudition of legnedary Blues singer Billie Holliday's - "Good Morning Heartache!" With this song, Taylor won the talent competition and paved her way to the title.



Pictured above is winner of the swim suit competition, Dana Wiltz Wiltz was first runner-up in the pageant.



Helene Baloney sings during the talent competition. Baloney was second runner-up.

# **A&M Scholarship Pageant**



Barbara Adams strikes a pose in the bathing suit competition.



Cheryl Gobert models her swimwear in the swim suit competition.



Jennifer Edwards poses during the swim suit competition



Jacqueline Cornelius performs a dance routine during the talent

competition.



Karen Calvin models her evening gown.



Tammy McKinney plays the clarinet during talent

University of St. Thomas: 3rd. Texas Lutheran: 4th. Prairie View A&M University; 5th, St. Edwards; 6th, Southwestern University; 7th, St. Mary's University; and 8th, place was Concordia College. The Pantherettes basketball

place, Baylor University; 2nd, ston, Tx.

.......

'It's getting close, but we're gonna try to make the championship," said Robert Williams, Panthers baseball captain, Most Valuable Player, and recipient of the Most Runs Batted in Award. The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) will hold its SWAC Spring Sports Championship in Houston, Texas on May 2-5th. The Panthers need to

Baseball coach John Tankersley signed six high school recruits to play in key positions for the next years squad. Soon to be working out at Prairie View are

Scott Poche from Vacherie, La; Steve Booker, Arlington Heights; Doug Watson, Waco, Texas; Kevin Belcher, Baylor, Texas: Raman Smith, Atlanta, Ga; and Elston Howard, Houston, Tx.

## **Sports Awards**

#### AWARDS LIST

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- 1. Best Freshman Player
  2. Most Valuable Player
- 4. Most Improved Player MEN'S RASKETRALL
- 1. Most Valuable Player
- 2. Most Improved Player
  3. Best Freshman Player 4. Sixth Man Award

WOMEN'S TRACK

- 1. Most Outstanding Field Performer 2. Most Outstanding Freshman 3. Most Outstanding Cross Country
- Performer
  4. Most Versatile Athlete
- 5. Most Outstanding Performer

- MEN'S TRACK

  1. Most Valuable Runner
  - Most Outstanding Runner
  - 3. Most Improved Runner 4. Cross Country Runner
    5. Most Outstanding Freshman

- Most Valuable Player
- Most Outstanding Player
  Most Dedicated Player 4. Most Improved Player

- FOOTBALL 1. Most Valuable Player
- Most Improved Player
- 3. Most Outstanding Freshman
  4. Most Outstanding Defensive Player
  5. Most Outstanding Offensive Player

- 1. Most Valuable Player
  2. Most Runs Batted In (RBI)
- . Most Outstanding Freshman 4. Most Improved Playe 5. Most Versatile Player

TRAINERS

1. Most Outstanding PRESIDENT'S AWARD

DR. I. T. HUNTER AWARD

1. Most Outstanding Female Athlete
2. Most Outstanding Male Athlete

PAT WALKER MONICA SMITH KAREN ALLEN

VANESSA TIMS

MARK RUTLEDGE JEFFERY WILSON REG VA JONES MAR FAORNE

MICHELLE NEAL JOCELYN TATUM

BRYNETTE SMITH LAVONDA LUCKETT DEIRDER LACKSON

ERNEST BELL KEVIN MCKINLEY TERRY GRAHAM JERRY TYLER

Wesley Tharpe Randolph Baker MICHAEL CRAFT

LINSRY WEST MARCUS CURRIE RODNEY THOMPSON MICHAEL LOMAX EARNEST BROW

ROBERT WILLIAM

ROBERT WILLIAMS

MICHAEL SMITH

GERALD ROBINSON

VINCENT R. MURRY

BRYNETTE SMITH

DEIRDRE JACKSON

DARRON THOMPSON

The coaches were allowed only four minutes to praise, thank and say goodbye to their Senior award winners. Coach Robert Atkins presented awards to his women's basketball team first. Monica Smith (team player), also

April 30-May 6, 1985

Prairie View's three senior

basketball players will partici-

pate in the 3rd Annual Budweis-

er College All-Star game, on

Sunday, April 28th. The game

will be held on the campus of

Mark Rutledge, 6'8" senior

from Palestine, Texas will join

his team-mates Will Blackmon

"I'm thrilled," said Will

Blackmon, after finding out that

he had been chosen to play in

this year's All-Star game. Black-

mon is a management major and

plans to pursue a career in both

his major and the basketball

profession. Blackmon said his

Sports Banquet "Style Show Ex-

travanza" was held; the war-

drobe modeled was the talk of

the night. Everyone from the

students to the "Campus Queen,

Miss Lillie Taylor attended: and

if you add the award winners and

the night's special guest, Billie

"Whiteshoes" Johnson the day

ended in a true delight. There

were two musical selections,

both were written by John Great-

house and beautifully sung by

Eshter Bennett and Valentino

LaFontaine.

greatest moments while playing

Texas Southern University.

and Jeff Wilson.

By Joyce Johnson

Seniors compete in All-Stars Game

Annual Sports BAnquet held

awarded Atkins a plaque. She said "I love him, we all

Jim Duplantier (Men's Basketball Coach) gave a special award to Will Blackmon.

Duplainter said, "He's the backbone of the team." This award was a token of appreciation and a goodbye to the graduating senior.

Head baseball coach John Tankersley gave a brief update on the team's standing their goal to enter the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championship tournament. He completed his four minutes by presenting his team awards and a special award to the school trainer Estenban Melendez.

Melendez said, "The students here at Prairie View are my high. I love all of them.

minutes to speak but I think it'll mation Director.'

This past week the Annual All take me a little longer to intro duce to you Prairie View A&M University's golf team." Hen then went on to formally introduce each of the young men to the audience, praising their suc-

with the Panthers were "win-

Criminal Law major, Jeff Wil-

son said, "I'm looking forward to

playing in the All-Star game. I

feel it is another opportunity to

show my potential." Wilson's

major goals now are to finish

He said, "Being supported by

the students and winning games

contributed to my best moments

while playing ball for the Pan-

The three men will gather with

arch rivals in efforts to bear

senior All-Stars such as themsel

ves from other states. Other

schools participating are Rice

Houston Baptist, University of

Houston and Texas Southern.

school and play ball.

medalist Willie Toney. "Toney could probably beat some of the department heads playing golf," said Kithcart.

cess. He also praised SWAC

The lady who usually has a great deal to talk about, did

"If I talk about all the Prairie View's women track team has done, we would be here all night," said Coach Barbara Jacket. However, she did mention the team's SWAC and Nationa awards for the 1984-85 schoo year. Men's track coach, Hoover Wright also have a formal introduction of his young men. He took time to agree with a quote given by Mr. Billie Johnson.

He said, "If injured, it does not hurt to stop and lie down as long as you don't stay there too long." Track members received both of the Dr. I.T. Hunter Awards. The Most Outstanding Female Athlete Award went to Deirdre Jackson and the Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award went to Ernest Bell.

Coach Conway Hayman recognized all of his team members including his pre-season All-American Candidates and at the end of the "Extravaganza" Sports Information Director, Deborah Thigpen broke the ice and told everyone she was not the model hired to present the

She said, "No, I am not the Dr. Phillip Kithcart (Golf hired model, but Prairie View Coach) said, "they gave us four A&M University's Sports Infor-

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Prairie View's Golf Team finished the NAIA District Four Championship in 4th place. The Championship game was recently held in Seguin, Texas. Instead of attending a SWAC Tournament the Golf Team decided to participate in the NAIA playoffs, in order to face more exper- team will be joined by four ienced teams. Prairie View was outstanding high school recruits. seeded 8th in the tournament. Head coach Bob Atkins hopes to However, by the end of the first improve his 11-13 record with the day Prairie View was in 4th place aide of Tammella Keller, Zachand remained there throughout ary, La; Marvalyn Snell, Hou-

the tournament. The rest of the ston, Tx; Cydney Pennie, Hou-

field finished accordingly: 1st ston, Tx; and Lisa White, Hou-

order to qualify for the SWAC

win their next game against SWAC opponent (Grambling) in

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## **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## **Pageant Power**

#### **By Hattie Horn**

thought of entering a pageant, I quickly tossed the idea out of my mind after working with this imagine teetering around in a year's "Miss Prairie View A&M pair of three inch heels that you

to work on your walk, get up the looking graceful in the process. shoes, and what-have-you to im-

tight as a 19th century corset. time, are we? The creative juices flowing

they knew there were certain you? things that required team work

If there was a time I ever and they wanted to look good. Practicing how to "walk" was the most amusing task. Can you are unaccustomed to, at the same It takes quite a bit of work, a time pulling the stomach and little bit of nerve, and a substan- derierre in, and smiling the

On the fateful night, I think have the money to buy gowns, quite a few people were a bundle

Backstage was the place to be I had the opportunity of work- if you wanted to get run over. ing with a fine-tuned production Everyone was in a hurry. The crew, a hard-driven perfectionist general chorus was "are the girls

throughout left no doubt in my calm slowly enveloped the area mind. These people were going backstage. As the event went on, to make it the best event ever, people loosened up and began to and they knew they were going to have fun. It was going better have to work together to make it than expected and the audience was enjoying themselves it

takes while rehearsing the open- And the winner is... The idea ing number, or voicing encour- of having all those people in the agement of the talent numbers, audience cheering as you walk there was not mistaking the com- around the runway. Well...mayaradering among the contest be I'll take a chance some day. tants. Despite the fact they were How does the title of Miss competing against each other Dempster Dumpster sound to

## Desperately Seeking Susan desperately funny

One of the few fresh, funny movies out, DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN shows you that although life can be a ---, you can still have fun without falling apart at the Roberta (Roasanna Arquette) is

an attractive, young, middleclass housewife with a ho-hum suburban lifestyle. Her hot-tubselling husband is playing around on her, and her sex-starved sister-in-law insists that she Valiums like "normal people," but she feels she is missing something.

Reading the personals in the newspaper one day, Roberta sees a message for a woman named Susan (Madonna;, and decides to fact, she's been reading messages to Susan for quite a while and her curiosity is piqued.

The fun starts when Roberta contracts amnesia, is mistaken for Susan by a gun-toting thug, and falls in love with sexy Dez (Aidan Quinn). My, what's a girl to do? By the time she gets her memory back, she had gotten a job as a magician's assistant, been booked for prostitution, and lived with a man other than her husband. All in a day's work,

Madonna is campy, sexy, and tough as the free spirit Susan. She adds lots of spice to the role with her upbeat, devil-may-care the right touch of innocence and vulnerability for playing Roberta. Aidan Quinn (Dez) reminds one of a younger Sylvester Stallone.

cap venture, Director Susan Siedelman and producers Sansbury and Pillsbury, should be given an "A" for putting together a very funny movie that doesn't make one feel guilty by thinking al the time. In the words of Roberta 'there is life beyond New Jerev " Rated PG-19

# Nightsongs lack Klugh Magic

For years I have enjoyed many of Earl Klugh's albums. Especially the album before "Night-"Wishful Thinking." But this new album seems to fall short of the excellence that is the trademark of Klugh.

The main problem with this album is that too many of the songs featured are orchestrated. There are violins, violas and even entire woodwind sections performing on six of the songs on

gainst classcial music. I enjoy it los from another jazz great Toots very much. But when I listen to Thielsman. This song is a joy to an Earl Klugh album, I want to hear the soothing sounds that I have come to know and love. Not drown out his excellent guitar playing. The other Earl Klugh classics, feature a lot of different instruments, but they always seemed to be the background allowing Klugh's guitar to come shining through.

There are a few good songs on this album. The best being "The Shadow of Your Smile." which features some familiar names such as Ron Carter and Sammy Figueroa. These men have performed on several of Klugh's

shows that Klugh is still capable Earl Klugh fans, this album just of achieving the excellence he had become famous for. It features the great sound of Klugh's

the album. I have nothing a guitar along with harmonica so-

recreates two oldies, but in his own style. His album features "Ain't Misbehavin" by "Fats" Waller, and "See See Rider" by

"Ma" Rainey. These songs are two of jazz's greatest tunes, and Klugh's guitar makes them even more enjoyable.

Although I enjoyed some of the songs on this album, I disliked most of them. If Klugh had performed on this album like he has done on all his others. I'm sure it would have lived up to my expectations. He probably tried to do something different on this album, maybe to try to attract a different type of audience. But "Nightsong," the title cut, for me, and probably a lot other

(On a scale of 1 to 5, this album is

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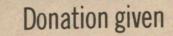
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Following a brief presentation to the cluster by Dr. D.W. Hawkins, scholarship committee chairperson, concerning the endowed scholarship fund in the College of Business, Mr. Gillum made his contribution. We would like to thank Mr. Gillum for his donation and encourage other cluster members and/or alumni to follow his lead.

The endowed scholarship fund was established to insure a permanent source of funds from which scholarships could be awarded and to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Esther J. Tyler. Dr. Tyler was a faculty member in the College of Business who devoted more than 20 years of service to Prairie View A&M 'Jniversity. Contributions may be ant to the: Esther Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund, College of Business, Hobart Taylor Hall.

### Parking problem

In the past few weeks there has been a major problem with students, faculty and staff members finding a place to park. Through it all there have been tickets, tow-aways, gripes and complaints, and no action from anyone.

Prairie View students have said; "Prairie View should have worked to solve this problem in the summer."

The students who live in Alexander Buchanon Hall felt they were aware of the tearing up of their parking lot but didn't know what to do about it. The students who live in Drew Hall said that male students park in so many spaces we don't have a place to park. The students in Banks Hall said a third of their parking space is sectioned off for faculty and staff members.

