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**Prairie View A&M** University

# Nigerian Students in Jeopardy

By Hakeem Ishola

This summer, a significant number of Nigerian students in Prairie View may find themselves caught "between the devil and the deep blue sea." In this case, the "devil" is a decree passed by the new military government of Nigeria which forbids Nigerians from studying abroad, unless the program is not available in any of the Nigerian Universities.

According to Amadu Sirleaf, the director of Admissions for International students, the memo received by his office a few days ago back-dated the new law to January 1,

Sirleaf said the memo "instructed us (the Admissions office) about the new procedures for filing for foreign exchange and on programs that qualifies under the new law."

As a deterrent against studying abroad, the government will henceforth turn down applications for foreign exchange, which is the only means by which students can get funds from Nigeria, except for the permanent residents who are allowed to work in the United States.

The decree is said to be part of a short range plan by the government to prevent further drain on the nation's foreign exchange and to

ensure a balanced budget.

"This is another hasty decision by the Juntas (the military regime)" said Tunji Oshodi, a Nigerian student. "It is a way of avoiding the real issues by blaming the huge foreign debts on innocent students.'

"I don't have any choice but to go back home at the end of the semester," Barry Gregory said.

Many other Nigerian students, except the permanent residents who can hold jobs, are very frustrated by the decre and they may have to back home without the realization of their goals of obtaining education in the United States and elsewhere abroad.



A DESERTED BASKETBALL COURT and the delicate tracery of bare branches creates a striking night scene behind Fuller Hall.

Photo by Odell Standifer

## **Talent show brings out Prairie View Student stars**

By Joyce Norris

The Student Government Association presented "Talent Search 85" on February 21, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

A panel of judges composed of faculty and students judged the participants on performance, personality, costuming, and audience

Derrick Mosley won the award for best all-around talent. He sang and accompanied several other vocalists on the piano. Mosley said that later he was asked to accompany one of the contestants for the Miss Prairie View Pageant, April 19.

According to another winner, Mosley also served the program as a talent scout. Matthew Lindsay won the male vocalist award and a standing ovation for his song, "I Just Called to say I Love You." He credited Mosley for encouraging him to enter the competition and helping him practice.

The female vocalist award went to Lillie Taylor. She chose to sing without musical accompaniment, which added to the effect of her song, "Lonely Boy." Before singing she noted that the young men who had preceeded her on the program had been singing to the ladies, so she would, "sing to the young

Richard Mayberry, with a green wig and a long white shirt, won the male acting award and high-volume laughter with his monologue, "Sex, Sex, Sex."

Sharon Boyd won the lip-sync award. She wore a black costume and danced in a Michael Jackson act.

Special guest on the program were Dellenor Miles, Ricky LaFontaine, and Michael Cooley. All were given plaques of appreciation for participa-

One faculty member present was Dr. Clarissa Booker.

"The students worked hard in planning the talent show." Booker said. She said she knew what it was to plan such an event, and saw the effects of the efforts made.

Attendance at the event was above seating capacity. Though extra chairs were brought in before performance began, several were standing in the back.

The S. G. A. pians to make the talent search an annual event.

**All Residence Halls** will be open during

Spring Break.

The Break begins

Monday, March 11

and ends

Friday, March 15.

Classes Resume

March 18.

## **Counseling Center sponsors seminar** on sexual abuse of children

By Matt Lindsay

Linda Burkley, training coordinator for the Houston Area Women's Center, spoke recently on sexual child abuse at a seminar conducted in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

According to Burkley, 55 percent of all sexual assaults occur in the home, and 85 percent of the assailants are someone the victim knows and trusts. Burkley says that 85 percent of the perpetrators are men, and that many men who are rapists were abused children.

'By the age of 18," said Burkley, "one-third of all girls and one-tenth of all boys will have been sexually assaulted in one way or another."

"Many sexually abused children will turn to alcohol, drugs, and

prostitution. Many run away from home, and become victims of child pornography," she said.

"A child has to tell an average of seven adults about being sexually assaulted and/or abused before anyone believes in them, and their brothers and sisters don't understand," Burkley said.

"People have always abused children sexually, but because of education and more children telling, the number of cases appears to be increasing."

Burkley says that she has been sexually assaulted three times, and going through these experiences has helped her to relate to others who have been subjected to this treatment.

Barry Coles

By Michael Glass

The Student Government Senate will be doing a survey in the near future concerning the dining hall facilities and ways to improve it: why the abrupt change in the honor role requirements; where student activity fees are being spent and how they should be spent; and the improvement of Prairie View's campus.

The Student Government Senate will be looking for some potentially good leaders and interested people to come to the next meeting of the Senate, to give input to the organi-

The Senate is composed of 10 elected officials. The officials are: Speaker Pro Tem, Director of Student Organization, Food Services Director, Health Services Director, Fiscal Affairs Director. Physical Plant Director, Student Affairs Director. Director of Memorial Center. Parliamentarian, and the Treasurer.

There are two offices available. They are Physical Plant Director and Parliamentarian. The Physical Plant Director is in charge of reporting and following up on any physical happenings within the boundaries of the university. This particular position requires that this person spend at

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daily schedule to properly fulfill their

to find out who is in charge and why some particular physical change is being carried out.

the most important jobs in the Senate. The Parliamentarian is in charge of insuring that Robert's Rules of Order are followed and practiced in any and all Senate meetings. The office is open for any

just like the U.S. Senate. They will and find problems, present them in an organized manner to the Senate, and finally resolve them if they can. If the Senate cannot solve the problem, then it will go to the

Applicants for the available offices can be found in Evans Hall on

Mark Banks

Eva Ratliff

Joyce Norris

Joyce Johnson

**Antwon Williams** 

Rayford Outland

least 30 minutes out of his or her

The Physical Plant Director is able Parliamentarian is also one of

plans to start a student General Senate which will meet and function

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## **Drew Hall** reacts

By Yolanda Ray

Opinions in Drew Hall on the Alumni Hall story were different only in wording. All comments swayed toward the same conclusion,

Students have always complained and made sarcastic remarks about the food that is being served in the Alumni Hall. All the comments seemed to have been stated without any proof. Now there is proof, and students are reacting.

Some students found it amusing that the school would actually permit the Panther to release such information. Most of them found the news very informative, but felt that there was nothing they could do. They have no choice but to eat what Alumni prepares.

"I find it unfair that everyone has to eat there, I feel it should be a matter of choice," said Deadre Franklin, a Prairie View freshman. Another student went as far as suggesting that we bring in the first team from Houston.

"I feel that we need to get Marvin Zindler down to Prairie View to straighten out this matter in the Alumni Hall," Wanda Coleman said.

Another P.V. student took a semiracial stand on the issue

"I feel that by Prairie View being a Black University, this has hindered the action that should have been taken before now," said Carlis Livingston. Roshunda Sanders, a Freshman, believes that the extent of the action taken against the ARA should be extreme

"I feel that action should be taken against the Alumni Hall even if it means they have to close down until all eating facilities have been im-

# Illegal eaters in dining hall

LATE AFTERNOON SUN STEAMING through the blinds in an empty

classroom creates an intricate pattern of sun & shadow.

By Sharon Hodge

hall, but we feed over that amount of students everyday.

**Photo By Odell Standifer** 

money and prices are raised.

this system starts during registration day students are issued seperate identification cards which the computer will not accept. Since there are no guidelines on issuing meal cards, students are furnishing full-time cards to friends allowing them to eat free in the second lines.

Once you get into the dining area the salad bar is open and you may then eat on that freely without showing any type of major problem for ARA. They feel that once the student is up in the area, they cannot hassle them to leave or make them

## **Wesley Foundation attends retreat**

By Jennifer Edwards

The Wesley Foundation of Prairie View A&M University attended the All Campus Annual Retreat, February 8-10, in Lakeview Methodist Assembly.

Numerous topics were discussed, namely, nuclear disarnament, changing roles, homosexuality, and capital punishment. Each of these subjects enhanced our understanding and gave us moral support for better Christian life and character on the

Jennifer Edwards, from Prairie View A&M University, was elected as the student representative to the Conference Board of Campus Ministry. Edwards was lead the delegation of the student representatives. Officers of the Wesley Foundation

are President: James Youboty; Vice President: Darryl Blackman; Secretary: Jennifer Edwards; Treasurer: Franetta Roy; S.G.A. Representatives: Kristi Bennett and Lynette Mays; Herbert Moore Business Manager, and James Wright, Chap-

Members and visitors who attended the retreat were: Herbert Moore. Jennifer Edwards, Kristi Bennett. Eric Lee, Kenneth Lee, Derrick Mosley, Maurice Saab, Sharon Henderson, Leslie Silas, and Michael

held April 8-14 in Miami, Florida.

the Johnson Publishing Company and Eastern Airlines.

The pageant will be a nationally A&M. Miles is a Criminal Justice major from Houston, Texas.

She is recognized for her singing ability. She has sung in several plays at Prairie View in which the Charles Gilpin Players have performed.

Many of the students, faculty and administration here at Prairie View, fail to realize the importance of a newspaper that is willing to go out on the limb so that the university will be informed of the things going on

**Editorial** 

February 26-March 4, 1985

The Panther has been subject to much criticism because of articles that have appeared in recent issues. We expected criticism from some of the administration because they are used to the Panther of the past. They do not want to accept the fact that as times change so do other things.

But I was shocked when I hear some of the students also criticizing the Panther. It upset me because, here we are trying to inform you of issues that affect you and your university, and you still want to criticize everything we do.

We inform you that 766 students are on probation and you say that i makes the university look bad. It anything it should inspire those who are on probation to do something in order to get off of probation.

Next we report that Alumni Hall is unsanitary and you go into an uproar. You say things like, "It' going to give Prairie View a bad reputation," or, "It's going to hur recruitment for Prairie View.' It is just as if you are saying,

don't mind getting sick, just as lon as Prairie View doesn't get a ba reputation." That is stupid. We pa enough money to get better service than what we are receiving and hope you will finally realize this.

I was dumbfounded when I heard Kevin Dennis, President of our SGA speaking negatively about the article. To my knowledge, the SGA is supposed to voice student con plaints and then get them resolved. Well, Kevin, this is a major com

We asked Dennis to respond to the cafetaria story through our letters to the editor page, but he failed to answer in time to publish it in this ssue. We did receive two responses to the article, one from a respected staff member, and the other from a member of the SGA. We welcome anyone else to respond to this and anything else in the Panther.

If you have any complaints or snow of a way to make things better for the Panther, then you should join the staff and help to improve it.

I want the Panther to be the best paper possible, but we can not do it without your support. If everyone vould stop all of the bickering and omplaining and instead unite and work toward this goal, then maybe we will achieve it.

By Bert Bilton, Managing Editor

# **Editorials and Comments** Letters to the Editor

If we are to make progress within our University, we must not have such negative outlooks toward our University. During the past weeks our Prairie View Paper (THE PANTHER) has been printing articles on many of our facilities which reflected negative perceptions towards Management. We must began to work toward printing in our paper the positive aspects of our Unveri-

For instance, our Honors Program, inwhich we are the only University to have such a program. Also the students who are honor students and the improvements at the Alumni Hall. Yes, this is fine to print negative views, but we must balance out the negative and also the

We all can see some improvements in our Alumni Hall and other facilities here at our University. So Panther Reporters lets be fair and not to just give ridicule to our University. Because we must not forget that we all represent our University, and if the public misperceive the total Prairie View Picture, our present and future efforts towards uplift will be negatively

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opes that your paper can ease my

I'm an inmate and over the years I

have lost contact with family and

friends, mainly because they choose

Now I find that my loneliness is

getting the best of me, and perhaps

with new friends I can start seeking

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Thank you for your time and

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happiness again.

MS. Helen Alfred

Article in the Panther, I was concerned that the reporter didn't interview students, staff and faculty that had different opinions about the quality of service in Alumni Hall

During the last two years there has been a tremendous improvement in not only the sanitation upkeep, but the palatability of the food.

The leadership of Mr. Marshall Keller, ARA and the University leadership of Mrs. Sandra B. Davis, have time after time sponsored special meals and programs geared

towards satisfying student needs. Not only has the Davis/Keller team planned and implemented goals and objectives for improvements in food quality, facilities, cleanliness, staffstudent relations, environmental enhancement, etc. they were careful to involve students (SGA Alumni Hall Committee) in every phase.

Recent Health Inspection Reports have reflected these improvements and I am confident that if the Health Inspectors felt that a severe health problem exsisted, they would close the facility immediately. The attempt here is to recommend

to the journalism staff, that if they want to emulate Marvin Zindler, then exhibit the fairness inherent in showing both sides of the coin.

guard of our recruiting efforts, our funding efforts, our growth and effectively for what we believe in. development efforts. Let us project the total view of Prairie View and remember that. "IT WILL BE A WHOLE LOT BETTER. IF WE JUST DO IT TOGETHER!

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Frank D. Jackson

Dear Greeks,

Unless we as Greeks come together to form some type of unity and support for one another our existence at Prairie View is threatened. The current policies of the administration are debasing the fraternal structure. These policies do not coincide with the ideologies of betterment of the student body.

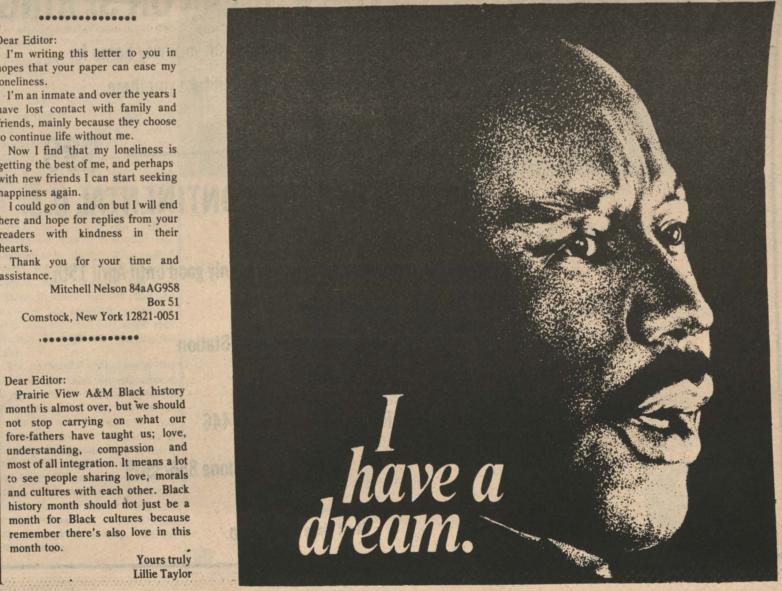
Fraternities and sororities are the basic foundation upon which the leadership and guidance of the student body is built. Without this togetherness, Prairie View as we know it will cease to exist. Changes are approaching rapidly. Our student government has never been more ineffective and insensitve to the needs of students as a whole. The level of student awareness is at an all time low. We must restore the

Fraternally Yours,

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The Panther wants your letters to the editor to print on our

editorial page



### Students are eating illegally every day at Alumni Hall says Assistant Managers Ron Bell and Michael Bell said there are 1200 students registered to eat meals in the dining

Before entering the dining area, students have their meal cards computerized but students are still managing to find loopholes in the system and getting by the employees. As a result, the dining hall loses

Dining hall employees feel that

## Miss PVU to compete in April

Dellenor Miles, better known as the 1984-85 Miss Prairie View A&M University, has been invited to participate and compete in the 1985 Miss Collegiate Black America Pageant and Festival. This event will be

Collegiat queens are selected from historically Black colleges throughout America. They will assemble for this event, which is co-sponsored by

televised event and will also serve as a recruitment tool for Prairie View

# Student on the Yard

What is your reaction to the Panther article on ARA service service?

**Photos BY Rayford Outland** 



I think it brought out some things that all students should be aware of. And what type of precautions are being taken during the preparation of our meals, because we have to eat it. And we have paid for it and we the students deserve the best



Jessica Walker

My opinion about the article is as I believe that action should be taken should be given better food that is are eating in Alumni Hall.



Eugene E. Thompson, III

good, because the food in the alumni upon this matter of interest. I'm is very bad. I think it is not worth our glad that this was exposed to the money that we spend. I think we students to let them know what we



Gretchen Smith

point! I not only enjoyed reading it, but I was also grateful to be informed of what kind of things are going in my system. Thank you Panther for the helpful info!



The story was explosive and to the If the university is not going to allow students to prepare their own meals in their rooms, they can at least provide a sanitary dining facility. Students have been having problems with the food since September 1980. Let's get it together P.V.

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# **Arts and Entertainment**



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FAMED DUO PIANISTS Delphin and Romain will perform in concert March 21. The performance will be held in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at 8:00 p.m. Look for further information in the next Panther.



Maya Angelou

### **Angelou speaks for Century Two**

Maya Angelou, author, novelist, and poet was presented as a special guest speaker by the Century Two Reading Committee to commemorate Black History Month. The event took place in Hobart Taylor's Auditorium on Wednesday February 20,

Maya Angelou is a woman of many talents. With just a high school education, she has been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, song writer and playwright.

This famous novelist and poet speaks seven languages fluently. Among her many accomplishments, she is the first black female director in Hollywood, Chubb Fellow at Yale University. She served on Jimmy Carter's Presidential Commission for International Women's Year in 1978-1979, and was voted into the "Ladies Home Journal top 100 most Influential Women.'

She has also made 150 television appearances on network talk shows. and at numerous colleges and uni-

Maya Angelou made her first professional appearance at the Purple Onion as a singer. She then joined the European touring company "Porgy and Bess."

Born in St. Louis Missouri and raised in Arkansas by her grandmother until she was 13 years old. her ambitious spirit was kept alive by contemporary people and artists.

Maya Angelou's lecture was humorous, interesting as well as inspiring. She said, "Life is our most precious gift, and in order to achieve, you have to have a concentration on everything."

All of Maya Angelou's books have been published in hardback, but because of popular demand they have also been published in paperback. Among her most famous books are, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" and "Gather Together

During her lecture, Angelou men tioned authors Paul Dunbar and Sterling Brown. She also recited some of her famous poems, "Love," "Signifying," "Jump Back Honey, Jump Back," "And Still I'll Rise," and "Harlem Hopscotch." She characterized many of these poems for the audience by changing the tone of her voice, dialect and bodily movements, which kept the audience's attention. The event was sponsored by the Century II Book Committee and paid for by the student activity

# Poet charms P.V. audience

**By Hattie Horn** 

I spent the afternoon and the evening with a famous author. Literally. Even though I have read Maya Angelou's novel I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS at least six times, I was still not prepared for the exciting experience I encountered when I saw her.

The highlight of the afternoon turned out to be the tears of joy seen rolling down Angelou's face as she hugged each Charles Gilpin Player after their presentations and the genuine expression of approval when she said she was charmed by what they did. WOW!

The Charles Gilpin Players had taken excerpts from Angelou's poems and novels and performed them as a sort of welcome to Prairie View's campus and also to pay homage to her as an artist before her evening performance in the recital hall Wednesday, February 20. She was escorted to the "Little Theatre" in Hobart Taylor by Dr. Clarissa Booker and Freddie Roberts, chairmen of the Century Two Reading Committee. By the time I arrived she was already holding court to what seemed like a spellbound audience of Gilpins. She was recalling an amusing incident that had occurred during the rehearsal of a play she was performing. To watch her imitation of the persons whom she was speaking about was hilarious! I only hoped she would have the chance to speak in front of a huge audience that evening.

There often seems to be a problem of getting students to trudge out to Hobart Taylor to an event unless it is a class, or free, or a Charles Gilpin Player production. If it were a dance, they would probably beat me to the

Being a skeptic, I wondered what interesting developments that evening would bring for the 8:00 presentation. Lo and behold, as I made my way to a front row seat, I found there were no seats remaining. A quick scan of the room indicated that my front seat was gone, as well as every other good seat in the house. It was 7:00 and the house was almost "packed"! I do believe PV was out to prove me wrong that night.

From the moment she walked onstage (or was it a strut?), Ms. Angelou took charge. She recited poems by black poets Langston Hughes, Nikki Giovanni, and Paul Dunbar, as well as her own. She told stories of her experiences and the people she met, and performed until she had the audience cheering for

The wonderful thing about the whole evening was that she related to everyone in the room. Black. white, young and old. She had us eating out of her hands. It was apparent to me that she was one of the most earthy and honest persons as well as a wonderful human being and artist. When I left the recital hall, a tune made up by the Gilpin Singers from the title of her novels rushed through my mind. I knew why the caged bird sang. And she



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## **Texas Schools winners at NAIA**

By Joyce Johnson

At first look Friday night on the opening day of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics indoor track championship, it appeared that colleges from Texas would be the center of controversy in

Joycelyn Tatum, a sophomore at Prairie View bruised her leg during the preliminaries of the 60 yard dash. The meet doctor would not post a medical ruling to excuse Tatum from her sprints, but allow her to run in the quarter mile run.

P.V. head coach Barbara Jacket felt that Tatum would be able to run the distance the next day if she did not have to the sprints. The meet doctor ruled against Jackets' wishes so Tatum took off her purple and gold track suit and boosted her team mates morale the rest of the meet.

Another controversial ruling deprived Texas Southern's Kathrene Wallace of her third straight long jump championship in the womens division. A judge of the event said that Wallace had not checked in before her one leap of 19 feet-10 inches, and she was disqualified.

The eventual winner was Lori Risenhower of Adams State (Colo.) with a

More controversy for the powerhouse schools from Texas came about when Alrick Monroe, a freshman at Wayland Baptist, appeared to have beaten Innocent Egbunike of Azusa Pacific (Calif.) in the finals of the 60 yard dash. But that was before Azusa Pacific coach Terry Franson appealed the result, and a photo finish declared Egbunike of Azusa Pacific the winner.

It was not all controversy during the meet. The Prairie View Pantherettes set a new indoor NAIA 2 mile relay time of 9:15.44. Loyanda Luckett, Regina Bennett, Brynette Smith and Kathy Taylor broke the old records set by the Pantherettes at the 1983 meet.

Earnest Bell. Senior runner for the Prairie View Panthers, kept his team alive with two first place wins, one in the 800 meter run, 1:54.58, and the 1000 meter run clocking of 2:50.

Defending men's champions, Texas Southern, held the lead at the end of Friday night, but an Olympic style Wayland Baptist University won at

the end of Saturday nights competition. Five members of Wayland Baptist University's, Plainview, Texas, 1985 track team competed for their native countries in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Prairie View team took third place and track Hall Of Fame, head coach Hoover Wright seems pleased by their success.

Defending women's champions, Pantherettes, won the second place trophy. Adams State (Colo.) defeated the Pantherettes by three points

them. They did not work 100 percent as a team. So they will have to accept games the second place award, because that is what they earned," Barbara Jacket, Prairie View coach said. Both Prairie View and Texas

Southern will be competing against each other, March 2nd in Jackson, Mississippi, at the Coors-Interconference Meet, when top runners from the South Western Athletic Conference (SWAC) take on the thoroughbreds of the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference, (MEAC).

# **SUPPORT PANTHERS**

### Panthers lose three on the road

championship, my girls gave it to two games in a row, the Panthers came up short in three straight

> The Panthers started off great in their first game against Southern University. However, the Panthers failed to maintain control of the ball.

fouls in the second-half, which gave half hitting every free throw and ther Mark Rutledge fouled out in the 104-86. second half with 21 points. Southern then won the game 76-80.

The Panthers were clawed on a The Panthers then moved on to three game road trip through Miss- challenge Nicholls State University. 'Adams State did not earn the issippi and Louisiana. After winning Nicholls State was not a conference game and the Panthers lost 70-75.

> The Panthers then traveled to Alcorn State University to challenge the SWAC champs on their own home court. The Panthers went into the halftime behind by three points: There were several turnovers and 39-42. But Alcorn came out of the Southern a slight advantage. Pan- every field goal to beat the Panthers

## IRS wants to give back millions of dollars

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track down new addresses of those in

--checking "criss cross" director-ies to contact former neighbors who might have forwarding addresses for the taxpavers:

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### Fight for **Financial Aid**

February 26-March 4, 1985

Join College and University students across the nation who are fighting for their financial aid. A Prairie View coalition has been formed for concerned students who want to make Washington aware of what Prairie View students think about the proposed budget cuts. According to Dennis Thomas, coalition organizer, a letter writing campaign and a proposed field trip to visit legislators in Washington D.C. are being dicussed as forms of involvment for Prairie View students. If your future is important to you, please contact: Dennis Thomas, 125 North Alexander, 4702 for more

### Alphas successful

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. attended the Texas State Council of Alpha Chapters convention in Houston, Texas, on February 15th and 16th.

The Eta Gamma Chapter received numerous awards this year. The awards included: college chapter of the year, chapter with the highest G.P.A., best scrapbook, 2nd place in stomp contest, Alumni brother of the vear (Frederick Roberts Esquire), and also the state Oratorical award. given to brother James Wright.

Miss Black and Gold, Yolanda Adair, represented the Eta Gamma Chapter. She placed 2nd runner-up in the state Miss Black and Gold pageant. The brothers of Eta Gamma did well and look forward to competing in the Regional Convention in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in April.

### Pledging begins

The Council of Student Organization has certified the following registered student organizations to conduct pledge programs for the 1985 spring semester: Karnation Kort, Wisconsin Sleepers, Club Chic, Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho Rhomeo, Pershing Rifles, and Club Crescendo.

A workshop for all Dean of Pledges and Pledgees of spring lines was conducted to explain pledge rules and regulations, as well as University guidelines.

The Council of Student Organizations officers for 1984-1985 are, President, Darryl Blackmon, Vice President, Charles Verdum, Secretary, Doris Williams, Treasurer, Tracey Egleson.



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The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma sell the idea that collectively we could be the largest minority influence in politics, finance, and socialization in the world," he said.

day, February 24, in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. Though the actual founding date of this fraternity is January 9, 1914, the program is traditionally scheduled in late

The theme for this year's program was "Phi Beta Sigma: a Renaissance in Brotherhood." The keynote speaker was Dr. John Westberry, past National President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Westberry noted that brotherhood, not only Phi Beta Sigma, but a joint effort by all Pan-Hellinic organizations, could

Dr. John Westberry

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help the minority community. "For six years as vice-president and president of Phi Beta Sigma, I worked with the other seven leaders of the Pan-Hellenic organizations, to

Fraternity, Incorporated, held their

annual Founders' Day program Sun-

January or in February.

He also said that Phi Beta Sigma has, for 71 years, been an influence on American life and has reached beyond the boundaries of countries in its effort toward the betterment of

He indicated the contributions of Brothers George Washington Carver, the scientist, and Nnamdi Azikiwe, past president of Nigeria, and A. Phillip Randolph, civil rights activist, as proofs of his theory.

"I have dreamed for the past 15 years," Westberry said, "of a Pan-Hellenic force strong enough to make Ronald Reagan take greater notice of the plight of the poor and the disadvantaged in America."

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8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m

19.00



## **Kappas celebrate Founders Day**

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., had their annual Founders Day program, Sunday, February 24, 1985, in Hobart Tay-

This years guest speaker was Dr. Joseph Benjamin Johnson, president of Grambling University. Dr. Johnson is the third president ever at

He received his undergraduate

degree at Grambling University. He obtained his Master's and Doctor's degree at the University of Colorado and did post doctoral study at Harvard University.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, The Ameri-

can Association of Administrators of Higher Education, Louisiana Association of Educators, and Kappa Alpha

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# **Campus News**

Dr. Lucius Wyatt, Head of Arts, Music and Drama, reports that his essay on the Black American Composer, Leslie Adams, was published in the Fall 1984 issue of the Black Music Research Newsletter. This publication is jointly sponsored by Fisk University and Columbia College of Chicago.

Dr. Arthur Washington, Executive Secretary of the National Istitute of Science (NIS), was recently informed that his organization has received a \$25,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. The award provides support for minority students to attend the forthcoming NIS meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Political Science Faculty (Mr. Ronald Server, Ms. G. Lawrence, and Mr. Hulen Davis) have been involved in the local Title III Workshop designed to use the word processor for processing preparing semi-automatic test bank. As a result of their interest and committment to this project, the Title III program will place an Apple II E computer in their department for six months so that the faculty can complete and implement the pilot program in testing.

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Spring Break will take place during the week of March 11-6. Classes will commence on March 18.

Winners of the Black History Essay Contest sponsored by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, and Anhauser Busch Inc., are: 1st Place James L. Wright, Essay on Dr. Ralph H. Bunche. 2nd Place Earnestyne Walter, Essay on Thurgood Marshall. 3rd Place Bert Bilton, Essay on Langston Hughes.

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The Council of Student Organizations is sponsoring an International Festival Week during April 21-27. This week will be highlighted by cultural exhibits, music, speakers, and an international market place of foods.

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According to the office of student activities, there will be no student activities on campus during the week of March 4-9 because of Mid Term

Alpha Phi Alpha is having a free dance after the basketball game on Saturday, March 2 at the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

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The W.R. Banks Library staff sponsored an International students forum on Friday, February 8, to seek suggestions concerning library ser-

Students from, Nigeria, Liberia, Indonesia, Jamaica, and other countries, attended the forum and contributed to the general discussion.

In considering the service relationship among librarians and international students, Mrs. Helen Yeh, assistant director for technical services, asked if there were is any specific manner of approach needed in serving some of those students because of there their cultural differences. An interesting discussion began relating to cultural differences in style of communication.

Dr. Donald Sweet, Director of Library Services, stressed the need for realism concerning resources

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### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The most important aspect in valuing gold jewelry is the number of karats. This is normally engraved on the clasp of a necklace or bracelet. Gold is a very soft medal and is usually mixed with some other base metal to increase its durability and hardness.

**Under Federal Trade Commission** guideline, if the word "gold" is used by itself, it is supposed to be 24 karat gold, not mixed with anything else. The more typical jewelry will be made of 14 karat, 12 karat or 10 karat gold.

If you see what seems to be an unrealistically low price for 24 karat or 18 karat gold. you should be suspicious. On the other hand, you should not be paying a high price for 10 or 12 karat gold.

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Another type of gold jewelry is known as gold filled. If it is properly

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marked, it will indicate something like "12k gf" to indicate that it was made from a base metal with a gold coating. Unless otherwise marked, gold filled items are 1/20th or more gold alloy. Jewelry of this variety may last a long time, but sometimes the coating can wear off

Some jewelry is called "gold electroplate." which means that the gold has been applied to another metal electrolytically.

Under FTC guidelines, the gold must be at least 7 millionths of an inch thick in order to qualify for this term. For watches, which require greater durability, the layer must be at least 750 millionths of an inch (or 19 microns) thick. One micron is equal to about 40 millionths of an inch.

As always, the consumer who does comparison shopping is probably going to get the better deal.

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