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Pictured above are the two newest members of the Commodores. The popular group performed in the Baby Dome April 13th along with Whodini.

## Concern over hazing prompts new rules and regulations

Because of statewide concern over hazing incidents which resulted in injuries, P.V.U. has issued new rules governing fraternity/sorority pledging practices.

The following rules and regulations for controlling hazing have been revised this semester by the Pan Hellenic Advisory Board and S.C.O. for all Greek and non-Greek organizations.

In conducting the pledge club, there shall be no hazing, physical, or mental abuse or any act which may injure, degrade or embarrass the individual. The following are some examples of acts or behavior which should not be tolerated: (1) Paddling with any object (2) Imitating an animal such as dog, etc. (3) Branding or scratching (4) Tacky or unbecoming dress (5) Name calling (6) Vulgar or obscene language. Additionally, in no event should the pledges be required to: (1) Perform personal favors prior to "Help Week" (2) Subject

themselves to any physical or mental abuse with or without their consent HAZING IS OUT!!! (3) Engage in activities which will interfere with their normal pattern of study and activities (4) Establishing a "line" or appear in a line (5) Modify their living schedule or study schedule as a condition of belonging to the pledge club (6) Engage in pledge club except on a voluntary basis or be prejudiced nor penalized because he exercised his right to voluntary action. (7) Submit to any form or paddling, participation in a "death walk" or participate in any form of activity except on a voluntary basis. (8) Submit to any action which he or she does not agree is in his best interest, or be denied the right to express his grievance or be denied due process or the right and appeal of relief.

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## PVA&MU recognizes honor students

By Hattie Horn

Prairie View A&M University held its 31st annual honors Convocation Thursday, April 11 in the university fieldhouse. The Convocation was held to recognize students who had achieved academic excellence for the 1984 semesters.

Patricia A. Russell, attorney and president of her own consulting firm, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Speaking to an audience composed of students, parents, faculty, and administrators, Russell stated that Prairie View students had a chance to make a choice in 1985—a choice for academic excellence.

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance," she said.

Russell, a graduate of Howard University Law School and Kentucky State University, stressed the importance of getting an education in this day and age saying, "It's a hard ball game out there and all the bases are loaded."

"The only thing that comes to sleepers is a dream," she said. "And when the sleeper wakes up, even that's gone."

Russell cited statistics showing the small number of minority-black individuals holding jobs as doctors, lawyers, chemists, etc.

"Did you know that the majority of our black physicians, attorneys, and engineers came from predominantly black institutions?" she asked.

Russell, who has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, recounted an incident where she observed a robot delivering mail in the Hall of Justice. She said robots could not be allowed to take the place of people.

"That's why we (blacks) must strive to achieve high goals," she said. "It's important that we stay in the numbers."

Russell urged the students not to be discouraged nor impatient for economic gain.

"We know that we must climb the mountain in life," she said, "in order to see what's ahead."

There's so much good in the worst of us," she continued, "and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behoves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

Russell ended her speech by stating, "You have a chance to make a choice at Prairie View," she said. "For academic excellence, American style, in 1985."

Additional comments were made by University President Dr. Percy Pierre who said, "We have come at a time when Prairie View has changed," he said. "and I support the students' efforts in their quest for academic excellence."

Pierre said the students should continue to work hard to keep retain what they have attained, but to push for higher goals

The president also presented plaques to five students who received all A's for two consecutive semesters and awarded them Presidential scholarships valued at \$2500 each. The five students are Dat V. Bui, Flora

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Campus News



THREE DUCKS PEER out at the cool waters of a pond near campus. With scenes like this, and the weather we have been seeing lately, can summer be far away?

Jacquelin Cornelius, a senior accounting major, has received the Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston Accounting Scholarship for 1985.

Jacqueline is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, Prairie View Student Chapter. She has been involved with the Prairie View Jazz Troupe and is currently working with the Performing Theater of Arts-New England in her native city of Fort Worth.

She is a contestant in the 1985 Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant.

The Department of Accounting received a \$1,000 grant from the Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston. Dan Daigle and Robert McLaughan, representatives of the Society, presented the grant. The grant will be used to benefit the Oil and Gas Accounting curriculum.

Dr. Young W. Park of the Animal Science Department will attend the 1985 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology at Anaheim, California on April 21-26. He will present a research paper. Park also recently received a special research grant from USDA/CSRS in the amount of \$100,000 for a proposal titled "Chemical and Bacteriological Characteristics of Goat Milk and Cheddar Cheese."

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE  
MAY 6 - 11, 1985

Wednesday - Friday, May 8 - 10, 1985:

All NROTC and AROTC examinations will be scheduled by the professors of NROTC and AROTC during this period. All Physical Education Practice examinations will be scheduled by the head of the Physical Education Dept. during this same period. Examinations for all classes meeting at 5:00 p.m. or later will be given during regular class time the last meeting day.

Saturday, May 11, 1985:

Examinations for Graduate classes and Weekend College classes will be given during the regular class period.

DATE	TIME OF EXAMINATIONS		
	9:00-11:00	11:00-1:00	1:00-3:00
Monday May 6	Classes Meeting at 9:30 AM T-TH	Classes Meeting at 8:00 AM T-TH	Classes Meeting at 10:00 AM M-W-F
Tuesday May 7	Classes Meeting at 4:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 1:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 12:30 PM T-TH
Wednesday May 8	Classes Meeting at 3:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 2:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 3:30 PM T-TH
Thursday May 9	Classes Meeting at 8:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 11:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 2:00 PM T-TH
Friday May 10	Classes Meeting at 9:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 11:00 AM T-TH	Classes Meeting at 12 Noon M-W-F

EDITORIALS & COMMENTS



Telling it Like it is

By Gretchen Smith

"Recanted rape story a lie, Chicago prosecutors say" was the headline written in last Sunday's Houston Chronicle. After a week of freedom on \$100,000 bond, Gary Dotson was returned to jail. Cathleen Crowell Webb's accusation of rape and kidnap cost Dotson six years imprisonment in Dixon Correctional Center (in Illinois). Dotson has been sent back to Dixon Correctional Center to continue serving his 25 to 50 year prison term. Assistant State's Attorney Peggy Frossard argued the state's position that Dotson is in fact guilty as charged. Webb claims to have made up the rape charge because she feared she was pregnant after having sex with her boyfriend. Hell of a way to clear your tracks huh....?

I admire Webb's courage in coming forward and admitting her fraudulent statement, yet I despise her actions. Her wild imagination may have justified the judicial system in their harsh ruling that a woman cannot just "cry rape"--she must prove it. For years women have been appalled to learn that the accused is often treated as if he were the victims. It is now obvious why.

Webb, who lives in New Hampshire with her husband and two children, indicated she would be willing to speak to Governor James R. Thompson, who has the power to pardon Dotson. Thompson agreed Friday to review the charges of rape and kidnap, as well as the two-day hearing that sent Dotson to prison. If the appeal is unsuccessful, Dotson will be eligible for parole in 1988.

Cafeteria services, living accommodations top issues in SGA elections

A number of students on the campus of Prairie View were surveyed to determine what issues they felt were important in this year's SGA election. Among the issues, many of the students felt the candidates attention in bettering PV A&MU should be directed at the ARA and cafeteria services. Many were aware of the poor conditions, and felt that this is definit-

ely an area where improvement is necessary.

Although many students were interested in the upgrading of the Alumni food services, most of them thought the attention of the candidates should be directed to better living conditions on campus. Ideas included renewing the old buildings and building new ones, and adding on outdoor pool like other campuses have. These ideas were presented by Lee Bart

Lee, who says, "They should do something to liven up the campus and make the stay more pleasant. Students held different opinions on what areas should be of most concern. Though most students thought the attention, of the candidates should be directed at the renovation of dorms, most noted improvement. "Prairie View has improved almost 100 percent over the five years I've been here," declares senior Dianne Sloan.

Communications: expressing ideas, beliefs

By Teddy Dikas

Communications is the fundamental factor in academic pursuit.

Does everybody believe this? Well, if you don't, try putting your own idea of communications in written words and submit it to the PANTHER's publication office. This is a challenge.

A majority of people know how to conceptualize interesting issues, but always find it difficult to communicate them to other people, thus we have communication problems. Recently, many students, especially foreign students, have confronted me with questions on how to communicate their ideas to other students. As a student in communications, my answer to them had to be "Hey! Write it or say it, for goodness sake."

The entire Communications department is the university's most valuable source of information, meant to use students and be used by students for the purpose of academic and administrative awareness. Fellow students, isn't it time for us to seize this invaluable opportunity provided for us by the university; or are we still going to sit around and play "Uno"? Let's stage a come-back to effective communication by making proper use of our source of information in exchanging some academic ideas.

If it is possible, I will suggest that we start off by adopting a Socratic method of asking and answering questions in a section of the PANTHER. In this situation, all students would be allowed to ask questions of academic interest which would be answered by other students in different fields of study. These questions would be published as well as the answers. This idea will help in keeping up our general academic awareness in different areas of study.

We students in Communications need to be busier than ever in finding out information for students in other areas. If you're interested in Radio and TV, make yourself recognized. Mr. Coleman needs some hands in the studios. If you're in print media, hey! Dr. Jack McNamara needs some interns upstairs. Be useful to yourself and to the school. "A word is enough for the wise."

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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.

Patricia Russell an inspiration

If I should ever forget my day of graduation at Prairie View A&M University, I would never forget the 1985 Spring Convocation Speech, delivered by Attorney Patricia Russell, on academic excellence.

Patricia Russell, a model of academic excellence, a dramatic personality, a talented orator, an articulate speaker and grammatical genius, brainwashed the audience speaking on academic excellence. She left a lingering image on the minds of most students of Prairie View when she spoke of some renowned black intellectuals of the

past. She set up a challenging atmosphere among students when she talked about the pride in being the highest honor student. Besides, she inspired some poor students when she mentioned all the reasons why she thinks that we can do it if we tried.

I'm still having a mental picture of Patricia Russell standing on the podium and pointing her inspiring finger on a crowd of students. She reminded us of the one minute prophecy between success and failure, the difference in being a participator instead of being a spectator on

graduation day, and the pride of being recognized with ~~laude~~ degree. She urged that we remain the architect of our own future in career pursuit by saying the Ivy League universities like Harvard "have no place for 2.00 students." She made it clear that it is better for us students of Prairie View to get together now and nash out teeth for the brightness of our future than to sit around and play chase, and forfeit our deposits in education. Attorney Patricia Russell, you've said it all; he who has ears, let him hear. We appreciate your words of inspiration.

# Campus News

Dr. I. T. Malloy will conduct a values clarification workshop on April 25 from 3:15 p.m. until 4:50 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information contact Linda Woodson at 857-2217 or 857-2218.

Dr. Arthur Whimbey, a nationally recognized consultant in the area of critical thinking, will present two workshops on our campus on Tuesday, April 23, 1985. He will conduct a faculty workshop and a student workshop. The faculty workshop will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Engineering Center in Seminar Room 206J. The student workshop will be conducted from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To register for the workshop, please call Mrs. Etta Hill, 2256/2259 by Friday, April 19.

Fletcher and Carter said the group has a style of its own and that a rapper's approach to music is different to that of a regular singer's.

Ada L. Baker, senior accounting major from Dallas, has won the 1984-85 Accounting Excellence Award. This award is presented annually by the Educational Foundation of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) to outstanding senior accounting students at Texas Universities participating in the foundation's programs. The recipient was selected on the basis of the highest overall G.P.A. and overall accounting G.P.A.

Dr. William Moore testified before a Congressional subcommittee on April 10. Moore's testimony was made in behalf of NAFEO, an organization that represents 114 historically black colleges and universities. He called for the continuation of the Office of Minority Economic Impact Program within the Department of Energy, and for the institution of a nationwide Cluster Thrust in Energy Research.

Dr. George E. Brown, Dr. Purvis Carter, Mr. William Chapman, Dr. Larry Cole, Dr. Freddie Frazier, and Mr. Clarence Talley have been elected to serve a two-year term as faculty senate representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences.



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## CG'S sponsor run to Austin

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"USA for Africa," a song that's at the top of the charts, features a number of prominent American music artists, singing for the starving children of Africa. The lyrics of the song, "We are the ones who make a better day, so let's all start giving," may inspire help for the deprived children of Ethiopia and other underdeveloped countries. The CG's have decided to lend a hand, and a foot for that matter, to help the starving children of Ethiopia.

Every year for the past few years the Counter Guerrillas have run to Austin for different charitable purposes.

This year every member of the CGs was independently involved in organizing the run to Austin.

The run will be in relay form and each member will run a minimum of six and one half miles carrying the gold and black CG baton. The carrier of the baton may run a complete six and one half miles, or run two-thirds of a mile at a time.

The sponsors of the CG run to Austin are Captain Tefteller, Captain Whiteside, and Captain Lee. Members of the CGs have set up a pledge table in the cafeteria where students may pledge a penny a mile (which would total \$1.43) or may make a donation or pledge at their own price.

Donations have been made by businesses and corporations from surrounding counties, and in addition to student pledges, the CAs have acquired about \$1,000, and their goal is to raise \$3,000. Money will be accepted until the end of April, and 100 percent of the money contributed to the CGs will be turned over to the Red Cross for the famine relief fund.

## AROTC Field Day

The Army ROTC department here at Prairie View A&M University will hold its' annual high school field day on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 8:00 a.m. inside the University's Field House.

There are expected to be over 25 schools in attendance from the greater Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas area school districts.

The competition will consist of each school entering a team of various students into a particular military category and compete with the team from the other schools. The military subject areas consist of the following areas; Precision Drill (basic and fancy, with/without Arms), The Ranger swim Test, the Oritorical, Military Skills, Current Events, Rifle Marksmanship, and the Physical Fitness Competitions.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners of each event. The overall score will be computed and the Lyndon Baines Trophy will be awarded to the school with the highest overall score.

All students, friends, faculty and community is invited to the High School Field Day as these young adults compete in the various events. Further information may be obtained concerning the event by calling Sergeant Major Stepney at (409) 857-4512.

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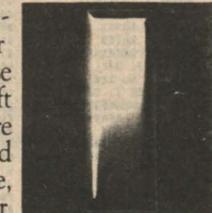
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The Magic of Whodini

By Hattie Horn

Like a magician pulling rabbits out of his hat, the musical group Whodini has hit records popping out of theirs.

Riding the wave of success are Grand Master "D", the Rapper Ecstasy a/k/a Drew Carter and John Fletcher and one other. They make up the front line of Whodini.

Plying their trade as unique "rap" music masters, Whodini appeared in concert with The Commodores at Prairie View A&M Saturday, April 13. They have been touring promoting their album "Escape," from which the smash hit, "The Freaks Come out at Night" is climbing the charts.

Fletcher said the group got its name when working with a New York disc jockey by the name of Mr. Magic, who was famous for his rapping Mr. Magic "rat-a-tat."

"Some guys over in Europe wanted to make a record about him and his contribution to the 'rap' world," he said. "We were close to him, so they asked us to make the record. The record was titled 'Magic's Wand' and they wanted a name to match the record."

Thus, the birth of Whodini. "Rapping is a different audience," said Fletcher. "Rappers think different in terms of how style and rap is constructed. You have to say more words at a time and keep a rhythm."

Carter said that 'rap' music is "one of the strongest forms of music today. We want to go down in history as being one of the pioneers who brought it to light," he said.

Carter provided information about a movie the group will be starting in along with Kurtis Blow, Run DMC, and the Fat Boys, other rappers within the realm.

"The title is unknown at the moment," he said. "But it will be dealing with the everyday life of a rapper. Production will start soon and the movie should be out in late August or September."

Fletcher added that Michael Shultz, who directed the runaway hit "The Last Dragon," will be directing.

Whodini's producer is Larry Smith and they said he is the "Quincy Jones" of rap.

"He also produces Run DMC and produced Confunction's 'Electric Lady,'" Fletcher said. "Because of him, rap music is not just rap, but good music."

Fletcher explains that Whodini is out to make a statement and entertain audiences.

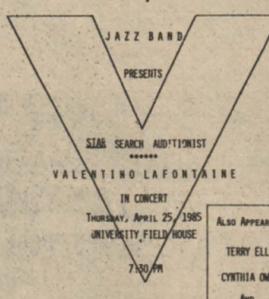
"We want to make a statement, but don't want to make a statement," he said. "We want to put the variable in front of your face and let you make the decision."

And from the look of things, Whodini's magic potion for success seems to be working.



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WHODINI PERFORMS in the Baby Dome. Pictured above are Drew Carter and John Fletcher.



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### Honors Convocation from p. 1

Gibson, Okechukwu Onuoha, Mary K. Taylor and Kenneth Haley.

President Pierre said that Russell gave an inspiring speech and that Prairie View A&M would accept the challenge and continue to set high goals of academic excellence.

An informal "rap" session was held following the Convocation in the Administration Auditorium. Students, faculty and parents were encouraged to meet and ask questions of Russell.

### Hazing from p. 1

Any individual who is guilty of violating the rules during the pledge program is to be automatically declared inactive by campus organizations and sponsors bearing the responsibility for implementing this. Prairie View A&M University's regulation on hazing states that "any student guilty of inflicting acts of hazing on a fellow or person will be dismissed from the institution. Hazing is prohibited by law in State Educational Institutions. The Texas law provides that: Any student of a State Educational Institution who commits the offense of hazing shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months or both."

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