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# PANTHER

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## Security Department improving under new chief

By Bert Bilton Editor

The Prairie View A&M University Security Department, under the supervision of Chief Rayford Stephens, is undergoing a much needed transitional period, however, there are still obstacles that have to be overcome.

Stephens said the main purpose of the security department is to enforce the law as prescribed by the Texas legislature and provide order for the students and staff of the university.

"My main philosophy is to protect the students from things that happen from outside of the campus," Stephens said, "We also have to weed out students that are disruptive. One disruptive student disrupts the entire student body."

The chief noted that parking

and ticketing, visitation, and security personnel are the three major concerns of the department.

The parking spaces submitted for the prompted many complaints from students and has been ignored by many. Stephens supports the new plan and says that all who fail to park in their designated spaces will be ticketed and possibly towed.

"The overall parking plan is to bring the university to a perimeter parking situation," he said. "With the construction going on, the need for the entire street is there. The need for access to a hydrant or a building that is blocked by cars will also be taken care of."

To make sure that all rules and regulations of the parking

plan are not being violated, the Panther Patrol, supervised by Gloria Taylor, administers tickets to all illegally parked vehicles.

Stephens said that the department is not receiving the payment from these tickets but is working on a plan that will make payments mandatory.

"First we will bill the student and allow him to pay," he said. "If that would not work I would tow the vehicle."

Another major concern of the chief is the problem of students entering dormitories illegally. Violating visitation rights, Stephens says, is a crime and will be handled as such.

"If a student is in a dormitory, which requires him to check-in,

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DR. JAMES CONE, of the Union Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker at the 28th annual Minister's Convocation that was held on February 5.

## Fellowship offered in memory of shuttle astronaut

University News Service - Dr. Percy A. Pierre, President of Prairie View A&M University announced the creation of the Ronald McNair Graduate Fellowship. The award in the amount of \$10,000, will honor the memory of the second Black American in space, a member of the ill-fated challenger crew.

According to Dr. Pierre, "Ron was an inspiration to the entire nation. However, his achievements, dedication and courage bear particular relevance to Black Americans and Prairie View A&M University.

"He was committed to the advancement of Black Americans and other minorities in the sciences and engineering. He

was an inspirational speaker and lent his time and effort to the national minority engineering effort. We at Prairie View are indebted to him."

A native of Lake City, South Carolina, McNair graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina A&T University in 1971. He then received his Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1976.

The Ronald McNair Graduate Fellowship will be awarded to a student in engineering or science. Applicants should contact the Dean's office, Graduate School, Prairie View A&M University.



MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST STUDENT MOVEMENT CHOIR perform during the dedication ceremony of the All Faiths Chapel.

## Two Charles Gilpin Players perform

By Stephanie English

The award winning Charles Gilpin Players are in fast forward. Its early in the semester and the Gilpin Players have already begun preparations for the numerous upcoming engagements.

Since the early 1920's the Gilpin Players have entertained audiences everywhere as did their namesake Charles Gilpin. Gilpin is known as the pioneer dramatic actor that astounded theatre-goers everywhere.

Noted writer, James Weldon Johnson once wrote that Charles Gilpin "by his work in The Emperor Jones ... reached the highest point of achievement on the legitimate stage that had yet been attained by a Negro in America."

Gilpin's portrayal of Brutus in The Emperor Jones earned him the coveted Spingarn Medal for his contributions to the theatre and to the progress of the Negro.

Like Charles Gilpin, the Gilpin Players have proven their excellence. The troupe received their highest acclaim for their 1982 rendition of "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope." This acclaim gained them a chance

to compete in Washington, D.C. and later, at the World's Fair in New Orleans.

Dwayne Wilson, a Charles Gilpin Player, said, "I can hardly remember the trip to New Orleans because, we've done so much since that time." Wilson says being a Gilpin Player is hard work and very time-consuming but, believes this is a necessity for success.

According to C.L. Turner, director of the Gilpin Players, their are many performances scheduled this season.

Future engagements include: Feb. 24 & 25 PVA&M in Hobart Taylor at the Little Theatre, March 22, Sigma Gamma Rho luncheon in Houston, and April, Kilean, Texas for Delta Sigma Theta conference.

Turner said there are other performances scheduled but times and dates have not yet been confirmed. Turner also stated that auditions are still open for those wishing to try-out for the performing troupe.

All singers, dancers, actors and musicians interested should contact C.L. Turner for more information at 857-2356.

## Prairie View Panther



PICTURED ABOVE are the queen for the men's basketball team and her escort as she was honored at a recent home game.

## February 14, 1986 Dr. King observed

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal."

These famous words of the Constitution so well explained the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King in his famous "I have a Dream" speech in 1963 and were appropriate to begin the Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday service, Wednesday, January 15, 1986 at the PVA&MU quadrangle.

Attended by hundreds of guests, faculty, and students, the program included musical selections from the ROTC Choir and Midshipman Hiawatha Jordan, proclamation of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in Prairie View by Mayor Ronald Leverett and a special tribute by students of Waller Middle School.

Glenda Bates, chairwoman of the MLK planning committee and associate director of the Office of Student Activities, presided over the event. After the invocation by Pan Hellenic Council President Michael Johnson, the ROTC Choir sang the national anthem, and were followed by the Occasion by Alpha Phi Alpha President Steven Brown. Midshipman Hiawatha Jordan sang a special tribute to Dr. King.

The students of Waller Middle School, presented a special tribute to King. The presentation included each student reading off a section of a poem based on "I Have a Dream" entitled "If I Had a Dream." They ended it by spelling out King's name and linking each to a word for freedom and King's ideals.

Leverett proclaimed Wednesday, January 15 "Martin Luther King, Jr., Day" in the City of Prairie View and on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Freddie Richards, a professor at the College of Agriculture, gave a tribute to King. Remarks by PVA&MU President Percy Pierre, Professor Emeritus, Dr. George Woolfolk and Mary K. Powell, president of the Student Government Association followed.

Woolfolk expressed his desire that today's generation strive to carry on King's legacy.

"If he asked you to walk a mile, walk 20," Woolfolk said. "If he asked for a coat, give him your clothes."

Of the need to continue King's work and remember his birthday, Dr. Pierre said, "We owe the next generation something."

Miss Prairie View A&M, Lillie Taylor, then led the masses in a stirring rendition of the black national anthem "We Shall Overcome."

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## Editorials & Comments

### Where is the paper????

By Michael Glass Managing Editor

With the breakdown in the number of publications of The Panther starting with last semester, many students have been voicing a constant cry, "Where is the campus newspaper?"

To begin with, The Panther is entirely operated by students. It is a separate entity outside of university services. The Panther is managed by a staff of volunteer students who take time out of their busy and complicated schedules to write and keep the paper functioning. The goal of the paper, as I see it, is to enhance the general knowledge of the student body by reporting the events from around the campus and surrounding areas.

The editorship and the various managing positions are open to all students on campus with some experience in communications, either as writers or in leadership positions. Anyone who applies is accepted to work with The Panther since there are so few who are sincerely interested in working, sometimes without pay, for the paper.

Positions are open to students of any academic discipline. The Panther is not a publication of the Journalism Department, as it is rumored, nor is it a university public relations vehicle.

Articles sent in are not subject to screening by university staff or faculty. Articles appear in the paper if they are newsworthy and are readable as determined by the editor.

The current staff of The Panther can be estimated at about five reporters who have promised to deliver articles assigned to them each week. In a nutshell, these five people are not enough to cover even one-third of the events Prairie View offers. Usually, reporters cover a specific area or 'beat' of their own choosing. Due to the small staff size, there is a limit to the number of beats that can be covered.

Much can be added to The Panther so that all aspects of campus life are covered sufficiently. Students deserve to be informed about what is going on around them instead of the narrow, tunnel vision we have now as we keep ourselves isolated within our own departments.

The next time you wonder, "Where is the campus paper?" ask yourself if you have supported the efforts of those who are working and attempting to get the paper out. Then come by Hilliard Hall and offer your services, or present an article or ask how you can help.

You may not realize it but The Panther is a way for you to demonstrate to the professional community and to your peers that you are able to think effectively and communicate your ideas to others. These are basic skills most corporations and other institutions are seeking. Your participation with the student newspaper can help gain entry for you into the world of corporate America or the world of higher education.

### Internal Revenue Service offers tips

The Internal Revenue Service offers the following tips on preparing a federal income tax return.

1. Have all your necessary records and forms available.
2. Get an early start to allow plenty of time.
3. Make sure you have a W-2 form from each of your employers.
4. Read your tax instruction booklet.
5. If you need additional information, check with the IRS--they may have a free publication that will answer your questions.
6. Double-check the following before you mail your return:
  1. Attach all W-2 forms and related schedules.
  2. Verify all arithmetic.
  3. If you rounded off numbers, did you round consistently?
  4. Make sure you used the correct tax figure from the correct tax table.
  5. Sign and date the return, both spouses sign if a joint return.
  6. Use the peel-off label and pre-addressed envelope that was supplied with your tax package.
  7. Use the correct amount of postage on the envelope.
  8. Keep a photocopy of the return for your own records.
  9. Make sure social security numbers are entered correctly at the top of the return.

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### How to overcome oppression

By Larry Ates

South Africa is in a state of oppression at this age of progress and opportunity.

African Americans are deeply concerned about the oppression in your country because we have also been oppressed. But through non-violence, togetherness, prayer and hard work we have come a long way.

I am concerned because together as a nation you can overcome. Arms are not the answer. God said, "Thy shalt not kill."

Africa, you must band together, trust in each other and look to God for guidance and the oppression in time will be non-existent.

As I speak to you today I feel that somehow we as Americans can share a gift of love, concern and compassion through medical attention, educational training, and food supply.

Because ladies and gentlemen, these items are the basics of life and a God given right.

American, let's go forth and lend a hand to combat diseases that spread so rampantly throughout South Africa. We have the ability and manpower to help strengthen the country of Africa by sharing the gift of saving lives through medicine in which we were blessed.

Each of us were born with a certain degree of education and has since been able to improve greatly. Let us share our educational experience by giving some time to those African brothers and sisters who may not know the true value of getting a head start on life.

If Africa could reap the benefits of our goodness let it be food, because without food the mind and body will surely deteriorate.

Black America, let us step forth and show our love and concern for this great country so that they may arise above oppression with dignity and pride in one's self.

I say to you America, let's join forces and lend a hand to Africa as God has done for us.

## A tribute to Aron Campbell

By Alvin Lindsay

Aron Campbell recently died of sickle cell anemia. Aron was a graduate student, who completed all requirements for the Masters Degree in Chemistry during the 1985 Fall semester and was employed as a Biomedical Research Technician in the department of Chemistry.

I knew Aron for a much shorter time than many of his other friends did, but I like him the first day I met him. I've met a couple of people as nice as Aron, but he was special.

He was a quiet, modest man who enjoyed studying, read countless scientific journals, and loved science fiction, and read books by authors such as Carl Sagan, Isaac Asimov, and Harlan Ellison. His favorite science was astronomy.

Aron did not try to impress you with his ideas, but when asked, he would readily tell you about them. The prospects of high-tech weaponry worried

him, and the power of new laser weapons terrified him.

Aron was not strictly a philosopher, but when I discussed my ideas with him, he could be very philosophical. He stunned me by his approach of simplicity and straightforwardness.

An idea that took me months to concede was so obvious to Aron that he hadn't given it much thought! It had to do with whether there is a reason for the world's existence.

Aron later replied "It's a mistake for man to make nature out to be the way that he WANTS it to be." Aron had a religious respect for the cosmos, and criticized those who put words into nature's mouth.

Aron believed that all our lives speak for the cosmos, that merely by being an individual, each of us allows the universe to speak for itself. That may be why he said "Nothing is really separate."

### Religious Corner:

By Rev. Bill Lawson

#### Let the light shine in

Everything had gone wrong. My flight arrived late. I almost missed the riders who were to join me in the rental car. By the time we all got together and drove the hundred miles to our city, it was past 2:00 a.m. We checked in groggily, fell into our beds, and died on the spot. If my room phone had not rung, I would have overslept our meeting. I was mentally writing a long list of complaints to God.

I stumbled out of bed in the pitch-dark motel room and groped for the pull-cord to open the drapes, and the morning sunlight poured into the room. A beautiful day -- and I had to interrupt my listing of complaints to admit it.

How many times have you chafed and fumed about the darkness of your circumstances? A great deal of whatever you plan does not work out the way you have planned it. What you expect from

people is not what you get from people. Many of your personal needs are not met when and as you want them to be. As a matter of fact, haven't you thought about (a) getting drunk; (b) beating your wife/girl-boyfriend; (c) kicking the dog; or all three?

Don't list complaints. Don't practice memorizing bad times. Don't develop high criticizing skills. The world is not dark--maybe only your attitude is. Pull the drapes open, and you may be dazzled by the brightness of God's blessings to you. You are not beautiful, but the parts work, your loved ones are not angels, but they love you. You are not rich, but you can eat before sundown -- millions cannot. Check out the light: you are blessed!

Let the sunlight in, and you cannot calculate the numberless reasons why you ought to rejoice.

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The Panther will accept news submissions from campus organizations and individuals at the office or by telephone at 857-2132.

We request that the material be typed, double spaced, with the name and telephone number of a contact person. We reserve the right to editorial discretion concerning publication submitted items and photographs.

The Panthers serves the University community and the surrounding area. It also serves as a laboratory for Communications majors and gives them hands-on-training in their chosen career.

### Department sponsors Brown Bag Series

By Michael K. Glass Managing Editor

The Communications Department at Prairie View A&M University is sponsoring a series of seminars each Monday this month in recognition of Black History Month. The seminars are being called "Brown Bag Series."

The first two seminars, held earlier this month were visited by Dr. Ted Shine, playwright and Dr. Alex Swan, Clinical Sociologist.

Dr. Shine discussed his new plays on black and their contributions to the Texas Revolution. This play is currently being commissioned by Stage I Theatre in Dallas for the Texas Sesquicentennial.

Dr. Swan, Author of "Survival and Progress: The Afro-American experience and the Practice of Clinical Sociology and Socioterapy", spoke last Monday. Swan recently penned

an editorial rebuttal in the December 29 issue of the Houston Chronical entitled, "Victims Blaming Victims."

Coming on February 17th is Mr. Fred Hampton of the Houston Preparatory School. Hampton will discuss "The Developing Black Child."

The Brown Bag Series will wind up this month with guest speaker Ms. Claudette Sims. Sims is an author and T.V. personality. Most recently Sims authored a book entitled "don't weep for me," which recounts her humorous and sometimes poignant experiences as a single black woman in the 80's.

All seminars will be held in the Hobart Taylor Building, room 1A110. For further information contact Ms. Carol Means, series co-ordinator at (409)857-2229 or 4511.

### Correction

In our last issue we mistakenly identified the Public Information Office newsletter as The Panther View Review. The Correct name is The Prairie View Review

# Greek Organizations: A part of American universities

By Michael Glass Managing Editor

Prairie View is the host for many Greek-lettered organizations. Upon entry into the whirlwind of the many activities hosted by the university, a newcomer will often find a hard decision facing them: Should I pledge? And who should I pledge to?

Along this train of thought, there also comes the positives and negatives of Greek life. Unless you actually explore what each organization is about, you usually play it by ear as to

what Greekdom is about. Most prevalent is the basic idea that in order to be Greek you must be subject to harassment, beatings, subservice, and punishment. Also you will find that many of those who are not Greek will tell you that the

fraternity and sorority business offers you nothing past the undergraduate years. Greek lettered societies are found on the campuses of nearly all leading educational institutions in America. There are quite a

few rumors of what these organizations are about, their origin, and their usefulness to you.

Sororities exist for women and fraternities for men, except in the case of some honorary fraternities to which both sexes may belong.

Fraternal organizations such as those found on most college campuses, antedate the establishment of the American college system.

Fraternity comes from the word fraternitus meaning a

state of being brothers. It consists of a body of men associated for their common interest, business, pleasure, or a religious society for a pious practice and benevolent purpose.

Our Greek fraternities and sororities at Prairie View are at an all time misunderstood state. You see, Prairie View A&M University recognizes all eight of the traditional Negro Greek lettered organizations thus placing Prairie View at an advantage over other universities; however, their existence is largely misunderstood due to negligence on part of some members of the organizations or doing things they shouldn't, and partially, a deliberate attempt by some in Administrative positions to damper fraternity life because they don't un-

derstand its' function.

The first Negro social fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha was founded at Cornell University in the year 1906. Quickly following A were Kappa Alpha Psi (January 5, 1911-Indiana University), Omega Psi Phi (November 17, 1911-Howard University), and Phi Beta Sigma (January 9, 1914-Howard University). Also founded during these same years were the sororities Alpha Kappa Alpha (January 15, 1908-Howard University), Delta Sigma Theta (January 113, 1913-Howard University), Zeta Phi Beta (January 16, 1920-Howard University), and Sigma Gamma Rho (November 12, 1922-Butter University). All of these groups were founded as predominately Negro organizations, however, since that time they have been integrated.

# Omega Psi Phi: Sons of Blood and Thunder

By Shawn Freeman

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911 at Howard University by Brother Dr. Earnest Just, Brother Edgar Love, Brother Frank Coleman, and Brother Oscar Cooper. The Fraternity's major existence is based on Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

After interviewing Brother James White, Keeper of Records and Seals (KRS), of Prairie

View A&M University, I have found out that their chapter was founded on April 25, 1970. The Rho Theta Chapter has about 25 members who have Pledge Their lives to Omega. Their motto is: "Friendship is Essential to the Soul." They claim to be the "Sons of Blood and Thunder" and they exemplify the colors "Purple and Gold."

Some of the leading Black men of our times who have pledged their lives to Omega are

the late Langston Hughes, Charles Drew, Ronald McNair of the Space Shuttle Challenger, and the reknowned Jesse Jackson.

Leading the Rho Theta Chapter (PO) is President Anthony Brown and Vice President Bret Washington. The chapter is, and has been one of the strongest chapters in Omega. In Greek Stompshow competition, they brought home four trophies last semester.

# Sigmas strive for the betterment of mankind

By Michael Glass

Phi Beta Sigma is one of the traditional eight black Greek-letter organizations that exists on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

The chapter located on this campus is Delta Theta. This Chapter was founded in 1969, and was the first greek recognized on the campus.

Phi Beta Sigma was permanently effected on January 9, 1914, on the campus of Howard University by A.L. Taylor, L.F. Morse, and C.I. Brown.

On March 4, 1915, Professor Herbert L. Stevens, a teacher at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, was issued a charter to establish the Beta Chapter at Wiley. The establishment of the Beta Chapter gave Phi Beta Sigma the distinction of becoming the first, among the Negro fraternities, to operate south of Virginia.

With this philosophy, Sigma has produced many great men in the world to include: George Washington Carver, James

Weldon Johnson, and A. Phillip Randolph to mention a few.

With Sigma there comes a deep longing for the betterment of all mankind as expressed in their motto "culture for service, and service for humanity." Sigma continues on salute all blacks that have made a significant contribution in the enhancement of mankind to include those who we recognize during Black History Month.

# W.R. Banks Library establishes new policy

In an effort to get students to pay fines for overdue or lost books, the W.R. Banks Library has established a new policy.

The fine for an overdue book is 10 cents per day up to the cost of the book. A seven (7) day grace period is given allowing a patron to return a book without incurring a fine.

If a book is returned after seven days, the grace period is included when computing the

overdue fine.

As for lost books, a book is considered lost if it is not returned within 60 days. After sixty (60) days, the borrower's name, cost of the book, plus a five dollar (\$5.00) processing fee are submitted to the Controller's Office for collection.

Prior to submitting a borrower's name to the Controller, an overdue list is posted in the library, the Post Office

and in the dormitories on the first Monday of each month for all books due the previous month.

On the 15th each of month, a letter notice (the only written communication) is sent to each borrower for books due the previous month. Letter notices are sent to the address on the borrower's card.

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# Editor of Library Times Publication lectures

By Greg Smith

Dr. Ravi Sharma, a 20-year veteran of journalism with the India Press, spoke to Communications majors and other students at Prairie View A&M University, Monday, January 27, in the auditorium of the Administrative Building.

The editor of Library Times Publication and Assistant Director of Public Resources at the University of Wisconsin, Sharma spoke on "Journalism and the Modern World." The presentation was a co-sponsorship between the Communications Department and W.R. Banks Library.

Sharma, after an introduction

by Dr. Millard F. Eiland, head of the Communications Department, began his presentation with a brief history on the early beginnings of journalism. Among other things, he noted the earliest signs in ancient Rome to the first publication in eighth century China. Modern times, however, made up the bulk of the speech.

He talked of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. This act, voted in by the United Nations General Assembly, sought, among other things, to clear up the government regulations that still managed to restrict the free press and the

First Amendment.

"The right to publish and broadcast without government interference," Sharma explained of the doctrine.

After the presentation, Dr. Sharma, who received both his B.A. and M.A. in History at the University of Delhi, India and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, hosted a question-and-answer session. Of his whole speech on journalism and the modern world, Sharma left the presentation with a message.

"No free society flourishes in the world without a free press," he said.



Photo by Antwon Williams

Dr. Ravi Sharma

# Student Activities schedules events for Spring

By Levy Green

With the beginning of a new semester the student activities office is back in swing with major changes and activities lined up throughout the remainder of the spring term.

Student Activities is headed by Fred Roberts, who prior to this appointment was assistant to President Pierre. Roberts was asked to take this temporary leave in order to develop the Student Activities Program.

"Heading the student activities office is a transition period before I go on to receive my Doctorate degree," Roberts said. During his term as head of the program Roberts plans to incorporate major changes to

enhance the program.

One major change that will be instituted is the election of student officers, which will now be held during the second week in April. This will give new officers a chance to plan and prepare themselves before taking office the following semester. Officers will also attend leadership workshops to prepare themselves for office.

The Student Life Awards will also be instituted this semester. This awards program will honor students who excel academically and athletically. Not since 1982 has the University had a formal program honoring exceptional students.

# Student march in honor of King

They came, organizations and individuals alike, to the front of the Memorial Student Center at 5 p.m., January 15, to march in honor of Martin Luther King.

According to Mary Powell, president of the Student Government Association, the parade started from the Memorial Student Center and up the walkway between Suarez-Collins and Drew Halls, past Fuller and Banks Halls, and on the FM 1098.

The entourage moved on, under police escort to the final destination—the eternal flame across from the flagpoles. The eternal flame is a memorial for Prairie View A&M University's Silver Anniversary from the Class of 1953.

Senior Eric Ball spoke a few words of the day's events. "This has been a day of study, of

reflection, a day to look back on the days of our people," he said.

He explained how Esteve, she came with the Spanish, was the first black slave in Texas and how 9000 acres, that Prairie View now occupies, was previously known as Prairie View Plantation, with 90 slaves.

Words were spoken from representatives of many campus organizations, including Cadet Lt. Colonel Michael Glass for the Greek fraternities and Johnny Diggs, president of the freshman class with a special Apartheid theme.

Lillie Taylor, Miss Prairie View A&M, sang the alma mater as everyone present joined hands and sang along. The group slowly broke up, somehow joined in unity for the cause that Martin Luther King fought and died for.

# Professor's play to open April 21

Dr. Ted Shine, a Professor of Art, Music and Drama, here at Prairie View has been honored in one of the only ways a playwright can be - his play is being produced. The show opens on April 21 at Stage I in Dallas.

Dr. Shine was the guest speaker at the first Brown Bag session. These meetings are being held every Monday in February in honor of Black History Month. Dr. Shine spoke about the play telling the audience that it is about the contributions of blacks in the fight for Texas Independence.

The time set for the play

begins on April 21, 1836 or what is now called San Jacinto Day. The instructor turned author, explained that the play uses vernacular language to set the mood. He portrays through his characters the heart of those who are fighting for freedom.

Dr. Shine uses irony to present a message about how blacks have been used to fight wars but never given their freedom, as they were promised.

The play is a continual, full-length show and work is going well, hinting that all will be ready for opening night.

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**ARMY NURSE CORPS. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.**

## Pantherettes win two in the Baby Dome

By Angela Wilson

Coach Bob Atkins and the Pantherettes pulled out a five point victory over Texas Southern, February 1, defeating the Tigerettes 67-62 in the Baby Dome.

The TSU team scored the first two points of the match after just 10 seconds of play, but the Pantherettes responded with two field goals with just two minutes in to the half.

The Pantherettes had a unit of players who were all scoring from the field. Pat Walker led the shooting averages. The team rebounded well and hit the hoop from the free throw line with a good average. Although,

the first half included a few minutes of turn overs, the Tigerettes were at a deficit of five points, TSU-32 and PVU-37.

After just three minutes of the second half had ticked away, the TSU team pulled within one point behind the Pantherettes. Then with combined effort the PVU team gained a four point lead in just three minutes.

The next few minutes saw some close playing, with Prairie View staying in the lead. The clock read 8:45 and Pat Walker made a great play for two points, leading the Pantherettes on their way to an eight point lead. In the last two minutes the

scoreboard recorded three points for Texas Southern and Pantherettes were still victorious, adding another conference win. The Pantherettes were led by Patricia Walker 18 points, Monica Smith 14 points and 14 rebounds, Lisa White 15 points and Carlas Haynes 10 points.

The Pantherettes added a non-conference win February 3, defeating Huston-Tillotson 77-64. The high scorers for the game were Patricia Walker 23 points, Carlas Haynes 13 points, Lisa White and Vanessa Tims both with 12 points.

## Panther point guard displays his magic

A fast paced first half drew to a close as 5'11 guard, Terrance Artis, performed his ball handling and quick move magic. Drawing a foul and completing the freethrow, he brought the Panthers three much needed points. That is just one example of the talent Prairie View will lose when T.A., as he is known on campus, graduates this spring.

Terrance Artis came to PVU in 1984 after earning his associates degree at Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas. He is a native of East Chicago, Indiana where he graduated from Roosevelt High School. Here at Prairie View, Terrance close to earning his bachelor's degree in Business Marketing and maintained at least a 2.8 grade point average.

Joining the Panthers on the court in 1984-85, T.A. has brought leadership as well as talent. Ten weeks into the season Terrance Artis has performed an 88% free throw average, making 22 out of 25 shots. This has placed him currently in second place in the nation.

Terrance was asked what he felt were the strengths and weaknesses of the Panthers this season. He feels that a key weakness is inexperience because many players on the team are young. However, Panthers strength can be found in guard Reginald Jones and forward David Holloway as well as a few others. Holloway is a Junior who has proven to be an asset to Prairie View. Terrance added that next season PV will have gained the experience

and will do well.

As for the future, Terrance plans to make a career of marketing on the real estate court after a time out of hard work in graduate school at PVU. His immediate goals are to support the Panthers and to concentrate on improving his game. He is shooting for an All Conference title, but would also like to give the PV fans some good games.

T.A. noted that his brother, who played for the University of Cincinnati and averaged 46 points a game is a person he looks up to. Although T.A won't follow these footsteps into a basketball career, this season he is concentrating on the court. He hopes to see his team progress with a couple more games for the fans, and a better season as a whole.

## Panthers come up short against Tigers

By Angela Wilson

The Panthers basketball team confronted their arch rivals the Texas Southern University Tigers on February 1st but in spite of the awesome support from a great crowd, came up short losing 76-67.

The game was fast-paced after TSU won the tip-off and scored in the first minute. Late in the second minute Terrance Artis answered for the Panthers and this is how the first five minutes continued.

With just over 10 minutes left in the half, the teams were tied at 8-8. The Tigers then began to pull ahead. The Panthers' defense was still strong but the

offense was not scoring, along with the lackluster offense, the Panthers got into early foul trouble. PVA&MU rallied to within two points, but in the remaining five minutes of the first half the Tigers pulled ahead again, ending the half with a 37-31 lead.

During the second half the Tigers dominated the court, and the Panthers could only come within five points of another tie. David Holloway brought the crowd screaming and jumping to their feet when he made a terrific slam dunk with nine seconds remaining in the game. The Panthers were led by David

Holloway with 22 points.

The Panthers hit the court again February 3, with the defeat still strong in their minds. The Hutson-Tillotson team did not know what hit them. The PVU team came on with a good defense, a good press, and a good shot percentage from both the field and the line.

Four Panthers scored in double figures. David Holloway had 22 points, Reginald Jones and David Morris finished with 18 each and Terrance Artis scored 14 points.

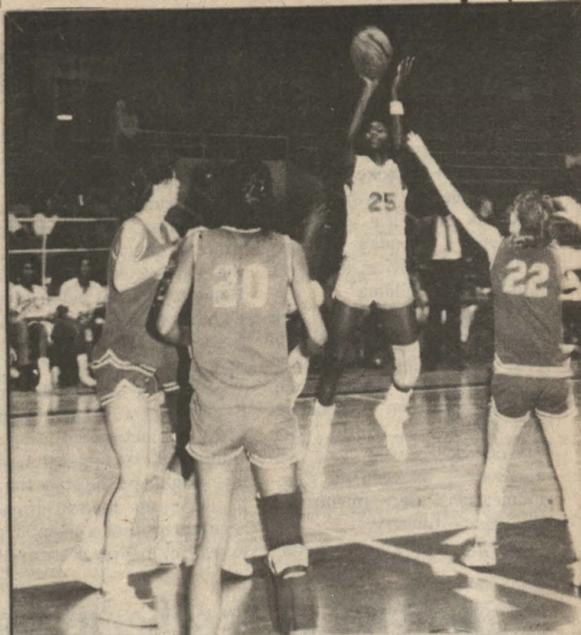


Photo by Antwon Williams

MONICA SMITH SHOOTs for two points during a recent game against Southwest Louisiana.

## Womens track on the move

By Bert Bilton

The Pantherettes Track Team once again is beginning the track season with a bang.

Last week at the Oklahoma Track Classic, which hosted 16 teams, nine of the members placed along with the Two Mile Relay team. Leading the way for the Pantherettes was Michelle Neal, a junior from Hempstead, set a new meet record in the triple jump with a leap of 40-2 3/8. She also placed third in the long jump.

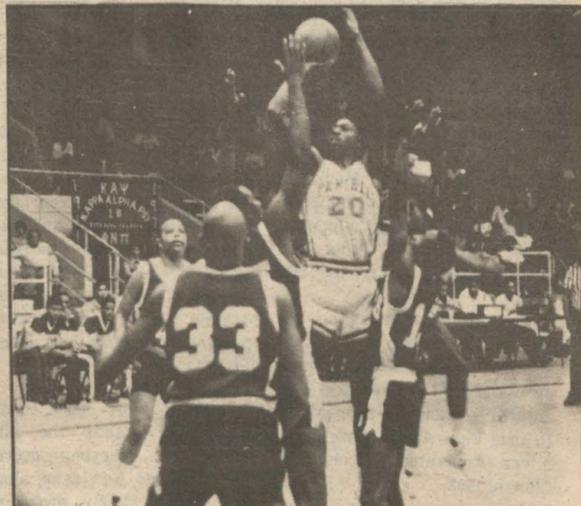
Along with Neal, Lavonda Lockett, Cathy Taylor, and Evan Williams each had a fine day. Lockett placed first in the 500

meter run while finishing fourth in the 60 yard hurdles. Taylor and Williams placed third in the 1000 meter run and the 300 meter dash respectively.

The two mile relay team, consisting of Sharon Dyson, Sandra Latham, Edith Renfro, and Taylor, finished fourth.

Also placing were: Wanda Clay, seventh in the 300 meter dash; Renfro, seventh in the high jump; Sharon Harrison, eighth in the shot put; and Shana Ford, eighth in the long jump.

Norrie McAfee, a senior from Houston, was a finalist in the 500 meter dash but fell during the race.



PANTHER FORWARD David Holloway skip above defenders for two points.

Photo by Antwon Williams

## Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp to increase scholarships

By Greg Smith

Administrators in the Prairie View NROTC Unit are preparing to increase the number of scholarships it provides to its members.

The reason, according to freshman instructor and advisor Lt. M.W. Normand, is to help the midshipmen obtain commissions. He said it helps the students meet financial obligations, therefore enabling them to receive a quality education in return for service to the Navy.

To some, the increase in scholarships might look like a gimmick to increase its size, which remains comparatively small to the Army ROTC. According to Normand, the Navy is smaller because it goes for quality.

"The program we have here is built on quality," he said. "The student is not only an athlete and scholar, but a gentleman."

For example, 12 of the 27 incoming freshmen were Navy scholarship winners, one was a national scholarship winner; the other eleven were from BOOST, the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection Training. BOOST gives enlisted sailors courses in technical and non-technical areas they may be

lacking and gives them a chance at NROTC or the Naval Academy appointments.

The accumulative of the entire freshmen class of midshipmen was 3.60 GPA (grade point average). Three of them -- Duane Jubert, Troy Johnson, and Alfred Marshall --boasted perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Lt. Janice Brown, Unit Recruiting Officer, explained that most of the scholarship winners come from the 3-year category, but said this is changing because freshmen are coming in with national scholarships or from BOOST.

The students eligible for them are usually those who were not given four-year scholarships because of limited vacancies. They would sign up for the college program, then receive three-year scholarships at the beginning of their sophomore year.

Others eligible to receive them are students who sign up for college programs, then decide to go for a scholarship, and Naval Science students who opt for the same thing. In either case, they both must show good academic standing and aptitude.

"They (the recipients) must have a minimum 2.0 GPA, pass PFT (Physical Fitness Test), and keep a good aptitude grade (i.e., drills, morning physical training, and other appropriate times)," explained Lt. Brown. "That's all a part of their studies. In addition, university scholarships help pay for ad-

ditional expenses," Brown added.

The scholarships, four, three, and two-year (for which students attend a six-week refresher course at Newport, Rhode Island), call for students to take calculus and physics by the end of their junior year.

In return, the recipients

receive free books, fees, and tuition, and a \$100 a month subsistence allowance. Unfortunately, the scholarship does not pay for room and board. That's where university scholarships, like the Presidential, Honors, Academic, Incentive, and Non-Black Achievement come in handy.

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2 x 3, our love grows stronger as you  
see. On these it shall be hopefully  
you and me  
from 14K; Zel

Happy Valentine's Day,  
I love you more than your firends do.  
I'm someone who cares, Regina.  
Love Lee

To Carmen:  
Just a little message to tell you how  
much I care for you  
Love Billy

Happy Valentine's Day  
Prairie View A&M University  
From The Class of '86

To Vickey Herndon  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Love Frat

Happy Valentine's Day  
Donna, Debbie  
& Elaine

Happy Valentine's Zeta's, Delta's,  
AKA's and Gamma Rho's  
from Phi Beta Sigma



Love ya! Muffy  
from Gumby

Happy Valentine's Day, Missy  
Love Shawn Freeman

Oy, May this day fill your heart  
with happiness.  
Love Mozell

Dear T.K.R., Please be my Valentine.  
Love, E.L.M.

To: Rodney J. Randle  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Love Valda R. Houston

To: Jeffrey Campbell  
We cannot watch a flower bloom or see  
a rose unfold. Or know exactly all the  
thing each future day will hold.  
But yet we know that our love  
will grow.  
From Natalie  
McHenry



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illegally, he can be charged with criminal trespass," he said. "The Security Department and the Housing Department are working jointly to formulate a plan against these students.

The rash number of thefts, disorderly conduct, and damage to public property has prompted these two departments to act accordingly.

At least six non-students have been arrested for criminal trespass since the fall semester. Because of the number of violators this semester was not available but the security department will be enforcing the rules and regulations set by the university.

The under-staffed department has also the responsibilities of responding and acting on all fire calls and ambulance runs. Stephens says that once the fire station and security department become separate entities, then each will be able to serve

students to their best abilities. "I'm one heckuva policeman," Stephens said, "and I'm working to be more knowledgeable in fire and ambulance protection."

Stephens serves as fireman and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) when the qualified EMT Cliff Lofton, is not available.

"Prairie View is a growing university," he said, "and we need to update and upgrade the equipment in our ambulance and fire service vehicles, to meet it's needs."

The department currently consists of 11 officers. Stephens says that 16 to 20 officers are needed to run the department efficiently. All officers, except for work study students, will be trained as a Texas peace officer.

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# Army Reserve Officers Training Corp offers scholarship incentives

By Michael Glass Managing Editor

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AROTC) is now offering new scholarship incentives geared toward the recruitment of high school seniors, freshmen, and sophomore students.

The Army Scholarship pays the tuition and fee as well as providing a standard allowance to each scholarship recipient for their use in the purchase of

books and classroom supplies during the three year period for the three-year scholarship, and two years for the two-year scholarship.

In addition to the benefits, scholarship winners receive a monthly subsistence allowance of \$100.00 for the entirety of their specific scholarship.

To be eligible for the Army Scholarship, a student must be a

citizen of the United States, under 25 years of age on the 30th of the following June in the year which you apply, medically qualified (determined by medical examination), of good moral character, possess leadership potential and officer-like qualities, and other guidelines as set forth in the scholarship contract.

Scholarship winners lead

essentially the same life as other college students and may engage in any extracurricular activities that do not interfere with their military science requirements.

Recipients must pursue a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree (except theology). The Army has a need for high technical and specific academic disciplines. Army

ROTC scholarships, therefore, will be awarded to the applicants based on the academic disciplines they plan to pursue.

Percentages that will be applied to the number of scholarships available are:

1. Engineering --- 30%
2. Physical Science --- 25%
3. Business --- 20%
4. Social Science/Social Studies --- 10%
6. Other (Humanities, Medical Fields, and Pre-Law) -- 8%

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel James White, a senior Political Science major from Houston, Texas says, "The AROTC Scholarship offered me a chance to improve my success and I applied. I received the scholarship and it provides many opportunities for me both in the civilian and military world."

In addition to your normal studies, scholarship winners must complete successfully a minimum of one semester of foreign language, the prescribed military science courses, to include ROTC Advanced Camp (normally between junior and senior years), and any other training as prescribed in requirements for commissioning.

Upon successful completion of military science and baccalaureate degree requirements, scholarship cadets will be commissioned as regular Army or US Army Reserves Second Lieutenants in one of the several branches of the US Army.

High school seniors with a SAT of 850 or better or an 18 or better on the ACT are encouraged to apply for the scholarship, however, deadlines are now passed for the 86-87 school year.

## History Club meets

The History Club held its first meeting for the spring semester and elected new officers:

- President -- Sharon Webb
  - Vice President -- Stephanie Hudson
  - Secretary -- Lareene Banks/Kim Walker
  - Reporter -- Mickey Hadnot
  - Program Chairperson James Boozer
  - Treasurer -- Rosaline Russell
- The History Club will meet first and third Wednesday of every month. Membership is open to all students who are interested in History.

# Stings dream come comes true

By Gregory Bowdre

Gordon Sumner, alias Sting, continues to break new ground in the musical arena. Coming off the heels of the tremendously successful Synchronicity album with the Police, which by the way he is still a part of, Sting goes out and records a Jazz/Rock fusion type of album. Something that had not been combined in the past.

"The Dream of the Blue Turtles" is a coy combination of the immense power and feeling of jazz music and the equally prying and powerful rock lyrics that we have come to know and appreciate in Sting.

For this undertaking, Sting employed the services of several proven, yet still promising jazz artists. Branford Marsalis, the young, inspiring saxophonist and brother of Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Wynton, played a beautifully supportive sax throughout the album. He also dabbled in percussion. Omar Hakim played the drums. Some may know his name from the great jazz fusion group Weather

Report.

Another young man, Daryl Jones, did some of the best bass work from a young artists that I have heard in a long time. Equally unforgettable is the exciting keyboard play of the talented Kenny Kirkland.

Sting, of course, played guitar and bass guitar. This album successfully combines all of these musical talents with the strong social and moral messages of Sting.

Sting, in his own poetic fashion, always seems to make us think with his lyrics and wonder what he meant. This album has an overriding theme of love and world peace. He voices his view on the subject in the first song of the album "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free".

"Love Is The Seventh Wave," which is also a sly attack on religious ideology, and also in "Fortress Around Your Heart." He questions our love in the songs "Russians," "Children's Crusade," and "Consider Me Gone."

He raises the issue of what is really important to us as people.

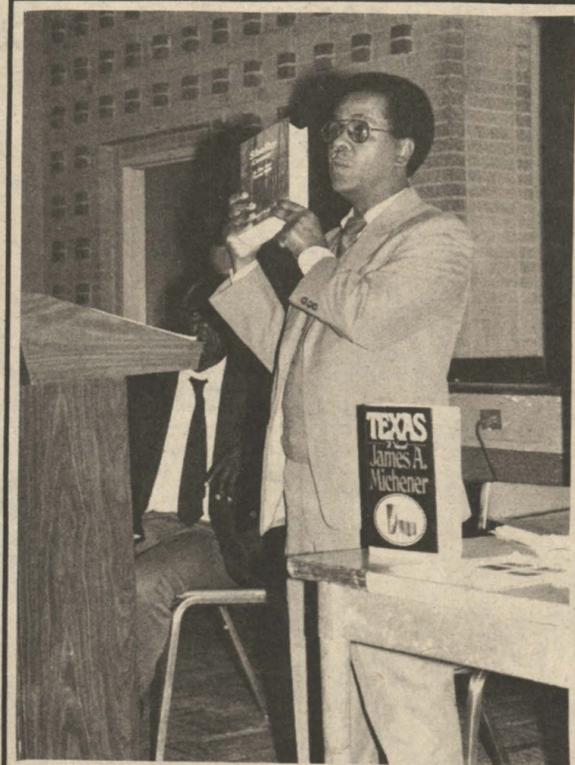
He also deals with a trapping, smothering love in "Fortress Around Your Heart" and "If You Love Somebody," the biggest commercial sellers of this album.

Sting even ponders the fears and fallacies of man in "Shadows In The Rain" and "Moon Over Bourbon Street." As you may have guessed, the music found on "The Dream Of The Blue Turtles" demands a good listen to really be heard.

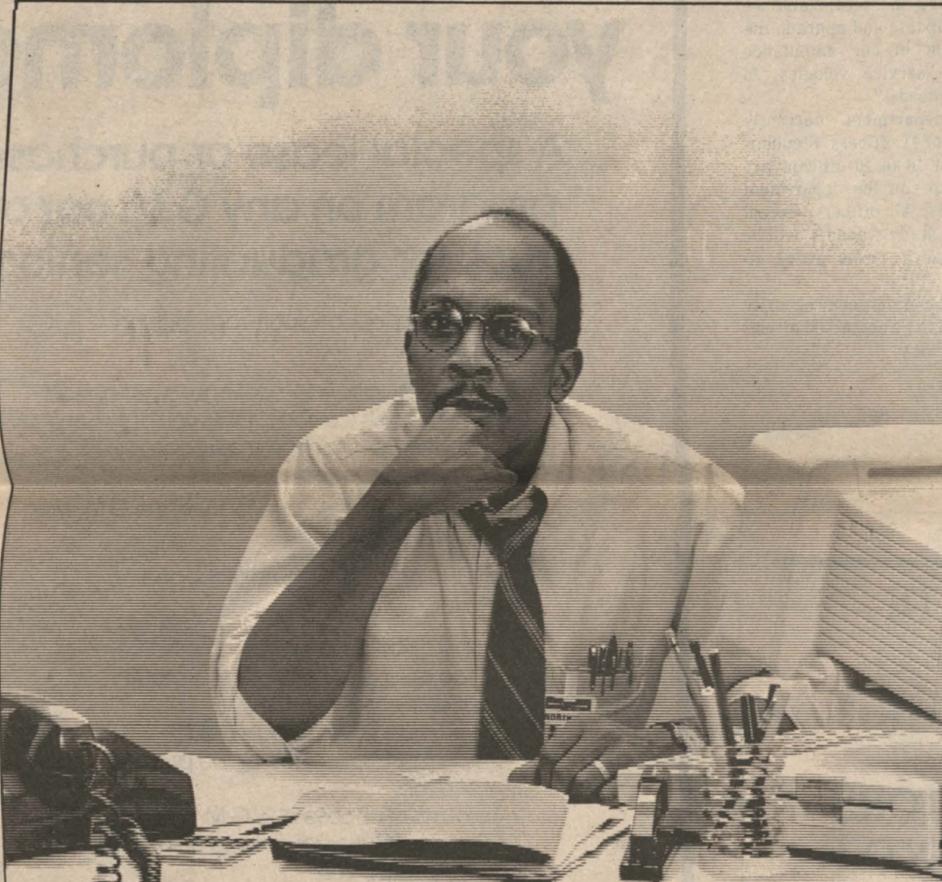
Lastly, one thing that must be pointed out about this album is its impeccable quality in sound and substance. The artists and the recording of them was flawlessly done.

"The Dream Of The Blue Turtles" is available on Compact Disc and chrome cassette. Words and music mix, intermingle, and swell together beatifully on the album. It has fine lines of music and brilliant social impact.

This album is a real treat for the true music lover and listener. On a scale of 1-10, "The Dream Of The Blue Turtles" receives 9 1/2.



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# Prairie View A&M University: Excelling since 1878

## University News Service

Prairie View A&M University had its beginnings in the Texas Constitution of 1876 which in separate articles, established an "agricultural and mechanical college" (later to become Texas A&M University) and pledged that "separated

schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both."

The fifteen legislature, on August 14, 1876, established the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored

Youths" and placed responsibility for its management with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan.

Prairie View A&M College opened on March 11, 1878 and thus became the second public

institution of higher education in the State of Texas. The twentieth legislature agreed to the attachment of an agricultural and mechanical department to the normal school.

In 1890, Prairie View was established as a land-grant

college under the Morrill Act and began a tradition of agricultural research and service which still continues.

A division of graduate study was added to the University in 1937 and Prairie View A&M was accepted for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December of 1958.

In 1889, the twenty-sixth legislature changed the name of the school to "Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College," and the name reflected the enlargement of the curriculum.

The name was changed by the forty-ninth legislature in 1945 to Prairie View A&M University, and the school was authorized to offer, "as the need arises" all courses offered at the University of Texas.

The name was changed again in 1947 by the fiftieth legislature to Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Act provided that "courses be offered in agriculture, the mechanic arts, engineering and the natural sciences connected therewith, together with any other courses authorized at Prairie View at the time of passage of this act, all of which shall be equivalent to those offered at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Bryan.

On August 27, 1973, the name of the institution was again changed to Prairie View A&M University and its status as an independent unit of The Texas A&M University System was reconfirmed.

In 1983, the sixty-eighth legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to restructure the Permanent University Fund and to recognize Prairie View A&M University as an institution of the first class under the direction of the same governing board as the Texas A&M University.

On November 6, 1984, the voters approved the amendment and thus made Prairie View A&M eligible to participate in the Available University Fund to enhance its programs for students and faculty.



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