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Engineering Student Wins Award



MARY TAYLOR RECEIVES her award from Michael Shinn regional representative for General Electric.

A Prairie View Engineering student was among 6 winners of the Latimer Achievement Award given by the National Society of Black Engineers in San Francisco, March 15. The awards, which include grants of \$1,500 to each student, were made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the General Electric Foundations to NSBE.

The Latimer Achievement Awards are given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, service to NSBE and service to community or professional activities. The 1985 winners are: Mary K. Taylor, a junior electrical engineering major at Prairie View A&M University; Melissa L. Bandy, a junior electrical engineering major at Purdue Univer-

sity; Albert P. James, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at Boston University; Rodney Dotson, a junior at the University of Tennessee majoring in chemical engineering; Patricia A. Rutledge, a sophomore chemical engineering major at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and David A. Fleming, a senior majoring in electrical engineering at the Stanford University.

The awards program was named in honor of Lewis Latimer, a black inventor who worked with Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison and was the only black member of the original "Edison Pioneers," an organization dedicated to keeping alive the ideals and aims of Thomas Edison.

The six Latimer Achievement Award winners received their certificates and grants at the NSBE awards banquet attended by more than 1,000 NSBE members and representatives of business, education and government.

The National Society of Black Engineers is an organization of college engineering students dedicated to the development of intensive programs for increasing the participation of black and other ethnic minorities in engineering and engineering technology.

The General Electric Foundation is an independent trust that makes contributions for charitable, scientific, literacy or educational purposes for use within the United States or any of its possessions.

Stevenson, Dennis NLC meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Ell-Roy Stevenson and Councilman Kevin Dennis of Prairie View, were in Washington this week for a National League of Cities meeting.

The 4,000 city officials attending the NLC Congressional-City Conference were told that major urban programs, already cut in half from their 1979 funding levels, could lose another \$20 billion if Congress accepts the cuts proposed by the administration.

NLC President George V. Voinovich, mayor of Cleveland, presented a NLC statement of priorities that called for a deficit reduction effort that would treat all areas of federal spending comparably. It would also consider the "tax expenditures" created by various deductions and special allowances in the tax code. The document was drafted during

the conference by the League's board of directors and policy committee leaders, all municipal officials.

Rep. William H. Gray III (D-Pa.), chairman of the House Budget Committee, also addressed the delegates and outlined what will be needed to bring down deficits with turning away from human needs and urban problems.

The conference included a full day of workshop sessions on major urban issues currently before Congress. The briefings focused on the most important concerns surrounding each issue, how Congress is likely to approach them, and what kinds of facts and information might affect those deliberations. The sessions were in preparation for a full day of meetings on Capitol Hill between the visiting city officials and their House and Senate delegations.

Foreign students take jobs

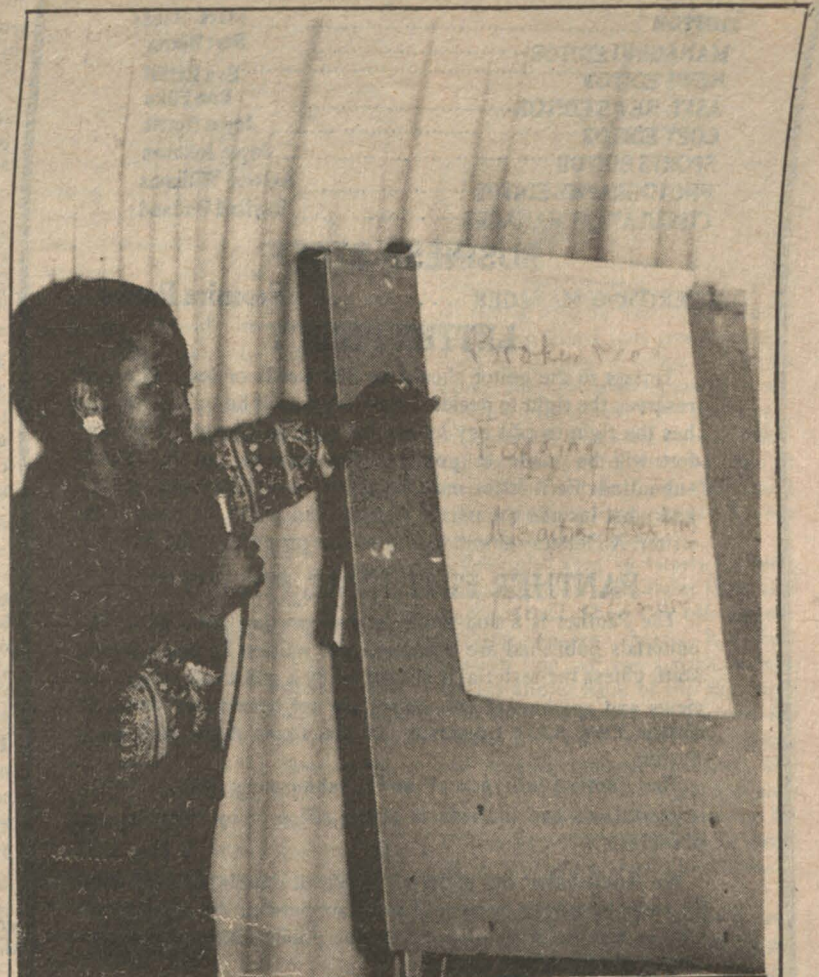
Most foreign students at Prairie View A&M University are working at full or part-time jobs. The president of Bahamas student organization, Kenyon McDonald said. This is because foreign students who are not residents of the United States are not entitled to financial aid.

"I always receive money from Bahamas, but it does not arrive at that particular period I need it; that is why I got a part time job on campus," McDonald said.

Another member of the organization John Williams said native students could stay in school without worrying about their financial situation because their parents will always come to their aid at a telephone call. However, it takes foreign students almost a year to get their money from home.

"We cannot depend on the money we receive from home; if we depend on our fees for all we need without working, the majority will be going contrary to immigration law by not staying in school every semester with at least 12 credit hours," Williams said.

According to one of the members of the organization, part time jobs outside school aid foreign students in buying their everyday needs, and some students prefer living outside the campus because the school doesn't have jobs for everybody.



DR. BEVERLY A. McLAUGHLIN highlights information during the Assertiveness Training Seminar recently held on campus. The seminar was attended by several members of the faculty, staff, and students. This seminar is just one of the many held on campus during the semester.

Honors Convocation April 11



PICTURES ABOVE ARE THE CONTESTANTS of the Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant. (Seated, left to right) Dana Wiltz, Karen Calvin, Barbara Adams, Tammy McKinney and Lillie Taylor. (Standing, left to right) Jacquelyn Cornelius, Jennifer Edwards, Patricia Daughtery, Cheryl Gobert and Helene Baloney.

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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.

Library purchases new computers

The W.R. Banks Library purchased eight new PLATO computers last month. The computers, designed to enhance individualized learning, are in the basement of the library.

Library director Dr. Don Sweet says that the computers may be used by all Prairie View students, faculty and staff.

Marion Williams, co-ordinator of the Learning Resources Center, said that PV students may use the computers on a daily basis.

"They will be required to sign in at the LRC desk in room 010 to check out the software, and they will have to show us their ID card. Coursewares currently available to us include Pascal and Fortran 77," she said.

"The expectation," said Sweet, "is that additional software will be purchased in the future. However, I have no way of knowing when the new software will be arriving," he said.

Helen Yeh, assistant director for Technical Services, said that the new systems will be an invaluable source of information for the university community, but only if they take advantage of them the computers.

The hours for use of the systems are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Marion Williams (857-3027) or Helen Yeh (857-2012).

Letters to the editor

All visitors or non-employees who enter the campus for a period of more than one hour or will have an extended stay on campus are required to obtain from the Security Department a temporary permit or a special visitor's permit.

These permits will enable that person to parking in any necessary parking area without violation of the parking regulations.

Any time any department on campus has special visitors coming to the campus they must notify the Security Department at least three (3) days prior to and secure parking permits for these persons.

If a person is working every day on this campus, with the exception of contractors, they are required to purchase a staff parking permit. With these things in mind, it will be understood by every department on campus that they are to inform the Security Department of any type of special parking situations that may occur.

Rusaw Knowles
Director of Safety
and Traffic

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all the innocent students here at Prairie View. So often students are the victims of verbal abuse by the University Administrators and faculty. I feel that it is a disgrace that when students go for services that we pay for, we have to deal with the bad attitudes and most often, just plain ignorance of these officials here on campus.

These officials are not just lower subordinates, but also individuals who hold pretty strong position. Fees here at Prairie View definitely have not gotten any lower and I understand through the Houston Post, Houston Chronicle, and the other forms of media, they are being increased. Someone should try and take care of this very serious problem. No student should have this or her head chewed off because the person on the opposite side of the counter had a bad night or got up on the wrong side of the bed or just feels like he or she does not have to be courteous.

We the students of Prairie View pay too much money for our fees to be treated like dogs. Some of these offices are the Administration Office, B-2, the Fiscal Office, the University Exchange, Alumni Hall, the campus laundromat and various offices and buildings here on campus.

Maybe our dear president Dr. Percy Pierre could run an investigation on this subject because it is definitely a matter that needs great attention. Will we, the innocent students here at Prairie View, continue to be abused this way or will some concerned individual put an end to it?

Sincerely,
Gary N. Montgomery

About four weeks ago I was involved in an incident that makes me wonder about some of the people that the school contracts to provide services.

A week before spring break the school contracted a wrecker to tow cars that are on a list of having three or more delinquent tickets. I'm not arguing the point of the new rule because I feel they should collect all the revenue they've been missing on unpaid tickets. Well I had three tickets and I was put on the list that I didn't know about because it was a new rule just put into effect before my incident. I was sitting in class and I just happened to glance out of the window and the tow truck pulled up to my car, at that time I dashed out to my car before it was hooked up and when I tried to ask Mr. Manuel (the wrecker driver) what was going on he told me I was on the hot list and that he was going to tow my car oneway or another anyway. Then a security guard walked up and told me I should take my car to the security station to pay my tickets, but then at that time Mr. Manuel pulled my car over the curb and towed it off. The security guard told me I could go to security and get my car back without paying the towing fee if I picked it up before he impounds it. When I went to get the car back Mr. Manuel told me she the wrong thing and that I have to pay the fifty dollars towing fee.

To make a long story short I wouldn't have argued the point of my car being towed if it would have been hooked up before I got there.

After two days and some administrative help I talked to Chief Knowles about the incident and he was willing to be cooperative about dropping the towing fee since I was misinformed about the ordeal, but his hands were tied pending Mr. Manuel's decision. He met with me and Mr. Manuel and Mr. Manuel was still uncooperative about the fee. So I went back to my administrative help and after a little investigation we found out that the fifty dollars towing fee was above the maximum legal towing fee limit (\$37.50) for the distance the cars were being towed.

Well I'm pleased to say that with some help from a few administrative people and also an understanding chief, I got my incident taken care of. The towing fee is now \$25.00, but I feel something should be done about all the students that paid fifty dollars was charged an illegal towing fee because students don't have that kind of money to give away to people who want to take advantage of them. I feel the school should be more careful about the people that they award contracts to.

Kerry D. Mickens
TOY-2C

EDITORIALS AND COMMENTS



Editorial

According to the reports in the paper, on the radio, and on the television, there is going to be an increase in the tuition of colleges and universities across the state. The only question now is how much?

April 2, about 2000 angry students from UT-Austin and various other state-supported universities and colleges stormed the capitol protesting the proposed tuition increase plan of Lt. Governor Bill Hobby. Hobby proposed to triple the cost of attending a state school. Currently, it cost Texans \$4 per credit hour to go to any state school, including Prairie View A&M. If Hobby's plan is accepted by the state legislature, it will cost Texans \$12 per hour to attend the same school.

The reason for this increase, according to the legislature, is a drop in oil prices. It seems that the state's number one product is not doing too well in the marketplace, or at least that's what everyone wants us to believe. They tell us that the oil exporting countries are squeezing out the oil producers in the state by continually lowering the price per barrel of oil. So because of this, the state is losing billions of dollars, and the entire Texas higher educational system depends on oil to pay the bills. So because of the drop in oil prices, the legislature has to somehow make up the difference, so the legislature decided it was time for a tuition increase.

The Hobby plan is not the only one the legislature is considering. Another plan is the one proposed by Rep. Wilhelmina Delco. Her plan calls for raising the tuition by \$2 next fall, and by \$2 every year until it reaches \$24 per credit hour. Also included in this plan is a proposal to set aside 25 percent of this tuition money to help students who can't afford to pay the higher rates.

Both plans are being considered because the legislature wants to raise the tuition at state schools, not only because of declining oil prices, but also to put the cost on the same level as other universities across the country.

The cost of attending a Texas school is much less than it is anywhere else in the country. In my home state of Missouri, for example, it would cost over \$25 per hour to attend a university, and in some instances, it would cost much more, as high as \$40 per hour. The legislature feels it is time that the state puts its college cost on the same level as the rest of the country.

Along the same lines, the legislature feels it is also time that out-of-state students starting paying more for their education in Texas. Currently, many out-of-state students are paying less to go to school in Texas than they would if they were going to school at home. Texas taxpayers have been helping these students go to school in this state, and many legislators feel it is time that these students began paying their own way.

Thus the rationale behind Hobby's plan. If his plan is passed by the legislature, out-of-state students would have to pay \$120 per credit hour, three times the \$40 per credit hour those students now pay.

It looks bad for students across the state. Some of them can barely afford the \$4 per hour they pay now. Texas students are going to have to dig deeper into their pockets, or their parent's pockets to pay for their education. And for students on financial aid, the outlook is worse. With budgets cuts proposed by the Reagan administration this year, there will probably be less money available for loans and grants. So many of these students will be forced to find jobs to help supplement their educational cost.

Since a increase in tuition seems to be inevitable, one way the state could help students is to implement Delco's plan which calls for 25 percent of the tuition funds to be set aside to help students who can't afford to pay the total cost of going to school. This would show the people that the Texas lawmakers are concerned about the students in their schools.

To help lower the cost for out-of-state students, the legislature could set up a system where these students could qualify for in-state-fees. Possibly by giving them a test much like the Competitive Scholarship Test given here at Prairie View, or possibly a citizenship test of some sort.

Something has to be done to help Texas students pay for their education. If a tuition plan has to be implemented, the Delco plan is the most acceptable, because it calls for a gradual increase which can be absorbed step by step. The Hobby plan, on the other hand, is too much too soon. It will put students across the state in a financial-state-of-shock that many would never recover from.

By Mark Banks

Editorial

The time has come for the election of SGA officers and your vote will be an important factor in the selection of these officers.

I know that I am making it seem as though we are voting for the President of the United States but I feel that the students should take the SGA elections as serious as they would take the National elections.

This is our university and the way in which our student government is run affects the entire student body. Students should not let this major event turn into a popularity contest but should take time to consider which candidates will get the job done.

The candidates will begin their campaigns April 8 and will end on the 16th, the day before the elections. Students should try to attend these rallies so that they can familiarize themselves with the different candidates.

Your vote plays a vital role in the governing of your student government. Take pride in your selections. If you do, you will have the satisfaction in knowing you have made a wise decision that will enable Prairie View to continue its quest for success.

Also, let us not forget to salute the SGA officers of the 1984-85 session for a very prosperous year.

By Bert Bilton

Editorial

As sports editor of the Panther many advisors, coaches, members of the Athletic Council, and athletic department heads have come to me complaining about the general format of the Panther.

They feel that the Panther should present a more positive image of the university. Individuals seem to believe that the negative articles being published by the Panther are hurting the universities recruitment plan. Many people feel that the only way we have to inform students what's happening here at the university is by sending them a release of the Panther. "In order for the students to know about the university, we send them the Panther and other press releases. If we send them a negative release then we are defeating our own purpose," said Adrain Humphrey.

"I think the students should remember that the Panther is a student paper and it goes out to the community. It should keep a positive attitude, so that others will think positive about the university also," said Sport Information Director, Ms. Deborah Thigpen. With stories such as the dining hall being published some advisors feel that students or athletes who come to visit the university may no longer have any interest in this institution after reading such negativism. Others feel that the university newspaper is taking the "true journalist" mood too far. It has been said that it would far. It has been said that if the

articles were being published in the Houston Post it would be good judgement. However, for a college newspaper it is not acceptable.

Mrs. Brenda Lorick, Associated Director of Placement said, "I refuse to put those papers in a recruitment packet. When school districts come here for recruitment purposes, I normally put an issue of the Panther in their packets. However, I will not advertise bad components. I am not saying that bad things should not be published but better judgement should be used when reporting these incidents. I will not blame the students for this because I feel that someone should be supervising these students and the paper before it is printed."

A department head stated, "We are taking our dirty laundry and hanging it outside for everyone to see. What is within the institution, we should solve within the institution." He feels that we are demonstrating a form of "yellow journalism" (negative). Coach Al Johnson doesn't believe that we should be advocates for the university but we should not highlight its deficiencies. He feels that the Panther should always find one good side of everything, whether it's the choir, band, alumni, or the football team.

Overall they are asking that the Panther present more positive aspects of the university in order for others to receive a better feeling about Prairie View A&M as an institution.

By Joyce Johnson

Telling it like it is

According to a Daily Texan UPI news release, 19 blacks were killed as 3,000 to 4,000 others marched to the township of Kwanobuhle for a service in memory of victims of recent riots. Black South Africans are rioting and retaliating against the white minority leadership in their country for the same basic human and civil rights Black Americans know today.

It seems so distant, yet so familiar to see on television news, and read the papers, about discrimination and unfair treatment of the black majority in South Africa. Has it been that long ago that we as Black Americans can no longer recognize or sympathize with the pain and anguish our fellow brothers and sisters are going through? It is utterly disgusting to stand by and see the prejudice which exists in such a technically advanced and modern world.

The chaos and confusion because of the color of man's skin is ridiculous and Americans as a whole must make a strong statement against such actions. Questions arise in my mind each time I read an article or see in the news a story related to the South African situation. I ask myself, is history repeating itself, only in another country?

By Gretchen Smith

"I'll park right here; I'll just be a minute." I'm sure you've said this plenty of times, come out to find a ticket on your window for parking in a reserved parking slot. Latley at Prairie View there has been a lot of talk around campus about not enough parking spaces. And we've all found it to be very true. Seems like every time I turn around somebody is getting a ticket. Or even worse, their car is being towed away.

Countless times I've wondered, what does Prairie View have to offer; and for everything they do offer, I could think of two things they don't offer. And one of those is...not enough parking spaces.

Recently they've started doing some work near Alexander Hall, and guess what? They cut off all the parking spaces there. It's bad enough that we can't park on the streets and in front of the buildings anymore, because it's reserved for faculty and staff. Well, what about off campus students? I agree, the faculty and staff need a place to park as well, but what about parking for students? Countless times I've parked a mile away from my destination.

Now they've got a Panther Patrol, Prairie View students acting as patrollers. They assist the campus Police in patrolling the campus and reporting parking violations and giving tickets. It's ridiculous!

Prairie View lacks a lot of things. Parking shouldn't be a problem, but it is. It's getting to be a major problem. It makes you think... What next?

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Gilpins perform play by Prairie View grad

When the Drama Program and the Charles Gilpin Players present the final production of the Spring semester, Prairie View A&M will have a special reason to cheer. The playwright is a PV grad.

NO CRYSTAL STAIR, a drama written by 1971 honor graduate Robbette (Brockington) Washington, will be presented April 15 and 19, 1985 in the Hobart Taylor Hall "Little Theatre" at 8:00 p.m.

The production will be directed by Dr. Ted Shine, chairman of Drama Program, whom Washington credits as one of her inspirations.

"From the moment I met him, I knew he was the person I most wanted to emulate when I grew up," she said. "It was Ted's direction, talent, and warmth which made life at Prairie View three of the happiest years of my life."

Currently teaching English in Arlington, Virginia, Washington has been writing since 1978 and

said Dr. Anne Campbell, a retired English professor at Prairie View provided first job at the University.

"I was a secretary for the English Department and one of the world's worst," she said. "Dr. Campbell knew about my incompetence. One of the professors asked her to fire me because of my inadequate typing. But she knew I needed the job, and she did not fire me. She always made me feel special."

Washington said her biggest backer has been her mother, Bernice Curtis. "Somehow, no matter how poor we were, Bernice always found a way to purchase for me whatever I needed for the constant after school activities of which I was a part," she said. "She never said 'Don't try out' or 'I can't afford it.' She never discouraged me from trying for anything, no matter what the cost or inconveniences."

Washington's other works include COMING HOME, AN AMERICAN DREAM, GLMPSE, AND WHAT IT IS.



LAVELLE JONES (Michael Winslow) shows off his karate expertise in "Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment."

They are back

Seal the manhole covers! Send those Beverly Hills cops scurrying back to Gucci's! Innocent bystanders take over! The Police Academy 'crew is blue' is back and coming on like gangbusters in POLICE ACADEMY 2: THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT.

Having outgrossed almost all other movie comedies, the raw recruits of "Police Academy" have graduated to a new high in everything from crime to hilarity as they band together to protect and serve a city where no one is safe, particularly from them.

Directed by Jerry Paris-acclaimed for two smash television series ("The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "Happy Days")-the cast is led by Steve Guttenberg, ex-pro footballer Bubba Smith, Michael Winslow and Howard Hesseman (WKRP). Look for them wherever crime runs riot in the streets; the cops are the ones running in the opposite direction.

The result is a high-speed pursuit of laughs, as the fledging crime fighters attempt to thwart a gang of spray-paint terrorists whose relentless graffiti has brought a city to its knees.

And be forewarned. Anyone attending POLICE ACADEMY 2: THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT gives up his right to remain silent. Rated PG-13.

CAMPUS NEWS

Rochelle Gowans is the winner of the first Joseph York Oratorical contest sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Runner-up in the contest, which will be an annual event, was Merrell Price.

The contest is named in honor of Joseph York, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the Hamilton-Fearing Counter-Guerrillas.

Judges were Frederick Roberts, Dr. E. Johanne Thomas and speech professor Gregory Adams.

Gowans received a trophy, certificate, and cash prize.

S.G.A. President Kevin Dennis will be running for re-election as a city councilman for the city of Prairie View. Dennis has served in the City Council for almost a year; he is also the president of Prairie View's student body. City elections will be held on April 6, at the Waller Middle School in Prairie View.

Dennis is currently one of the youngest council members, and one of the first students to serve the city.

The Banks Library is sponsoring an evening on computers and the future. A twenty-five minute color film will be followed by a panel discussion and question-and-answer session.

The program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17th in the Administration Auditorium.

Rho Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a Blood Drive on April 9, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The drive will be part of the Health Awareness Day activities to be sponsored by the Owens-Franklin Health Center and the Cooperative Extension Program. Anyone desiring to give should contact Michael Williams at 4285 or the Owens-Franklin Health Center at 857-4028/2511.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE-GIVE BLOOD

1st annual 10 kilometer run sponsored by NROTC & Miller Brewers on April 13, at 8:00 a.m. at Girl's Gym, end at high school. Preceded by 1 mile fun run.

T-shirts and trophies awarded to first three place finishers. \$7.00 entry fee.



Pictured above are the members of the Prairie View Rodeo Club who will compete later this month in an area rodeo.

Remember To Vote In SGA Elections April 19.

Seminar to be held

The Department of Communications and Students In Communication will host their first Communications/Career Day on Friday, April 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will give media professionals an opportunity to meet Prairie View students and see the communications program. It will also assist students seeking internships and employment with making media contacts.

Representatives from 15 media related organizations will participate, including newspapers, radio/television stations, cable TV and advertising companies. Several companies are offering internships to communications majors.

Seminars will be held on career preparation, salary expectations and negotiations, opportunities for minorities, interviewing, computer graphics, media buying, cable television and advertising.

A noon luncheon is planned and will feature a special guest speaker.

Registration for the event continues through April 18th. Seminar registration is \$6.00, and the luncheon is \$6.00. Late fee is \$1.00.

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Pantherettes Relay team getting ready for the Tuskegee Relays on April 20 at Coach Jacks alma mater. (Pictured L to Right. Cathy Taylor, Lavonda Luckett, Brynette Smith, and Regina Benett.)

Football star shooting for the future

"I'm a bright young man," said the 6'1", 222 pound junior linbacker Michael Lomax. Lomax is an Electronic Technology major, who maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

Lomax has been recognized recently as an All-American Candidate for the 1985 football season. "I plan to average 20 tackles a game this coming season," he said.

He averaged a total of 12 tackles a game this past season, but has set higher goals for the future. Lomax said his goal for 1985 is to become Defensive Player of the Year in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and to receive 1st Team All-American Honors.

It has been said that every great athlete has been driven by an inspiration Lomax strives for this little

girl's future. He said, "my little girl is my greatest inspiration. She keeps me going."

He explained that when he first came to Prairie View, he faced many problems. He was kicked off the football team in 1982 and sat out of the 1983 season. It was then he became good friends with Coach Conway Hayman (who was Asst. Coach at that time).

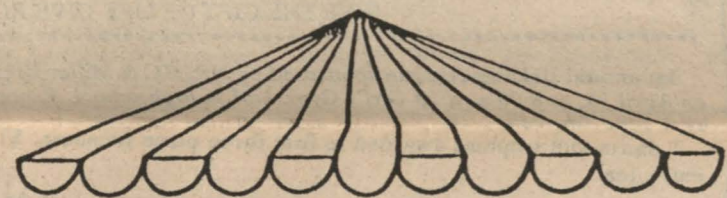
Lomax said, "He gave me another chance. If it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't be playing football today."

After graduation from Prairie View he plans to play football for the Canadian Football League (CFL). Lomax said, "being able to play for the CFL would be great. It's been my dream."



A member of the PVU Track Team leaps high during practice.

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WHERE: MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER BALLROOMS A&B PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1985

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- 11:00 - 11:30 A.M. - WELLNESS PROGRAM
- 12:30 - 6:30 P.M. - BLOOD DRIVE OWENS-FRANKLIN HEALTH CENTER
- 2:00 - 2:30 P.M. - STRESS/HEALTH
- 4:00 - 4:30 P.M. - OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS/ VENEREAL DISEASES
- 4:30 - THE PRESIDENT'S RUN BLACKSHEAR FIELD
- 6:30 - BASKETBALL GAME HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION BLDG. FACULTY ALL STARS vs STUDENT BODY SUPERSTARS

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The Cooperative Extension Program offers educational programs and materials to all people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap.

Tax returns flowing in Texas

Texans are filing tax returns at a slightly faster rate than they were last year, according to the latest statistics from the IRS' Austin Service Center. "As of March 9, we had received 7 percent more returns than we had last year at this time," according to IRS District Director Gary Booth in Austin, although how much is due to faster filing and how much to population growth he would not speculate.

"We have already refunded \$140,192,861 in the southern half of Texas which comprises the Austin District with the individual refunds averaging \$589 compared with \$619 at this time last year," says Booth.

"Traditionally, eight out of 10 taxpayers get refunds," notes Booth, "and you can help get that refund faster by using the peel-off label and IRS-provided envelope, because these both help us process it faster."

TELEPHONE--weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may ask tax questions, or order forms or publications. Austin, 472-1974; Corpus Christi, 888-9431; El Paso 532-6116; San Antonio, 229-1700; Elsewhere in Texas toll-free 1-800-424-1040.

The phone lines are frequently busy. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are lighter phone traffic days, and early morning traffic from 8:00 a.m. to about 10:00 a.m. is generally lighter.

FREE RETURN PREPARATION--primarily for low income and elderly, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has hundreds of volunteers who fill out tax returns for free in all major cities, and many smaller communities. For a list of VITA sites, call the IRS or visit the closest office. Return preparation is free but limited to 1040EZ, 1040A, and relatively simple 1040 returns.

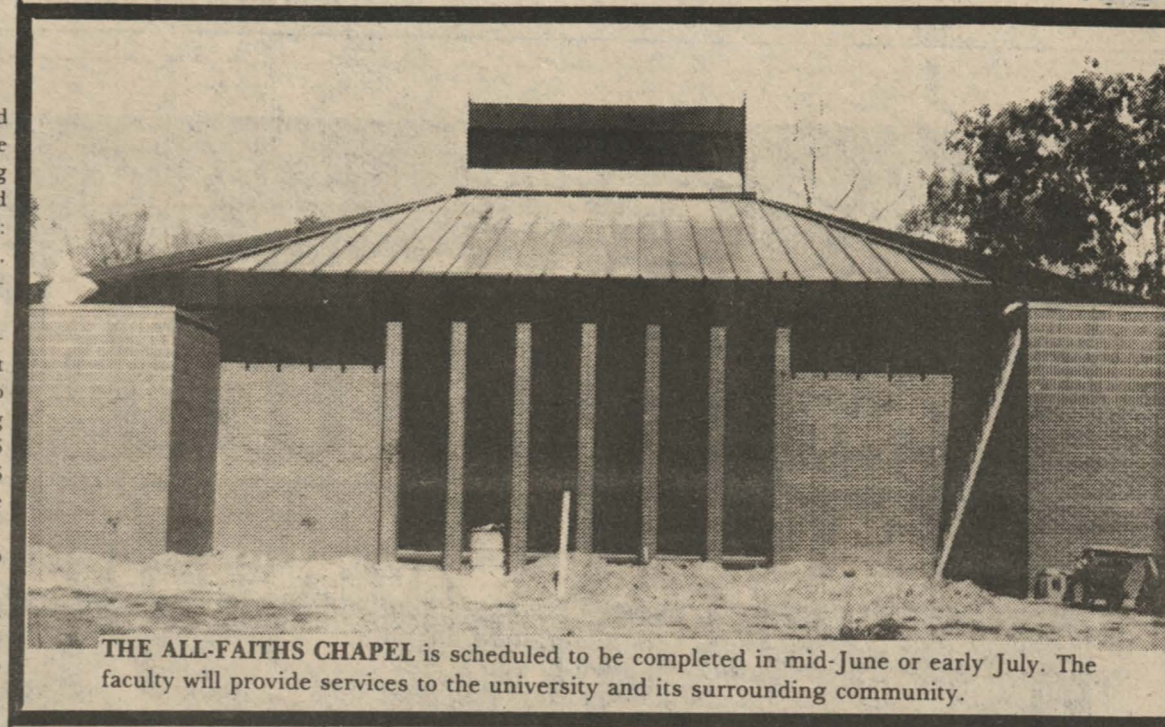
RECORDED MESSAGES--the IRS has about 150 recorded messages on a variety of tax subjects on a system called Tele-Tax. A list of topics and phone numbers is in the tax return instructions.

AUTOMATED REFUND INQUIRIES--if your refund has taken longer than 10 weeks, you can

inquire about it on an automated telephone system by following the instructions and dialing or punching in your social security number and amount of refund. The numbers are: Houston, (713) 850-8801; and Dallas, (214) 767-1792. These are not toll-free numbers.

WALK-IN ASSISTANCE--in-person assistance is available at some IRS offices, but is limited to answering questions and providing forms and publications. The IRS does not prepare tax returns. IRS offices offering walk-in assistance are: Austin, 300 East 8th Street, Room 121, weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Bryan, Enloe Building, 1300 S. Texas Avenue, forms and publications only (no questions answered), weekdays, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Corpus Christi, Government Plaza, 400 Mann Street, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; El Paso, Reddington Building, 6070 Gateway East, Room 102, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Harlingen, Los Arboles Building, 201 E. Monroe, Suite 2, weekdays, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Laredo, U.S. Post Office Building, 1300 Matamoros, Room 113, forms and publications only (no questions answered), weekdays, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; McAllen, Federal Office Building, 320 N. Main, weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (weekdays, 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for picking up forms only); San Antonio, Federal Building, 727 East Durango, and Summit Tower, 5835 Callaghan Road, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Victoria, U.S. Courthouse and Post Office Building, 312 S. Main, Room 208, Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forms and publications only (no questions answered), Wednesdays through Fridays, 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and Waco, 711 Washington Avenue, weekdays, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DEAF AND HEARING-IMPAIRED--those with access to TV-phone or TTY equipment may call toll-free, weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., CST, 1-800-428-4732, to ask questions or order forms or publications. This phone number will not be answered by voice, but by the specialized equipment only.



THE ALL-FAITHS CHAPEL is scheduled to be completed in mid-June or early July. The faculty will provide services to the university and its surrounding community.

United Jewish Appeal sponsors contest

NEW YORK, N.Y., Mar. 19--"Jews and Judaism: Union for Survival" will be the theme of the third annual United Jewish Appeal University Essay Contest, funded by the Morris J. Kaplan Foundation.

UJA National Chairman Alex Grass, who announced the subject of the nationwide essay competition, said it is open to matriculated students under 27 in accredited U.S. colleges and universities. Entrants may interpret the theme broadly and draw on any disciplines as well as personal experience. The essay must be from 1,500 to 2,000 words. Entries must be postmarked by May 31, and mailed first-class, he said.

Up to 8 winners will be selected, to receive an all-expenses paid 10-day

visit to Israel and a \$500 stipend. The visit will include briefings by Israeli leaders, discussions at Israeli universities, and visits to archaeological sites as well as settlements within Israel's pre-1967 borders. Winners will be announced June 24, 1985.

"The contest's goal is to stimulate thought about Jewish survival," said Prof. Henry Feingold of the City University of New York, Chairman of the Committee's Academic Advisory Council.

CUNY Prof. Jane Gerber, the contest's national academic advisor, noted, "The two previous contests elicited responses from 79 universities and brought to the fore some truly creative and perceptive thinking. We anticipate further examples of such thinking."

CUNY Prof. Howard L. Adelson, the Essay Contest committee chairman added, "This contest strengthens the bonds between Jewish youth in the United States and Israel."

The Kaplan Foundation, which is dedicated to Jewish education and culture, awards prizes in recognition of outstanding contributions to Jewish values and Jewish life.

For further contest information, please contact Issachar Miron, UJA National Director of Creative and Educational Programs, at UJA headquarters, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10104 (212) 757-1500.

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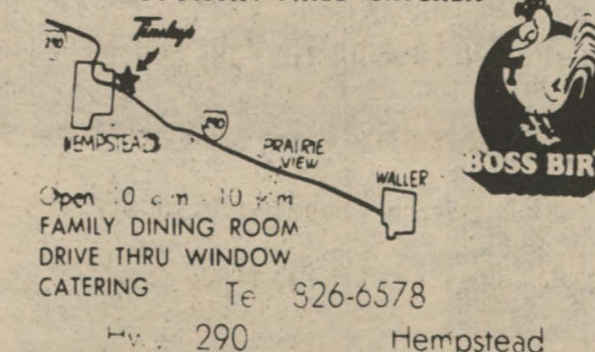
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University offers scholarship

[Boston, Mass.] -- The Boston University College of Communication is offering four full-tuition scholarships to minority students pursuing graduate communications study. Each RKO General Scholarship will provide \$10,000 for the academic year beginning in September 1985.

RKO General, Inc. endowed this scholarship program at the College in 1982 to encourage academically talented and professionally oriented minority students who wish to pursue broadcasting, broadcast journalism, and other communications career paths. In addition to the scholarships, RKO General, Inc. offers paid internships at RKO stations throughout the country to each of the recipients at the completion of their first year of study.

Awards will be based on academic excellence and professional promise as demonstrated in the application for admission, rather than upon financial need. The College of Communication will consider all entering minority graduate students who are U.S. citizens and have been accepted for admission to a graduate program at the College by May 15, 1985.

There is no separate application form for the RKO General Scholarship Program. Candidates can obtain an admissions application by writing to Boston University College of Communication, Graduate Admissions Office, Dept. P, 640 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, or by calling (617) 353-3481.

The College welcomes nominations from members of the communications professions, faculty members, and academic counselors. Nominated students must apply for admission to a graduate program to be considered.

Established in 1947, the College of Communication at Boston University offers Master of Science degree programs in Print Journalism, Broadcast Journalism, Science Communication, Broadcasting, Broadcast Administration, Film, Public Relations, and Mass Communication. In cooperation with other graduate schools at the University, the College also offers three dual degree programs: Law (J.D.)/ Mass Communication (S.), Business Administration (M.B.A.)/Broadcasting (M.S.), and Afro-American Studies (M.A.)/ Journalism (M.S.).

The College of Communication has held a long-standing commitment to education in media-related areas for minority students. School officials see the RKO General Scholarship Program as another major step in the continuing process of opening the media to minorities.