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PRAIRIE VIEW'S JEFF WILSON goes up for two of his eight points in the Panthers 91-79 victory Jackson State. The victory marks the first in conference play for the Panthers since the 1982 - 83 season. Story on

Sponsor removes Nigerians From Prairie View program

Eight out of ten Nigerians under the Nigerian Federal Government scholarship at Prairie View A&M University were withdrawn and sent to other schools last week.

The students, who came to the school in September 1984 for industrial education, were withdrawn on their request by their project advisor from Washington.

The Dean of their school, Dr.

Harold Bonner, said there was confusion in understanding the Prairie View A&M degree plan in industrial education by the students' project advisor from Washington at the initial stage.

According to the degree plan, Dr. Bonner said, the students are

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766 Placed on Probation For Spring Semester

Twenty percent of the 3,700 undergraduate students enrolled at Prairie View A&M for the 1984 Fall semester have been placed on academic probation for the Spring

Another 134 students have been placed on academic suspension and will not be allowed to enroll for the current semester.

The 766 students placed on academic probation failed to maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade-point average, which is the University criterion for satisfactory academic

During the semester of academic probation, students must attain a 2.0 GPA. Those who fail to attain the 2.0 level are subject to academic suspension for one semester.

After the semester of suspension, students may be readmitted on academic probation. Students are removed from academic probation after reaching the 2.0 cumulative GPA.

A limited number of students under suspension may be able to enroll during the current semester through individual contractual agreements with their department

According to Dr. Elaine Adams of the office of Academic Affairs, these contractual agreements must be submitted to the dean of the students individual college for ap-

If the agreement is approved, a suspended student may be readmitted under academic probatior one semester.

e current academic probation and suspension policies were instituted in September 1982, according to University President Percy

HOLIDAY MONDAY IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In addition to academic suspensions, Pierre said, a number of students are suspended this semester for non-academic reasons.

The president's office takes

direct action on a certain percentage of suspensions each semester, Pierre said, but the majority of such actions are initiated within individual colleges.



MAYA ANGELOU poet and author of several best-selling books including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," will appear at Hobart Taylor Hall on February 20, at 8:00 p.m.

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..... Bert Bilton

Memorial Center. In commemora- new intercom system for making tion of Dr. Martin Luther King, announcements," said Jackson. Jr., the Memorial Center scheduled a celebration Friday, January 18, at 12:00 noon in front of the quadrangle at the Alumni Hall.

The game room in the Memorial Center is open again to everyone, and Memorial Student Center Director Frank D. Jackson is encouraging students to come by and visit it. "There will be new furniture in the game room, new game tables, benches and chairs by the first week of February," said Jackson. He says that he would like for students to come over and take advantage of the facilities.

"The TV room is open every day Jackson said, "Our motto is: It will be some specials in the Pan- do it together."

New things are happening at the ther Mart and we have installed a

There will be a games tournament at the Memorial Center within the next two weeks. Among the games will be pool, video, backgammon, and ping-pong. Dances will follow the home games. Winners of the local tournament will go to the University of Texas at Austin to compete in the regional tournament. Any Prairie View student who wants to compete in the tournament may do so, and there will be no limit concerning how many games a student may com-

from 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a whole lot better if we just

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required to take courses from three areas: power and energy technology, visual communication, and proluction technology in order to obtain a teaching degree which prepares them to teach in several

But they need all courses in one area," Dr. Bonner said. "They were good students," he said, "but did not like the plan provided for them by the school."

Godwin Akpan, one of the students, said they have a two-year contract with the Federal government of Nigeria, and the degree plan presented to them by Prairie View A&M University might not allow them to finish the program in two years. "On the other hand, the Federal government of Nigeria wants us to get involved in more practical aspects of the program,"

After the conference between the students, their dean, and their project advisor from Washington, four of the students were transferred to Stout University, Wisconsin, three students to Norfolk State University, West Virginia, and one to Colorado University.

Campus Chapel near completion

The All-Faiths Chapel - an \$800,000 project, is nearing completion, said Rev. Van Johnson. "Our target for completion is May," he said.

Rev. Johnson, Dean of Chapel, said there were a few delays on the construction site of the project because of weather conditions. He said construction is progressing now because of the weather im-

On the financial aspect of the project, Rev. Johnson said that the Texas state government does not provide funds for such projects. The funds come from private dona-

"It was my responsibility." Johnson said, "to head up the campaigns which raised over \$800,000 for the project." The project will be paid for on comple-

The chapel, being the center for all the different religions on the campus, will house Catholic ministers, Methodist ministers, Church of Christ ministers, and

Rev. Johnson said the chapel will be a center for seminars, discussions, debates for the community, and for different religious activities. Among other activities, he said, the chapel will be used for meditations and wedding ceremonies for graduate students.

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The Drug and Alcohol Task Force of Hempstead will present a minar on substance abuse at Hempstead High School on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include a display of drug paraphenalia, guest speakers, and a question-and-answer session.

The Task Force originated four months ago with concerned citizens. according to Jerry Falcon, Hempstead police officer. Its purpose is public education in three areas: prevention of substance abuse, dentification of substance abusers, and help for those who want help in obtaining treatment of their problems in these areas.

One member of the panel will be Johnny Boykin, a recent graduate of Prairie View. Boykin is a juvenile probation officer in Waller County. Parents and school officials will also sit on the panel.

Seven Army ROTC cadets received commissions in a December 6, 1984 commissioning ceremony. Colonel Charles Anderson, Jr. Professor of Military Science delivered the commissioning address

and administered the oath of office. Receiving commissions into the Regular Army were: Second Lieutenants Craig B. Busch, Dennis Edwards, Perry White and Richard Matthews. Second Lieutenants Tom H. Carroll, Caaron Fitzgerald, and Diane Knox were commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army Reserves.

The commissioning ceremony culminated a four year program of Army ROTC. Upon graduation the officers will be departing for U.S. Army training schools for their respective branches.

The commissioning ceremony was conducted in the Administration Building auditorium and was attended by some two hundred faculty embers, family and friends of the commissioners.

Sergeant First Class Jessie L. Tiller was promoted to the grade of Master Sergeant during a January 7 ceremony conducted by professor of miltary science Colonel Charles Anderson, Jr.

Master Sergeant Tiller is an eighteen-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a native of Dothan, Alabama and began his military career in 1966 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He possesses an Associate of Arts Degree in Management as well as a certificate in management from the University of Maryland.

In addition to serving in assignments throughout the continental J.S., he has served in the Republics of Germany and Vietnam. His ecorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (10LC), Army Commendation Medal (10LC), Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon.

Master Sergeant Tiller has been assigned to the PVA&MU ROTC

On January 6, Lt. R. Wright and Capt. W. Whitfield (USMSC) articipated in the 13th annual HOUSTON-TENNECO Marathon. The race had contestants from all over the country. There were over 3300 nners from all walks of life. The 26 mile marathon started in owntown Houston, wound around Memorial Park twice, then ended back in downtown Houston. Lt. Wright and Capt. Whitfield's times were 4:59:01 and 3:59:01 respectively.

CORRECTION

In the December 13 issue of the Panther Captain Walter Whitfield was quoted incorrectly. Student marines are referred to as Midshipmen, not cadets. Captain Whitfield correctly referred to the students as "Marine Midshipmen." The Panther regrets this error and is sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused.

January 17-24, 1985 A Great Man of Peace

Fifty-four years ago, a great man of peace was born. That man was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During his life-time he preached peace and equality. And there is no doubt that he would still be spreading that word today if he had not been killed by an assassin's bullet in 1968.

Dr. King helped his people achieve many things not before possible. He also helped us all realize that we are in this world together and must work as one to make it better.

But as I watch the news on television or read the newspaper, I wonder if we remember what Dr. King tried to teach us.

When I see that black-on-black crime is the highest crime-rate in the country today, I wonder if we remember the teachings of Dr. King. When I see the large number of black households without a father. I wonder if many of today's black men remember Dr. King at all.

Looking at the news I often see blacks, young and old, murdered for nickels and dimes, and when there is a suspect arrested, several times they are black. After seeing this I wonder if many of our brothers and sisters have forgotten the non-violent teachings of Dr. King.

Today you often hear blacks talking about how they hate whites or you hear whites say how they hate blacks. Upon hearing this, I wonder if these confused people remember how blacks and whites came together to march to Washington in 1963 and in other various marches throughout the 60's in the name of equality for all people.

We seem to have forgotten everything that Dr. King stood for. Maybe our world would be a lot better if we remembered Dr. King, his teachings and philosophies. It is fine that our government saw fit to set aside a day in recognition of this great man. But we should remember and think about Dr. King all year long, and just maybe the world will be a much better place.

Registration a Breeze

I have been a student at Prairie View A&M three years, and have gone through registration seven times. I have gone from class cards to computers, and from four-hour registration to this semester's

That's right--it took me only one hour to register this semester. Why, for the first time since I have been a Prairie View student, the registrar's office seems to have the registration process down pat.

Several other students I have talked to have experienced the same speedy process. Some of the students said they registered in less than an hour. For the first time in three years, I'm hearing praises abour registration instead of jeers.

The registration officials should be commended for their expedited registration process, and believe me, the process has come a long way from when we had to stand in long lines to pick up class cards.

This semester, the computers stayed operative throughout most of the registration process.

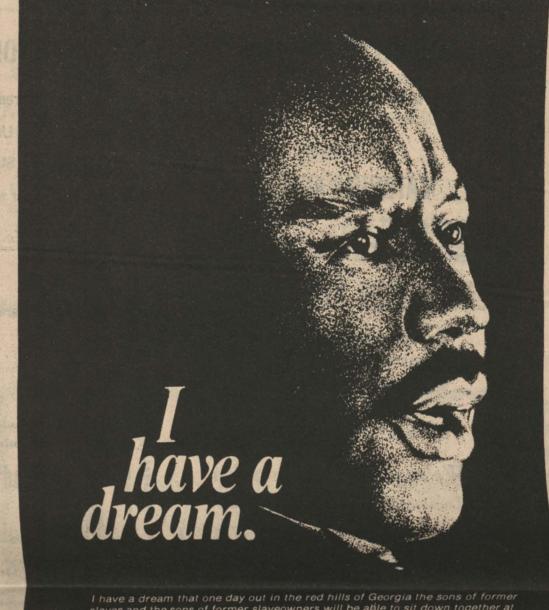
I guess the university is becoming more and more familiar with computers and how to use them, I sat at the computer and watched the operator punch up my name, class schedule, and other vital information in a matter of seconds. And she didn't even have to do it

I then proceeded to Alumni Hall, and by the time I got there, my fee receipt was ready. I then stood in the financial aid line, which was much shorter than usual, and paid my fees.

I was amazed at how quickly I was finished. I felt so good about being finished. I went out and had a nice time in Houston.

I would like to think everyone involved in registration, for making my registration at Prairie View the best ever.

What's going to happen next? Maybe pre-registration?



I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning My country, tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims pride, From ev'ry mountainside,

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But not only that, let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi and every

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual. Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at

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The entry fee is \$5.00 per entry and checks or money orders must accompany each entry, made payable to Houston Advertising Fed-

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and Texas, and is designed to Ken Thoren, Chairman, Benton & provide a challenging project in Bowles, Inc., 2000 West Loop South, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas, 77027. Or call (713) 960-9070.

Placement Center plans seminar

As part of the Fourth Annual 'Training To Launch A Career Program" consultants invited by the Career Education, Cooperative Education and Placement Center will present motivational classroom seminars for Junior and Senior students on January 28-29.

The purpose of the seminars is to share current employment trend information, tips on proper interview preparation, effective communication skills, employeremployee expectations, and other points of protocol for the job seeking process. These topics are specifically geared for students who in weeks to come will actually participate in the campus interviews for permanent employment. Many of the consultants will also return to conduct these interviews.

After the formal classroom presentations, students will be able to interact with the speakers and have their individual concerns addressed. Freshman and sopho more students may attend a noon hour career information session with the consultants on Monday. January 28 in room 214 of Anderson Hall. Spring placement manuals and additional career information may be obtained in the Career Education, Cooperative Education and Placement Center.



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Pre-registration improves housing

Prairie View has improved one groupings of residents who desire of its student services by allowing pre-registration of residence halls. The person who brought about this change is the director of housing,

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According to Walton, about ninety percent of the returning residents signed up for their rooms on or before December 20. The students were able to choose their roommates and sign up for specific areas of the residence

Smoking or non-smoking, visitation or non-visitation and designated quiet sections of the residence halls are examples of the benefits of signing up early.

"The single most important advantage of signing up early is being able to return to the residence hall, pick up your key and go directly to your room without standing in long lines," Wal-

In efforts to improve the hous-Banks, and Holley, there are

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to live together. For example, all freshman and sophomore students live in Holley (male students) and Drew (female students.)

The north wing in Holley and Drew is for graduates and sophomores. The south wing is for freshmen. The first floor is for honor students. The second floor is for all others. The third floor is for engineering students and the quiet floor. The fourth floor is non-visita-

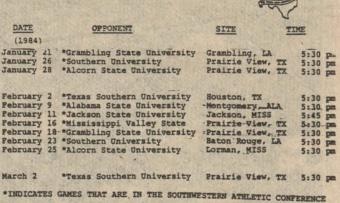
Juniors and seniors live in Fuller (male) and Banks (female). "The reason for moving the juniors and seniors together is because many apperclass students complained that the freshman students are too noisy and they wanted to be around more settled surroundings," Walton said.

Alexander Hall housed the male athletic students and the men in Army R.O.T.C. Buchanan is used to house the Naval R.O.T.C. male ing patterns of Drew, Fuller, students, while L.O. Evans housed the Banneker College students.

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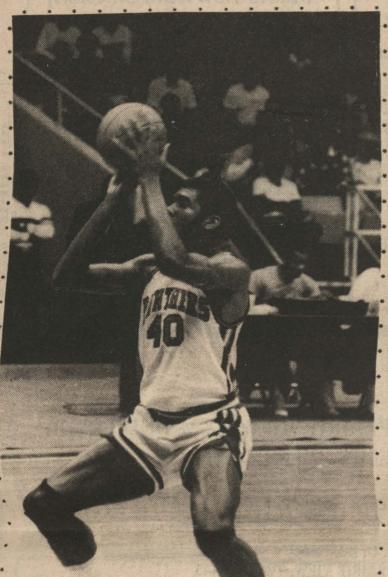
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MARK RUTLEDGE, center for the Prairie View Panthers, prepares to shoot a free throw in Monday nights game against Jackson State.* Rutledge finished the game with 21 points.

sound that roared over the speakers of the Baby Dome Monday night when the 6-8 senior from Palestine, Texas ran wild against Jackson State University.

The Panthers won their first game of the season, defeating Jackson State University 91-79. Their season record is now 1-8 wrap up the game with 21 points and 19 rebounds. Another high night as he scored 14 points and since the 1982-83 season when they defeated Grambling 71-69.

Mark Rutledge scored 8 field goals and made 5 free throws to wrap up the game with 21 points and 19 rebounds. Another high point man was Terrance Artis. Artis scored 9 of his 15 points at the free-throw line. Will Blackmon ended the night with 14 points hitting 6 of his points from the free-throw line. Shooting approximately 61 percent at the free-throw line definitely made a difference in the Panther's shooting average.

Freshman Henry Rattler from Jackson, Mississippi introduced himself to the fans on Monday night as he scored 14 points and made 7 rebounds. The 6-4 freshman made his way around the court demonstrating his shooting skills. Rattler may add to the team's success in seasons to come.

With 4 field goals and 6 re-bounds senior Jeff Wilson fouled out of the second half of the game.

This game was exactly what the Panthers need after being defeated in their own Baby Dome Saturday night by Alabama State University, 72-52. Although the team was off to a great start, they began to lag behind in scoring; this led to a

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Prairie View Panther

in Conference

By BERT BILTON

Alabama State University took advantage of 21 Prairie View turnovers and a 10-point half time lead to defeat the Pantherettes 76-64, on Saturday night.

ASU shot 50 percent from the field as they handed Prairie View University their first conference

Sandra Spencer led ASU with 17 points. A Tate and Barbara Williams had 14 and 13 points respectively.

The Pantherette's Patricia Walker had 17 points on the night follwed by Karen Allen, 16 points, and Monica Smith, 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Prairie View University lost its second conference game to Jackson State University 64-59. Walker led all scorers with 23 points and had 16 rebounds. Monica Smith followed with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pantherettes will now go on a two-game road trip to play Mississippi State University and Grambling State University.

BEST SELLERS*

THE TALISMAN, by Stephen King and Peter Straub. 2. THE SICILIAN, by Mario Puzo.

3. NUTCRACKER, by E.T.A. Hoffman.

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6. SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH, by Douglas Adams.

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. LINCOLN, by Gore Vidal.

10. "...AND LADIES OF THE CLUB," by Helen Hooven

1. IACOCCA: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, by Lee Iacocca with William

LOVING EACH OTHER, by Leo Buscaglia.
 PIECES OF MY MIND, by Andrew A. Rooney.
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5. MOSES THE KITTEN, by James Herriot.

6. THE BRIDGE ACROSS FOREVER, by Richard Bach.

7. DR. BURNS' PRESCRIPTION FOR HAPPINESS, by George

8. HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, I WROTE A BOOK!, by John Madden with Dave Anderson.

9. THE BRAIN, by Richard M. Restak.

10. HERITAGE, by Abba Eban. "Best Sellers." The New York Times Book Review, 13 January,

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Length: 800-1000 words, typed and double spaced. Judges: The English Department of Prairie View A & M. Selections to be made based upon suitability of subject and originality of approach. Entries must demonstrate the basic criteria of rhetoric: unity, coherence and emphasis.

To Enter: Attach a cover sheet to your entry indicating your name, major, classification, complete mailing address and a home or business telephone number. Mail (or deliver) the entry to Dr. E.J. Thomas, English Dept., Prairie View A & M, P.O. Box 2109, Prairie View, TX 77446. Entries become the property of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and will not be returned.

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