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Pierre, Council seek to halt Proposition

By Stephanie English

Dr. Percy Pierre, president of Prairie View A&M University and head of the Council of Presidents of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, found it necessary to propose an alternative to Proposition 48 (also referred to as Bylaws 5-1-(j)).

Pierre and other members of the council thought it was essential to submit a proposal since Proposition 48 clearly discriminates against blacks and other minorities.

Proposition 48 requires all incoming freshmen athletes to have a 2.0 grade-average on a 4.0 scale in specific coursework. The coursework includes: English, history, mathematics and science- the basic college requirements. Students also are required to make a score of 700 on the SAT and 15 on the ACT to be considered suitable for college work.

These requirements concern Dr. Pierre and other black education officials because black

students tend to score far below the minimum requirements.

These facts should come as no surprise since the NCAA's commissioned study shows that the SAT and the ACT test are racially and culturally biased against blacks. The study also indicates that standardized tests are poor predictors of the academic success of blacks.

According to Dr. Pierre, it is a well known fact that high school performance (core curriculum) is a better indicator of college performance than standardized tests.

These findings promoted the introduction of new proposals 14 and 15. Proposal 14 drops the requirements for a minimum standardized test score. Proposal 15 requires a standardized test score but for placement purposes only.

Both proposals were defeated by Proposal 16 sponsored by the NCAA Council and the NCAA President's Commission. Proposal 16 slightly modifies

Proposition 48, thus, delaying the original date set for implementation.

Although Proposal 14 and 15 were defeated, Dr. Pierre says the case is not closed. Pierre and other members of SWAC are investigating new avenues to halt Proposition 48. Pierre said he and members of the council are considering two options:

1) legal recourse and 2) monitoring the effort and going back to the NCAA Convention with the results.

Pierre foresees the core curriculum becoming a significant barrier for athletes leaving only standardized test score requirements as a barrier - a barrier which affects five times as many blacks as whites.

One ironic fact about the ruling is that it is designed to help black students in the long run. But, there are no studies that support this theory.

Waller County celebrates Sesquicentennial

The date for the Waller County Historical Home Tour has been moved up to April 26 & 27, to avoid conflict with election day.

Activities will include a county-wide home tour, a parade in Hempstead, a dance at the fairgrounds on the night of the 26th, collectible note cards, and others. Contact Leatte McDougal, 826-3926.

SAM HOUSTON AT GROCE PLANTATION:

Public ceremony and wreath laying, April 13, at 3:00 p.m., at site marker on Highway 1887, approximately 4 miles south of Hempstead.

The retreating, ragtag Texas Army needed time to regroup and add new volunteers to their ranks. On March 28, 1836, Houston and his troops arrived at San Felipe and made arrangements to cross the Brazos on the little river boat "Yellowstone". Crossing at Groce's (near the center of present day Waller County), the troops proceeded to Groce's Bernardo Plantation about 5 miles south of Hempstead, where they camped for 12 days and prepared for their next clash with Santa Anna, which proved

***SESQUICENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT:**

Hempstead: Heritage House, 936 New Orleans.

Prairie View: City Hall.

Waller: Chamber of Commerce, Waller Village Shopping Center.

Brookshire/Pattison: Waller County Museum, Brookshire.

Contact Betty Vines, 826-3653



WALLACE TERRY, author of "Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Black Veterans," reviewed his book with students and faculty on Monday.

AMA sponsors Career Forum

By Gwendolyn Jeffery

The Prairie View Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Association sponsored its Third Annual Career Forum on Friday, January 31, 1986. The theme of the program was "Planning For A Better Future."

The event began with a program in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at 9:00 A.M. featuring Mr. Percy Creuzot, President of Frenchy's Creole Chicken as the guest speaker. Mr. Creuzot challenged the students to work hard to achieve success in life. Students were told that being a business owner may entail working from 10 to 12 hours a day.

Mrs. Pointer presented two book scholarships provided by the Lange Distribution Company in the amount of \$100.00 each to the AMA students with the highest scholastic averages.

The recipients of these scholarships were Clement Glenn and Reginald Douglas.

The culminating event was a luncheon where the new Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Milton Bryant, gave an inspiring speech on the importance of business in the future and the related technology it will use. In Dr. Bryant's remarks, he indicated that companies will be beating a path to Prairie View to hire business students.

The companies that participated in the forum were as follows: Bryan-College Station Eagle, First City Bank Corporation, Ford Motor Corporation, Frito-Lay, French's Creole Chicken, IBM, KTXH-Channel 13, Gannett, Red Lobster, Randall's, State Farm Insurance, Houston Police Department, St. Lukes Hospital, and Safeway.

Educator attends seminar

Prairie View was represented at the Sixth Annual Seminar at the Newspaper Advertising Bureau (February 9-11) in New York City.

Dr. Millard Eiland, Head of the Department of Communications, was one of 18 communication educators from around the country invited to participate in this program. Expenses were provided by the International Newspaper Advertising and Marketing Executives Foundation (INAME) of Reston, Virginia.

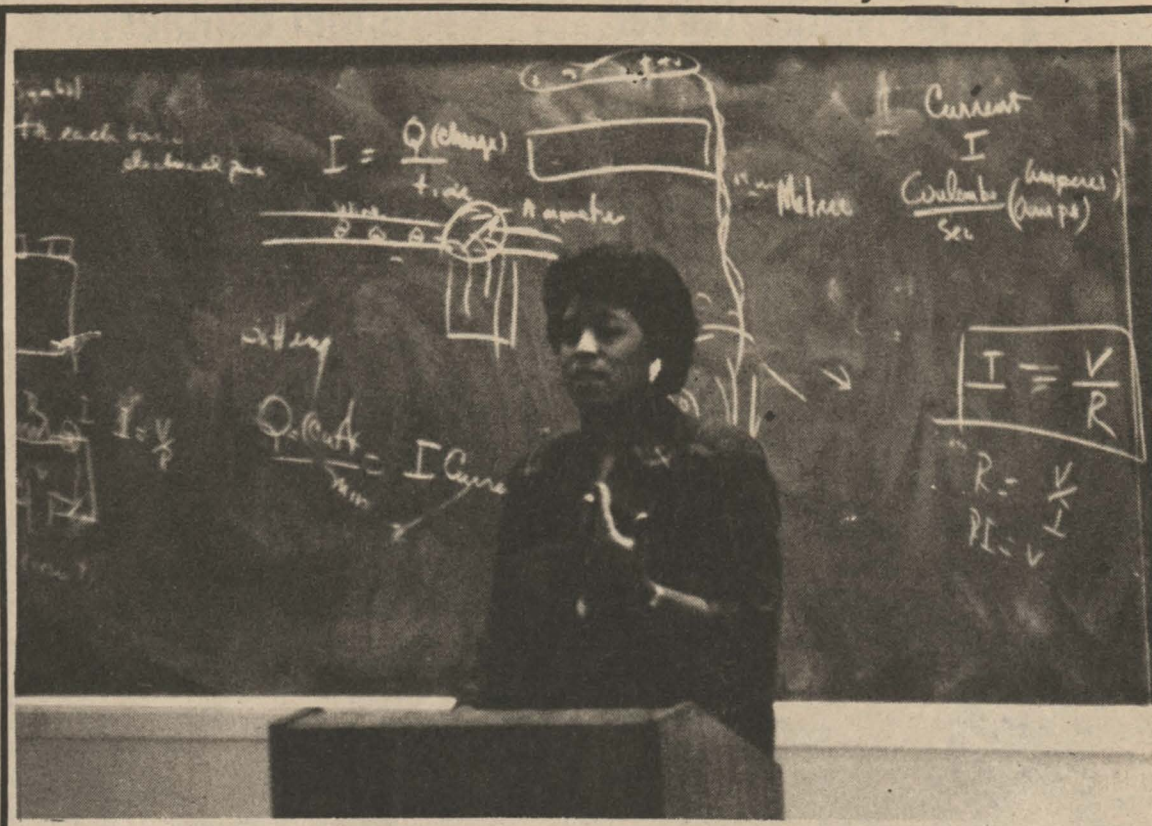
The purpose of the seminar was to:

- (1) to inform college journalism and advertising instructors and administrators of how the NAB serves the newspaper industry; and
- (2) to suggest ways and means of college instructors use of the resources of the INAME and NAB to upgrade instructions.
- (3) to receive suggestions from the educators to increase understanding and interchange between the industry and college-level instruction.

The seminar featured presentations by advertising and publishing executives, meetings with representatives of publishing conglomerates and presentations by NAB staff, most notably by Dr. Leo Bogart, Executive Vice President and General of NAB, an honored educator and author of Strategy in Advertising.

The newspaper industry, more than any other mass medium, sponsors many such programs of value to journalism instructors and departments. The industry provides student scholarships, actively recruits minority interns, and supports the training of young people who will be tomorrow's journalists.

Prairie View's journalism program, as a result of this seminar, will profit from visits from newspaper representatives, secure slide and video programs through NAB and increase its visibility among top journalists.



CLAUDETTE SIMS reviews her book, "Don't Weep For Me", to students and faculty during a recent visit to PVA&MU.

Counseling Center, Career Development merge

By Tamie Miller

The Counseling Center and Career Development Office of Prairie View A&M University have combined offices. The merger took place this semester and the new name is the Office of Counseling and Career Development. The union of the offices came about because of frequent interrelations of the two centers.

Through the years the Counseling Center and Career Development have worked closely together. Former head of the Counseling Center, Bessie Smith, felt the mental therapy went hand-in-hand with career development.

The Counseling Center and the Career Development Office have also combined their staffs. They will work together under the new supervision of Brenda Loric, associate director. Although the office will operate under one staff, each department will continue its regular programs and assist one another when needed.

An added expansion to the staff is Dr. Ronald Howard, a clinical psychologist. Loric says that along with new staff members, a fresh approach and plans are going toward the student's counseling and development.

Many programs are in the planning stages. The planned curriculum will provide special computers. These computers are designed to help the undecided major choose his major. The student feeds the computer his likes and dislikes on a provided survey and the computer will print out a possible career based upon the students answers.

Another new program will be to help students with their communicative disabilities. Loric says, "this will allow them to see their mistakes and work on them."

The Career Development Office plans to continue its group sessions. These sessions were set up to help the student with studying skills and self development. The center also plans to extend its staff throughout the university as consultants in the classroom.

The university not only sees future success for the office of Counseling and Career Development, but also a new enhancement to their orientation program.

The main goal of the staff and the university is the promotion of dealing with the academic, personal, social and career development of each student attending Prairie View A&M University.

Navy ROTC commemorates military figures

By Greg Smith

Names, some etched forever in history; others, only to be remembered as part of a group - were recalled to help society remember those who made significant contributions to American life.

The names belonged to blacks who made their marks in the military and were presented to the midshipmen of Prairie View A&M's Naval ROTC in a special ceremony Thursday, February

20, in the auditorum of Hobart Taylor Sr. Hall. The program was part of the celebration of Black History Month.

A variety of speakers, from Midn 1/C Torilus Ward, Battalion Operations Officer, to Marine Officer Instructor Capt Walter Whitfield, recalled the reasons for and the results of Blacks joining the military.

Names like Salem Poor and Peter Salem (Battle of Bunker

Editorials & Comments

Black Americans struggle for recognition

By Desmond Harvey

If succeeding in life was as simple as self improvement earth would be heaven and humans would all be angelic.

But many of the forces that determine the course of society are more powerful than single individuals and more long-standing in their existence than single human lifetimes.

As a consequence, these issues have to be addressed in group and mass actions, often for generation on end.

A case in point is the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's. This concerted drive won voting rights, and an end to segregation in schools and public accommodations, fair housing laws and equal employment opportunities for Black Americans and other minorities.

But as these often bloody, hard fought victories were won, many of the organizations seemed less urgent. As a result many of the gains blacks made began to erode in the 1970's. Today Black Americans are again in a state of crisis.

Despite numerous assertions to the contrary blacks have shared in the expansion of the American economy over the last two years. Their participation in the labor market has increased

and they have gained a somewhat larger proportion of the nation's jobs.

During the year ending in December 1985, the American economy vigorously rebounded from the deep recession of 1981-82. This growth stimulated a strong increase of 3.2 percent in the total civilian labor force which includes all persons with jobs or who are looking for work. The gain for Blacks was even stronger, at 6.4 percent, raising the Black civilian labor force to 12.3 million.

Despite the relative improvement in employment that Blacks have experienced over the last year, the job deficit they face remains substantial. For example, at the end of the last year Blacks represented 10.8 percent of the civilian labor force, and they held 9.8 percent of the total.

If parity had prevailed, they would have an additional 1,015,000 jobs. Yet, this Black job deficit in 1984 was about 131,000 less than it was two years earlier. These figures suggest that economic expansion has brought sizeable reduction in joblessness. But, relative improvement for blacks was not quite as dramatic as it was for whites.

These employment percentage figures should give you a basic outlook on what minorities must achieve to stay in the competitive labor force.

"Blacks ought to know the basic motivation of the corporation, which is to make money," according to Dr. Percy Pierre, president of Prairie View A&M University. "Corporations are run by people and people are influenced by many things, including prejudice, but if students understand that corporations are out to make money, the influence towards the students would be better."

Dr. Pierre goes on to say, "Blacks should get prepared as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that you will be successful, but without giving it a try, you're out of the game."

Dr. Pierre believes that corporations make money generally with talented people, people who are prepared to do something that is going to cause their product to be better. This should mean the customer will come to them instead of going to someone else.

Women or mice in Drew Hall

I wish to make a statement about living conditions at Alice J. Drew Hall.

Recently, the hall has been infested with mice. So far, students have had to exterminate the mice themselves even though more than one complaint has been filed with the Department of Housing.

It is my understanding that student fees cover the caretaking of student dormitories. It seems that the high cost of the dormitories should cover this expense.

The blame is placed upon the students cooking in the dorms yet kitchenettes are provided to us. Students could take more care and take precautionary

measures such as being cleaner. Still, it should not be our responsibility alone to get rid of mice present in the dorm now. Exterminating twice a year does not appear to be sufficient in handling the problem.

These varmints are seeking shelter and guess where; in your residence halls. Before this situation gets out of hand, the Department of Housing and maintenance should take heed to their jobs and get on them. Soon.

Once again and lastly, I would like to stress the importance of this matter. It is imperative that this problem be taken seriously; and the process of evacuating all rodents out of Alice J. Drew Hall be immediate.

Effective January 20, 1986 there shall be NO STREET PARKING. This is a violation of the University Traffic Rules & Regulations. Move your vehicle to its designated parking area. (All vehicles are expected to display parking permits by this time).

Tax assistance available

The Internal Revenue Service has listed a variety of free tax assistance available in the Bryan - College Station area.

In person -- Pick up tax forms or free publications at the IRS office in Bryan in the Federal Building, 216 W. 26th Street, weekdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many banks, post offices and libraries also carry tax forms.

Telephone -- People with tax questions may call IRS with questions and to order forms and publications. Call toll - free 1 - 800 - 424-1040, weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free help -- For low income and elderly who need free help filling out 1040A, 1040EZ or relatively simple 1040 returns, volunteers trained by IRS are in nine locations in Bryan, College Station, Franklin and Burton. A list of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites is available by calling or visiting. Recorded messages -- TeleTax offers recorded messages on about 150 tax topics, listed tax instruction packages. Call TeleTax, toll - free, at 1 - 800 - 554-4477. TeleTax operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for push - button tone phones, and weekdays during normal business hours for dial and pulse phones.

Help for deaf -- For deaf and hearing - impaired taxpayers with access to teletypewriter systems called TTY, call IRS toll - free weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. at 1 - 800 - 428-4732 to ask tax questions or order forms or publications. This number works only with TTY machines.

Speeches -- The IRS offers speakers for many civic groups, trade and professional organizations, depending on the size and location. Call the IRS public affairs office in Austin at (512) 499-5315. This is not a toll - free number.

IRS officials admit they had a bad year last filing season, but say they've taken many steps to get refunds out quickly this year, including:

- increased computer capacity by 40 percent;
- streamlined computer programs;
- gave employees more training;
- ran test programs;
- hired outside consultants to review filing season plans.

Taxpayers who file early should receive refunds in six to eight weeks, says IRS, rather than the 10 weeks it could take if they wait. And IRS can process returns faster and mail refund checks faster if taxpayers:

- use the peel - off label;
- use the envelope that came with the tax package;
- check math;
- make sure there are signatures and social security numbers for the taxpayer and, where applicable, a spouse.

Navy ROTC travels to Mardi Gras

By Greg Smith

It was an exhausting weekend for the midshipmen of Prairie View A&M, as they traveled to the Mardi Gras to represent the university at the annual event.

Members of the color guard and Blue Guard drill teams marched in the Krewe of Isis Parade on Saturday, February 8, one of the many parades featured that weekend. The unit marched along with units from Purdue, Vanderbilt, Auburn, Oklahoma, Arkansas, LSU, Southern, Loyola, Tulane, Ole Miss, and Texas A&M, to name a few.

The eight - mile course began in the residential section of New Orleans and ended downtown on the grounds of the 1984 World Fair. Preceded by the color guard, the Blue Guardsmen performed a series of complicated maneuvers and precision rifle drills.

After the parade, the midshipmen returned to the hotel, showered and changed for their final night on the town. They were treated to a big pizza party to celebrate their tremendous effort. Following the party, the midshipmen found the city of New Orleans to be ten times as crowded as the night before, but they made do with the situation.

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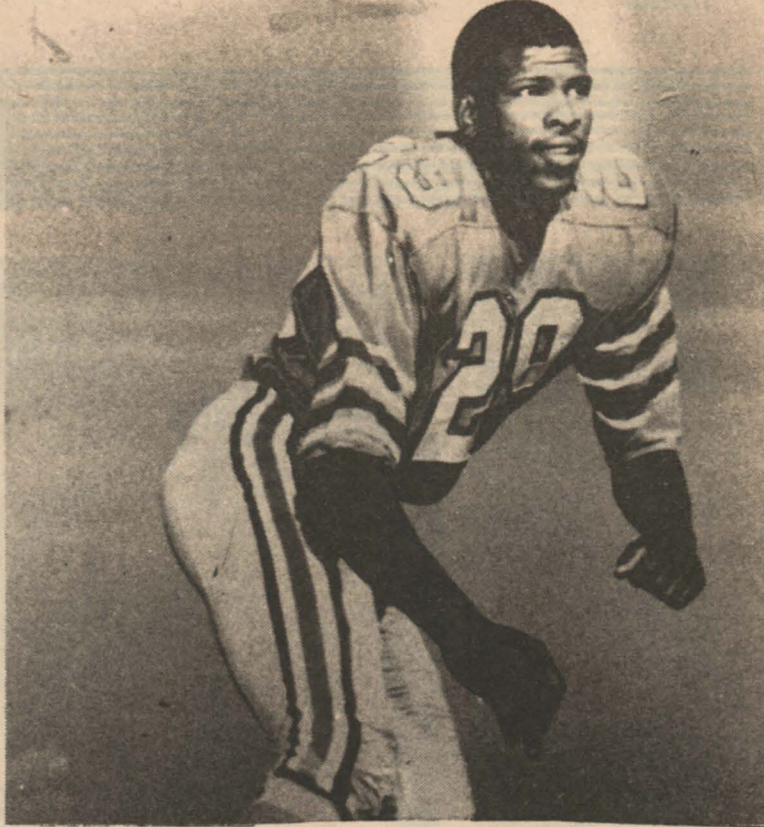
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The Panther Welcomes Your Letters to the Editor



KENNY HOUSTON during his playing days here at Prairie View A&M University.

Panther star inducted into Hall of Fame

senior year. Houston and Alvin Reed shared the captain's helm and later both played with the Washington Redskins.

An athlete of tremendous agility, Houston served as a long jumper and triple jumper for the track and field team during his senior year. Hoover Wright, men's head track coach then and now, accolades him as "phenomenal".

Upon graduation from Prairie View the Houston Oilers saw fit to draft Ken in the ninth round. Oilers management made a fine choice in 1967 with this 23-year linebacker and so began the Ken Houston era of 14 years in professional football.

Ken Houston spent six seasons with the Oilers and seven seasons with the Washington Redskins. By the time of his retirement in 1980 Kenny accomplished the following:

- Twelve Pro Bowl appearances.
- Holder of the following Oiler NFL records:
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Panther star inducted into Hall of Fame

University News Service

When Kenny Houston left Lufkin, Texas to play football at Prairie View A&M University, he came as a package deal with two other Lufkin high schoolers. Little did the coaching staff know at that time that Houston would follow the high road to success and become immortalized in the National Football Hall of Fame 23 years later.

Kenny wore number 51 as a Panther and began training as an offensive center his freshman year. His assets to the Panther team, rich in talent, was his ability to execute the long snap as an offensive center.

Kenny's talent did not go unnoticed. One day while practicing in the valley, (the valley is the red - shirt team) Coaches Billy Nicks, Hoover Wright and Leroy Moore discovered his unusual ability of speed and quickness. The Panther defensive unit was lacking a linebacker, but not for long according to Coach Wright.

"We moved Kenny into the outside linebacker position and he made the adjustment from offense to defense with ease," Wright said. "We also played him at the inside linebacker position during trouble situations."

Houston was a part of the winning tradition at Prairie View when his 1963 team won the SWAC Championship, and the National Championship (Black College National Championship).

In 1964 the PVA&MU sports media wrote the following brief about Kenny Houston:

Ken Houston -- came from Lufkin, Texas-- considered a veteran linebacker even though he is only a sophomore. Ken's ability to quarterback for defense puts him ahead of his group - he is 6'3", 200 lbs.

As a sophomore Ken received the honor of outstanding sophomore linebacker and was a starter on the 1964 SWAC Championship and National Championship team. Houston's team - mates included senior All-American Otis Taylor, (Kansas City Chiefs).

Upon graduation of Kearney and Taylor in 1964, Houston was able to excel as a team morale leader in 1965 and 1966. Houston joined the elite AA-American group as did his predecessors, making 1st team All-Conference and All-American in consecutive years.

It was fitting for Houston to be the Panther's team captain his

Athletic Complex named in honor of former coach

University News Service Prairie View A&M University will hold its First Annual scholarship Banquet featuring a Roast and Toast for Mr. Kenny Houston and a special Honors Tribute for Coach William "Billy" Nicks, Sr.

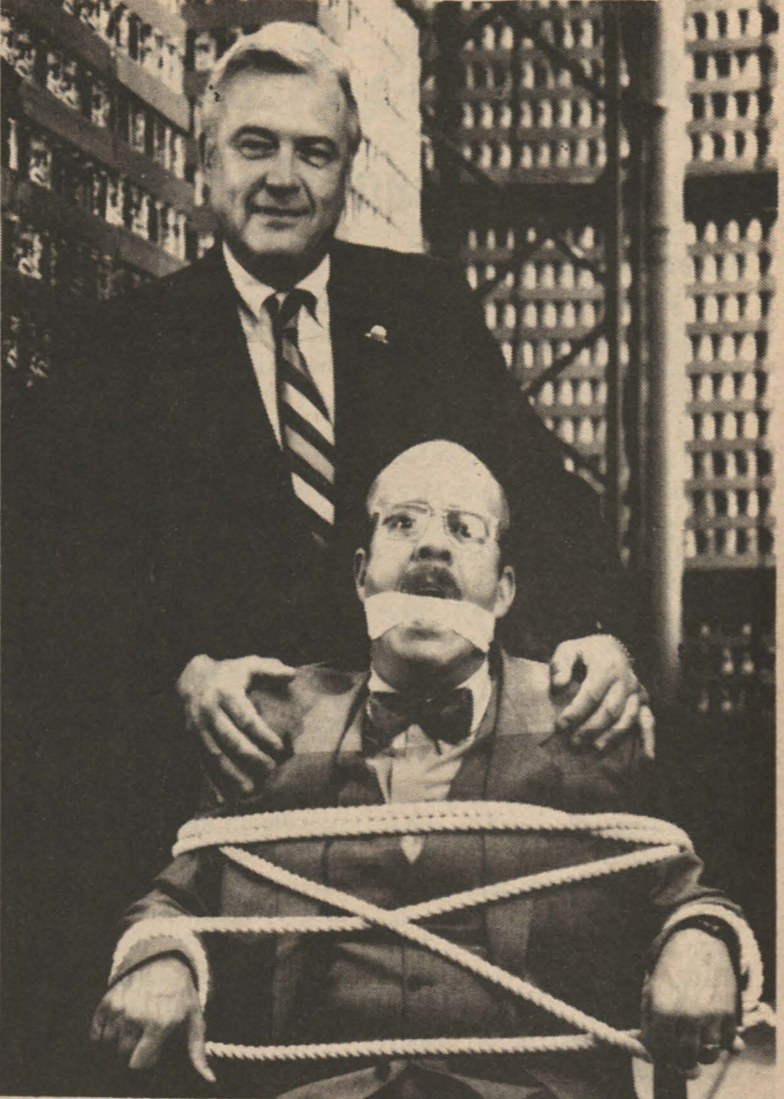
During this Banquet, the plans for dedicating the Prairie View Physical Education, Recreation, Intramural and Athletic Complex will be revealed. The complex will be named the W. J. "Billy" Nicks, Sr. Physical Education, Recreation, Intramural and Athletics Complex in consideration of Coach Nick's contribution in all areas of sports in molding outstanding athletes, such as Kenny Houston.

The 85-acre complex will consist of:

1. Edward L. Blackshear football field.
2. Baseball field.
3. Baby Dome fieldhouse.
4. Tennis courts.
5. Gymnasium.. Activity center.
7. Archery range.
- *Existing facilities
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9. (2) Flag football and soccer fields
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Dr. Pepper to give away Diet Dr. Pepper

Dr. Pepper Company wants the 63 percent of all Americans who have never tasted Diet Dr. Pepper to discover it. So, in the boldest marketing step ever undertaken by the Dallas - based soft drink manufacturer, the firm is offering to give away 45 million cans over a two - week period.

Prime - time viewers will see Dr Pepper Company President John Albers make his television debut as the firm's corporate spokesperson when he offers every viewing household a free can of Diet Dr Pepper, just for calling a toll - free number. The commercial will begin airing west of the Mississippi on February 24, and in the east on March 3.

"Within a two - week period, we are extending this unprecedented offer to 45 million households, half of all families in the United States," says Albers. "This campaign is the single largest sampling effort in the history of the Dr Pepper Company."

Two year enlistment incentive by Army

The Army's special two-year enlistment program may prove to be an outstanding offer to young men and women still undecided about their future plans.

The two - year enlistment could also prove to be a viable alternative for those already in a two - or four year college program who need a break before continuing on toward a degree.

"The two-year enlistment enables a bright, young person to take time off to earn money for college and get his act together," points out Sgt. 1st Class Gilbert P. Rodriguez, a local recruiter in Willowbrook.

The two-year Army experience should prove to be worthwhile. In that short period, young people can accumulate up to \$17,000 toward college under The GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund. Funding a college education, a problem that can put many graduates into heavy debt, is on the minds of prospective students around the nation.

"We are convinced that once consumers try Diet Dr Pepper, they'll buy it," Albers adds. Albers has indicated the offer may be expanded to reach a total of 85 million households.

A year in developing, the Diet Dr Pepper giveaway involves the combined efforts of 250 bottlers whose franchise regions range from Los Angeles to Boston and Minneapolis to Tampa. The offer will run one full week in each city, with the telephone lines open 24 hours a day to handle calls.

More than 1,500 WATS Marketing of America agents will be fulfilling requests for Diet Dr Pepper coupons. Each coupon may be redeemed for either a free can of Diet Dr Pepper or for 60 cents off a six - pack.

Participating grocery stores will conduct in - store sampling events to support the television commercials as well as set up special Diet Dr Pepper displays.

Bottlers will run additional newspaper advertisements and

other promotional activities during this period, while increasing Diet Dr Pepper inventories to meet consumer demand for the product. This coast - to - coast Diet Dr Pepper push is the first in a series of 1986 media/marketing events for the company.

With the diet soft drink category growing at an annual rate of 10 percent, Dr Pepper Company has targeted increased Diet Dr Pepper sales as its number one priority for 1986. Other commercials promoting Diet Dr Pepper include humorous radio spots starring talk show personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer, followed by the television debut of Godzilla's diet - conscious girlfriend, Ms. Zilla.

In one of last year's television commercials for Dr Pepper, a rampaging Godzilla couldn't be subdued until offered a Dr Pepper. This year, a raging Ms. Zilla can't be quieted by an amorous Godzilla until she's offered a Diet Dr Pepper.

Perhaps most importantly, the Army's special two - year enlistment program gives a young person plenty of time to think and plan for the future. It may well prove to be the right move to a successful future.

During those two years of Army life, many young men and women pick up a new outlook on life and gain mental and physical maturity they never had before.

Enlistees can choose from as many as 60 special skills, as far reaching as communications, mechanics and food services, where they will be trained by proven experts. Education in the Army is far more than books and classrooms; it is also hands - on experience where "pupils" learn by actually performing rewarding tasks.

The Army encourages two - year enlistees to continue their education while in the Army. There are Army Education Centers at most Army installations with a choice of college - accredited courses.

The Army benefits include travel, medical and dental plan, 30 days earned vacation each year and a good starting salary. It is a salary that goes far, considering expenses such as food and housing are paid by the Army.

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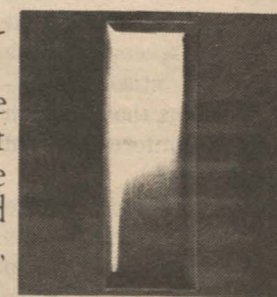
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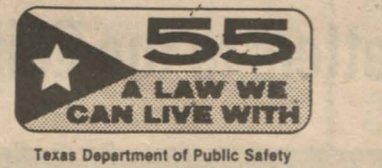
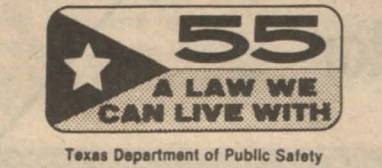


And they're both represented by the insignia you wear as a member of the Army Nurse Corps. The caduceus on the left means you're part of a health care system in which educational and career advancement are the rule, not the exception. The gold bar

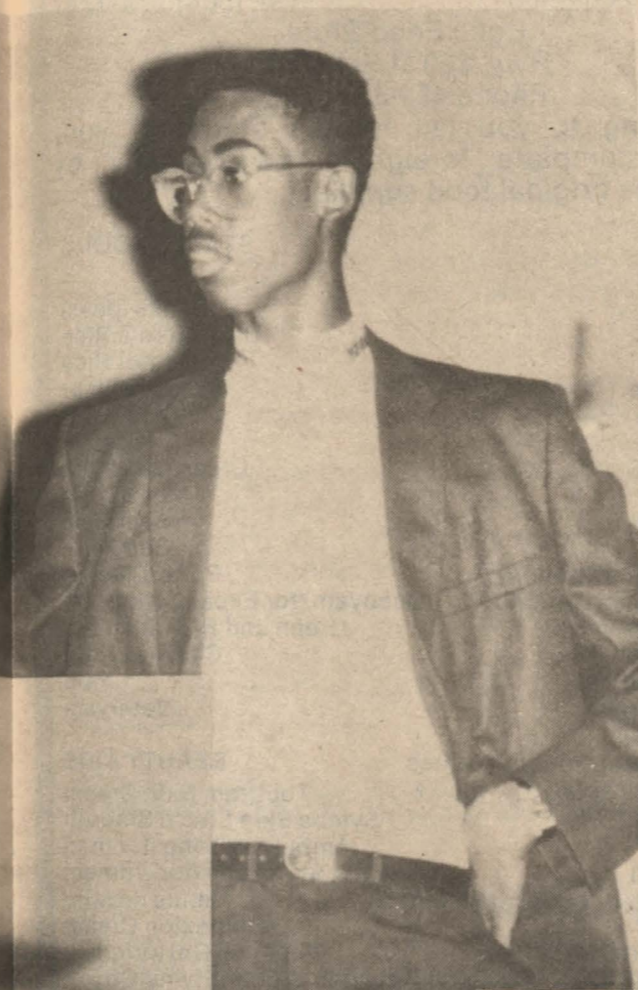


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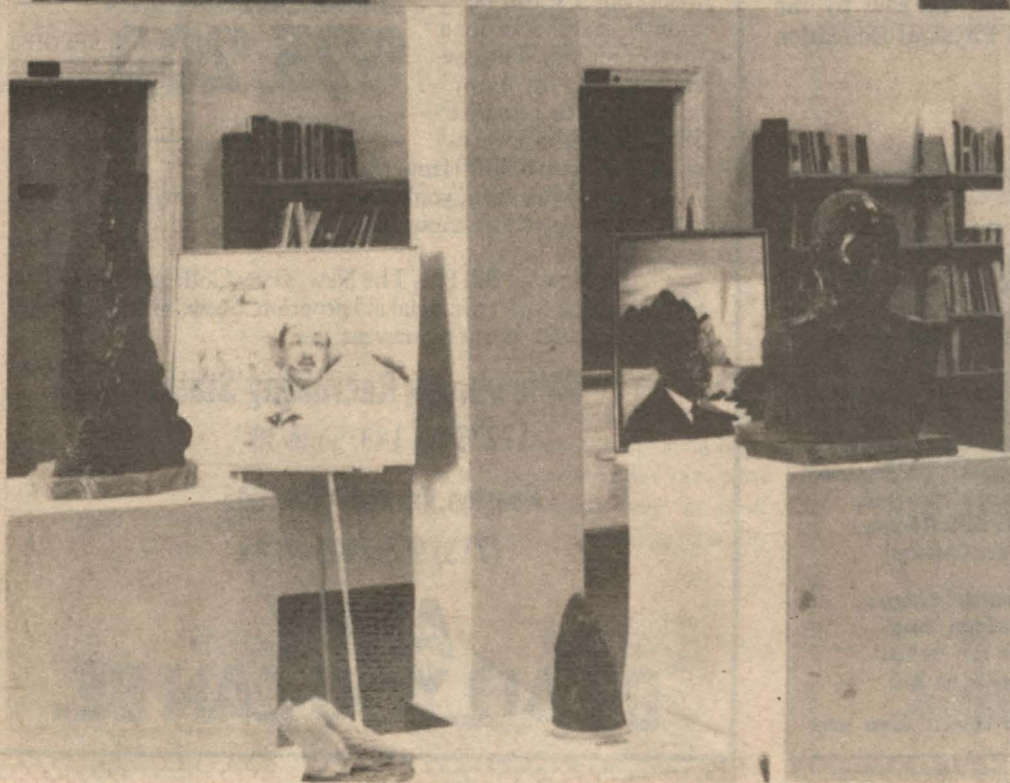
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Far left, Pearl Martin donates artwork; Dr. Pierre poses with trailriders; Jackie Davis in oratorical contest; Johnny Ford, President World Council of Mayors; Library art display; Book Review. Page seven - Eben Conners in fashion show; 1985-86 Panther Kittens; Lloyd Lamb and Michael Harvey in action.



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Cadet Skills Program to aid AROTC

By Mark Stubblefield

The Cadet Skills Program at Prairie View A&M University gives the Army ROTC cadet a chance to be all that he can be.

Being a part of the ROTC program gives the individual a chance to develop as a future leader, and now a chance to better skills in the areas of English, reading and math. The CSP is a program that is only being used by the AROTC at the present time, but in the future it may be used by the entire university.

Last fall was the first semester for the program and it was met with negative feedback by the cadets because they felt it was trying to embarrass them, but the program was explained to them as a tool that would help them, not hurt them.

There was a lack of participation and most of the cadets

didn't show up for their sessions. The way the student was put into the program was he/she took a standardized test in the areas of English, reading and math. They were scored on a scale from one to ten. If the cadet did not score a six or more on the three tests they were told what area they would have to work in, and this was to be twice a week for some and three times a week for others.

A lab was set up for the individual and he/she would report on the days that they were scheduled to work in their areas. If the cadet felt that he/she could do the work they would retest and try to attain a score so they could be disenrolled from the program.

The future of the Cadet Skills Program may work in the

general requirements for students coming into the university. A program like this one would help a person who has a weakness in the areas of basic skills. It also gives that person a chance to develop those skills.

With this emphasis put on the basic skills it would help the student who will need those skills to communicate effectively in our society. What is a productive person who cannot fill out a job application? What is a productive person who cannot write a simple sentence to say, "I want a job because....?" What is a productive person who cannot add 2 plus 2 and get 4?

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For more information, contact: Carl E. Morris, ASNE, PO Box 17004, Washington, DC 20041. (703)-620-6087.

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Charles Traylor grew up in a relatively poor, rural environment in Jasper, Texas. Despite their own limited education, his parents, a laborer and a housewife, encouraged all nine of their children to pursue high career goals.

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After receiving a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University, Traylor served as a commissioned officer in Vietnam and then became an assistant professor at Prairie View A&M.

Since joining Westinghouse in 1972, Traylor has held many positions, primarily in technical sales, management, and marketing of Westinghouse's technological products and systems.

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Chuck Traylor is both civic and professionally-minded. While serving as a volunteer account executive for the National Alliance of Business Executives, he assisted in encouraging the hiring of disadvantaged workers and also addressed many groups on expanding career opportunities available for young people in engineering and technology. He now continues this work through the Westinghouse Spokesperson Program.

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KPVU inaugurates student management staff

The Prairie View A&M University radio station, KPVU 91.3 FM, has instituted a student management staff that will work in cooperation with the faculty and staff.

The idea of a student management staff came to light last spring semester when several students within the department attended the Black College Radio Conference in Atlanta.

While at the conference the students heard from other universities who benefited by having a student management. The students thought it would be beneficial if KPVU could incorporate such a staff.

Department heads also thought that it would be good to expose students to management positions. It will give students a better perspective on working in the broadcasting industry.

"Another reason for the development of a student staff," said Larry Coleman, program director for KPVU, "is to fill the communications gap between

students and faculty."

There are certain things, concerning the programming and content of KPVU, that students and faculty don't always agree on. With a student staff differences can be worked out with both faculty and students collaborating to make decisions.

Elections for student staff positions were held at the beginning of the semester. Appointments made include: Greg Bowdre, station manager; Mark Stubblefield, program and music director; Charles Crump, production director; Alveda Veney, promotion director; Greg Hunt, news director; and Ron Pillot, public affairs director. The student staff will work under the supervision of the faculty and staff.

KPVU has been on the air since November, 1981. When asked about the development of the radio station, Carol Means, faculty news director, compares running a college radio station

to coaching a college football team; every year students come and go.

"Gains made one year are lost the next," Means said. "Freshmen and sophomores do not realize the benefits and won't take advantage of working in the radio station. Something else that is limiting the development of KPVU is lack of consistency among students." Means stated that with consistency there is a better work flow.

Mark Stubblefield, student staff program director said that he has noticed a decrease of development since the summer of 1984 when he first began working at KPVU.

"KPVU caters more to the university rather than general audience outside the university as well," Stubblefield said. "This along with the fact that the radio station limits its music selection to jazz and easy listening is holding back the development of the station."

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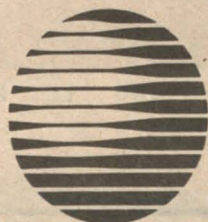
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