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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 way.

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-

see election p. 4

The Night it Reign'd 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 Cogentiality" 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 Congentiality" 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 house, 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 mo-

ther, 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."

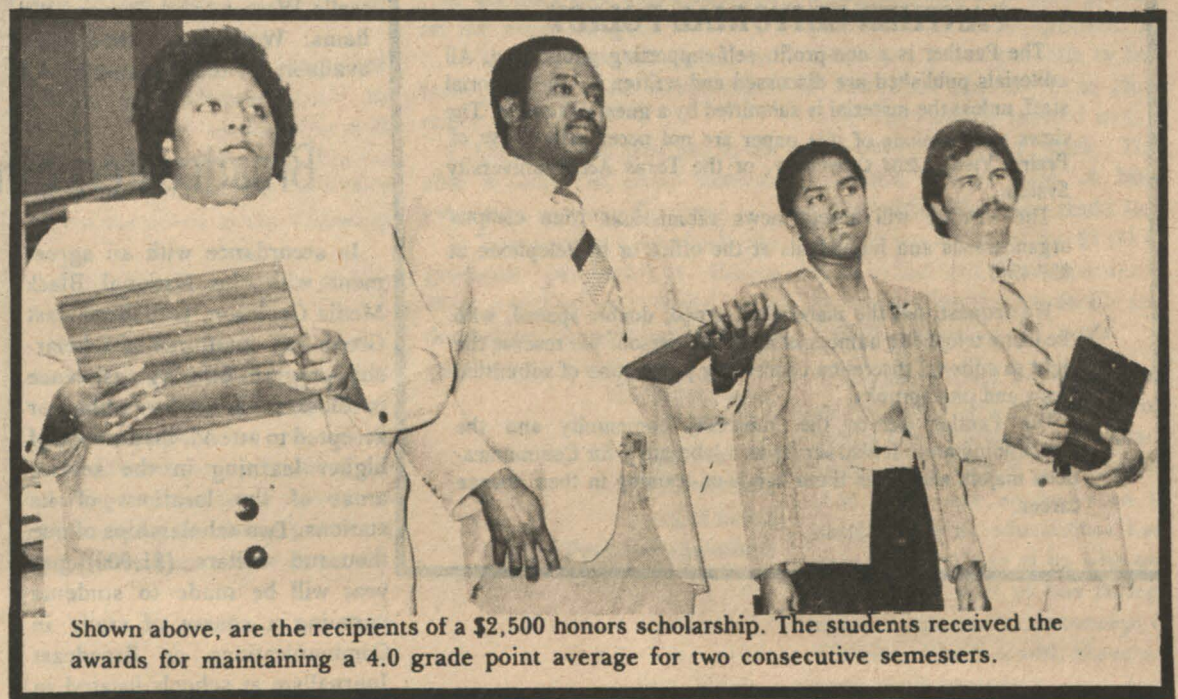
"I relate to that song very strongly," Taylor said, "because the past two year I've known some sad times; but I know you have to believe in God and keep going."

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-

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Shown above, are the recipients of a \$2,500 honors scholarship. The students received the awards for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for two consecutive semesters.

Mock Marriage - PV Style

The Sociology Department held its annual Mock Wedding at the Prairie View Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, April 16. The event attracted over 200 guests including non-students from across the state.

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 appearance 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 applause 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 wedding.

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

Extension Hosts Conference

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 White Hall Hotel in Houston, Texas.

Approximately 200 persons comprised of administrators, research directors and deans from sixteen 1890 institutions and Tuskegee Institute and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Washington, D.C. gathered to discuss how they could strengthen and combine forces in extension, research and teaching.

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 extension, research and teaching, Councilman Hall said, "What we should do and know should be transmitted to us." He went on to say that the City of Houston was receptive and willing to serve those in extension, research and teaching whenever requested.

Representative Wilson challenged the conference participants to consider the statement that "if we think we're the best, then we'll be the best." He also told the audience that those in extension, research and teaching should combine forces and accept the challenge of holding the family together in order to survive in today's economic times.

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Burleson-Outstanding Woman

By Eva Ratcliff

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.

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Adams on Panel

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 convenience.

- 10:00 a.m. -- 10:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
- 10:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Friday
- 10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday

Come on out to make or break high scores!!

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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 the fall.

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 View."

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 KPVO, received multiple injuries, including a broken arm and fractures

of both legs.

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 Hermann Hospital.

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

Cadet Broman receives honor

By Michael Glass

Cadet Colonel Isaiah W. Broman, Jr., the Cadet Brigade Commander for the Army ROTC Panther Brigade, received the George C. Marshall Award this month.

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

C. Marshall ROTC by Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff during World War II, who later became the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

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 sessions on topics ranging from National Security to the concept of taking charge.

General Marshall is best remembered as the Army Chief of Staff during WW//, and his sponsorship of the European Recovery Act (The Marshall Plan) which led to his becoming the only military man in history to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Cadet Colonel Broman's future plans include serving as a United States Army Officer, furthering his education, and eventually establishing a business in software and computer sales.

Grant available

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

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

The Esther J. Tyler Memorial 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 Epsilon Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (a national organization); and a member of the student advisory council to the 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 up to their potential, the scholarship does not require a student to have honor status to be a recipient. However, Hawthorne had demonstrated Academic ability, particularly in her major courses-she has a 3.5 grade-point average.

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

Appeal to Student Government

The Student Government Association has developed into a stronger voice for the student body here at Prairie View A&M University.

Being a reporter for the Panther I had the opportunity to communicate directly with various persons involved in the Student Government Association.

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 where we (the U.S.A.) would be now. Not to say that things are so great in local, state and federal government, but at least we are given time to make a just decision, knowing where each candidate stands on certain issues that concern us as a whole in today's society.

So, to the newly elected members and previous members of the S.G.A. your responsibility to change the "election process" here at Prairie View A&M University will not be an easy task. There is definitely a need for change.

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The 1985 Miss Prairie View

pageant from p. 1

cation because I feel their response and then I work even harder to show them my feelings."

Pageant Judge Randy Leyba said Taylor's unusual song choice was a definite plus in the judging.

Leyba, who is affiliated with the Miss Dallas Pageant, said Taylor's song showed "strong creativity."

"I loved the song," he said. Taylor also scored high in the personal interviews held before the pageant, Leyba said, showing "a very sincere, congenial personality."

Taylor said she drew heavily on her training as an athlete while preparing for the contest.

"Track taught me a lot about discipline," she said. "In track, I learned to concentrate, to reach inside myself and pull out my best possible effort."

"I learned not to be conceited, but to believe in myself. And that's really helped me, because if you can't convince yourself, you sure can't convince the judges."

She entered the pageant, Taylor said, only because someone else urged her to try.

"I was just walking down the hall one day," she said, "and Mrs. Verna Edwards stopped me and asked me to enter the pageant."

"I was shocked," Taylor said, "and at first I was afraid. But a

lot of people helped me, and God gave me the will and confidence to go through with it."

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 several things.

"I'm going to summer school for the first term," she said, "then I want to work on my song, shop for some gowns--and try to gain ten pounds!"



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.

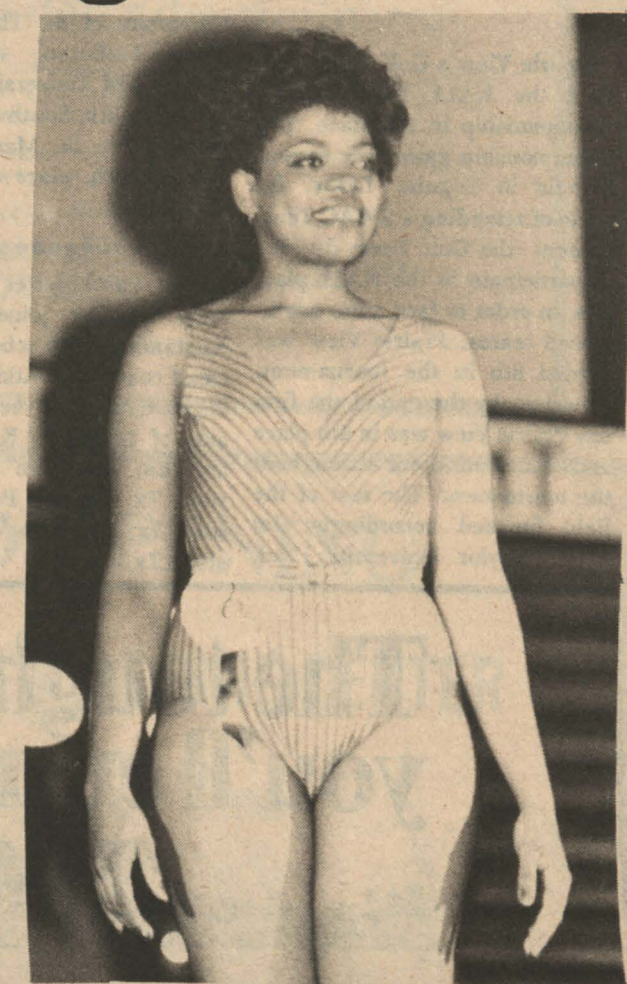
A&M Scholarship Pageant



Barbara Adams strikes a pose in the bathing suit competition.



Cheryl Gobert models her swimwear in the swim suit competition.



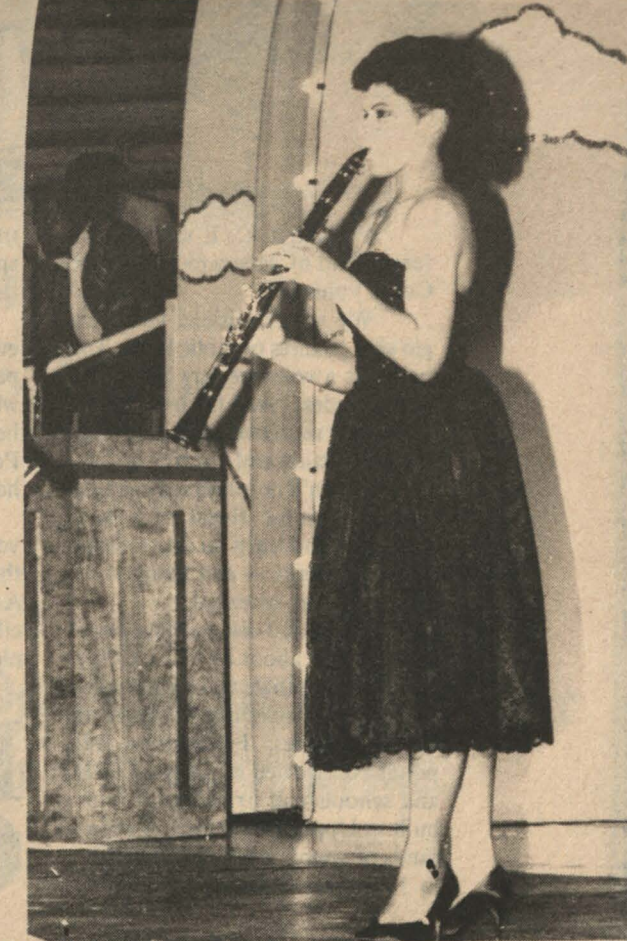
Jennifer Edwards poses during the swim suit competition.



Jacqueline Cornelius performs a dance routine during the talent competition.



Karen Calvin models her evening gown.



Tammy McKinney plays the clarinet during talent competition.

Sports Briefs

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 experienced teams. Prairie View was seeded 8th in the tournament. However, by the end of the first day Prairie View was in 4th place and remained there throughout the tournament. The rest of the field finished accordingly: 1st place, Baylor University; 2nd,

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 team will be joined by four outstanding high school recruits. Head coach Bob Atkins hopes to improve his 11-13 record with the aid of Tammella Keller, Zachary, La; Marvalyn Snell, Houston, Tx; Cydney Pennje, Houston, Tx; and Lisa White, Houston, Tx.

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.

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 "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 win their next game against SWAC opponent (Grambling) in order to qualify for the SWAC playoffs.

Sports Awards

AWARDS LIST

- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
 - 1. Best Freshman Player VANESSA TIMS
 - 2. Most Valuable Player PAT WALKER
 - 3. Most Outstanding Player MONICA SMITH
 - 4. Most Improved Player KAREN ALLEN
- MEN'S BASKETBALL**
 - 1. Most Valuable Player MARK RUTLEDGE
 - 2. Most Improved Player JEFFERY WILSON
 - 3. Best Freshman Player REG NA JONES
 - 4. Sixth Man Award MAR FORNE
- WOMEN'S TRACK**
 - 1. Most Outstanding Field Performer MICHELLE NEAL
 - 2. Most Outstanding Freshman JOCELYN TATUM
 - 3. Most Outstanding Cross Country Performer
 - 4. Most Versatile Athlete
 - 5. Most Outstanding Performer
- MEN'S TRACK**
 - 1. Most Valuable Runner ERNEST BELL
 - 2. Most Outstanding Runner KEVIN MCKINLEY
 - 3. Most Improved Runner TERRY GRAHAM
 - 4. Cross Country Runner JERRY TYLER
 - 5. Most Outstanding Freshman BYRON SWEAT
- GOLF**
 - 1. Most Valuable Player WILLIE TONEY
 - 2. Most Outstanding Player WESLEY THARPE
 - 3. Most Dedicated Player RANDOLPH BAKER
 - 4. Most Improved Player MICHAEL CRAFT
- FOOTBALL**
 - 1. Most Valuable Player LINSEY WEST
 - 2. Most Improved Player MARCUS CURRIE
 - 3. Most Outstanding Freshman RODNEY THOMPSON
 - 4. Most Outstanding Defensive Player MICHAEL LOMAX
 - 5. Most Outstanding Offensive Player EARNEST BROW
- BASEBALL**
 - 1. Most Valuable Player ROBERT WILLIAMS
 - 2. Most Runs Batted In (RBI) ROBERT WILLIAMS
 - 3. Most Outstanding Freshman DARRON THOMPSON
 - 4. Most Improved Player MICHAEL SMITH
 - 5. Most Versatile Player GERALD ROBINSON
- TRAINERS**
 - 1. Most Outstanding VINCENT R. MURRY
- PRESIDENT'S AWARD**
 - BYNETTE SMITH
- DR. I. T. HUNTER AWARD**
 - 1. Most Outstanding Female Athlete DEIRDRE JACKSON
 - 2. Most Outstanding Male Athlete ERNEST BELL

Seniors compete in All-Stars Game

Prairie View's three senior basketball players will participate in the 3rd Annual Budweiser College All-Star game, on Sunday, April 28th. The game will be held on the campus of Texas Southern University.

Mark Rutledge, 6'8" senior from Palestine, Texas will join his team-mates Will Blackmon and Jeff Wilson.

"I'm thrilled," said Will Blackmon, after finding out that he had been chosen to play in this year's All-Star game. Blackmon is a management major and plans to pursue a career in both his major and the basketball profession. Blackmon said his greatest moments while playing

with the Panthers were "winning."

Criminal Law major, Jeff Wilson 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 school and play ball.

He said, "Being supported by the students and winning games contributed to my best moments while playing ball for the Panthers."

The three men will gather with arch rivals in efforts to beat senior All-Stars such as themselves from other states. Other schools participating are Rice, Houston Baptist, University of Houston and Texas Southern.

Annual Sports Banquet held

By Joyce Johnson

This past week the Annual All Sports Banquet "Style Show Extravanza" was held; the wardrobe 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 Greathouse and beautifully sung by Eshter Bennett and Valentino LaFontaine.

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 awarded Atkins a plaque.

She said "I love him, we all do."

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

Duplantier 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."

Dr. Phillip Kithcart (Golf Coach) said, "they gave us four minutes to speak but I think it'll

take me a little longer to introduce 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 success. He also praised SWAC medalist Willie Toney.

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

The lady who usually has a great deal to talk about, did not.

"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 National awards for the 1984-85 school 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 awards.

She said, "No, I am not the hired model, but Prairie View A&M University's Sports Information Director."

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Pageant Power

By Hattie Horn

If there was a time I ever thought of entering a pageant, I quickly tossed the idea out of my mind after working with this year's "Miss Prairie View A&M University" pageant.

It takes quite a bit of work, a little bit of nerve, and a substantial amount of money. You have to work on your walk, get up the nerve to wear a swimsuit, and have the money to buy gowns, shoes, and what-have-you to impress the judges.

I had the opportunity of working with a fine-tuned production crew, a hard-driven perfectionist of a director, and nine lovely contestants on a schedule as tight as a 19th century corset. The creative juices flowing throughout left no doubt in my mind. These people were going to make it the best event ever, and they knew they were going to have to work together to make it happen.

Amidst the laughter over mistakes while rehearsing the opening number, or voicing encouragement of the talent numbers, there was not mistaking the camaradering among the contestants. Despite the fact they were competing against each other they knew there were certain things that required team work

Behind the scene

and they wanted to look good.

Practicing how to "walk" was the most amusing task. Can you imagine teetering around in a pair of three inch heels that you are unaccustomed to, at the same time pulling the stomach and derriere in, and smiling the entire time? On top of that, looking graceful in the process.

On the fateful night, I think quite a few people were a bundle of nerves. This was it.

Backstage was the place to be if you wanted to get run over. Everyone was in a hurry. The general chorus was "are the girls ready," "where is so-and-so," or "we're not going to start on time, are we?"

The pageant started, then calm slowly enveloped the area backstage. As the event went on, people loosened up and began to have fun. It was going better than expected and the audience was enjoying themselves it seemed. Drum rolls please...

And the winner is... The idea of having all those people in the audience cheering as you walk around the runway. Well...maybe I'll take a chance some day. How does the title of Miss Dempster Dumpster sound to you?

Desperately Seeking Susan desperately funny

By Hattie Horn

One of the few fresh, funny movies out, **DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN** shows you that although life can be a b— — —, you can still have fun without falling apart at the

Roberta (Roasanna Arquette) is an attractive, young, middle-class housewife with a ho-hum suburban lifestyle. Her hot-tub-selling husband is playing around on her, and her sex-starved sister-in-law insists that she take 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 answer it in order to meet the free spirit behind the name. In 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, huh?

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 personality. Arquette has just the right touch of innocence and vulnerability for playing Roberta. Aidan Quinn (Dez) reminds one of a younger Sylvester Stallone.

The women behind the mad-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 all the time. In the words of Roberta, "there is life beyond New Jersey." Rated PG-13.

Nightsongs lack Klugh Magic

By Mark Banks

For years I have enjoyed many of Earl Klugh's albums. Especially the album before "Nightsongs," "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

the album. I have nothing against classical music. I enjoy it very much. But when I listen to an Earl Klugh album, I want to hear the soothing sounds that I have come to know and love. Not a lot of other instruments that drown out his excellent guitar playing. The other Earl Klugh albums that have become almost 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 other albums.

"Nightsong," the title cut, shows that Klugh is still capable of achieving the excellence he had become famous for. It features the great sound of Klugh's

guitar along with harmonica solos from another jazz great Toots Thielman. This song is a joy to hear.

On this album Klugh also 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 for me, and probably a lot other Earl Klugh fans, this album just does not work.

(On a scale of 1 to 5, this album is a 2)



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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 University. Contributions may be sent 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.

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