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Y.O.U. Comes to PVU

By Jackie Blair

Make believe has proven to be a useful tool in the world of youths. It gives a youngster the chance to visualize his goals and aspirations for the future. When those dreams become reality they have a better chance of believing not only in the system, but in themselves.

The Youth Opportunities unlimited (Y.O.U) program is rooted in this belief. Over 170 9th and 10th grade students have come to our campus to take part in this 60-day summer school/work program.

Participants can receive high school credits in English and Math to be applied toward

their high school graduation. They also have the opportunity to work part-time and earn a salary.

The students live on campus, supervised by adult dorm counselors and they receive the full college experience; the academics, social life, and and extracurricular activities on PV's campus.

Matthew Burton, who is a second lieutenant and a counselor in the program said he enjoys working with the young people because it gives him a chance to be a positive roll model, especially to some of the young men.

The youth say they also

benefit from the program. Robert Parker from MacArthur High in Houston said, "I like the program. I'm working at KPVU-FM Radio Station. I'm learning about the equipment and how to become a dj."

"I've already decided I want to come to PV and be a communications major."

Lisa Price from Houston's C. E. King High School said, "We have a little bit of fun. The pay for work is fun."

"Montiyri Kimble of C. E. King and Latorsha Trahan of

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Y.O.U. Students, Robert Parker, Latasha Trahan(r), Montiyri Kimble, Lisa Price.

THE IN-BETWEEN SIDE...

Here We Go Again...

Jackie Blair
Editor

Yes, here we go again, but this time it's not with the "infamous" Gregory Smith. He needed a break from the stardom he acquired last spring by writing those fantastic, thought provoking editorials.

What he truly needed and deserved though, is relief from the unbelievable stress created from having tried to put out a "Panther" on a semi-regular basis.

Like it or not, Greg did a phenomenal job with the help of maybe one or two people and most times he did the work alone. He sacrificed his classes, military obligations, sleep, and food a lot of times, because he was so dedicated to his cause. But it shouldn't have to be that way.

Oh, there have been others before him who have done the same. Everyone who has made a serious commitment to "The Panther" has made some type of sacrifice to make sure the paper gets done. This is really a sad revelation when you realize that the University Newspaper does not have the necessary equipment at its disposal to put out a paper on a regular basis.

The solution that has been recommended, written and verbally, is very simple. All we need is a laser printer which costs \$4,000 for the Laser Writer. Simple right? It's obviously not so simple because

we've been asking for one for years now.

Mr. President, when you call over to our department and ask why you haven't seen a paper, I'd like to know why we don't have a laser printer to put the copy out with? Why do we have six computers in our offices that we can rarely afford paper for? And why does the printer refuse to publish our paper until he is paid an outstanding balance from the prior semester?

So, you may ask, how do you manage to get the paper done without a laser printer? Endurance, perseverance and determination. That's how. I'm all for these because they build character, but enough is enough!

What are tomorrow's future journalists who come out of this great institution going to do when asked by prospective employers, "What kind of system did your college newspaper use?" "Their reply will be, "Endurance, perseverance and determination."

Don't laugh, that response landed me a clerkship at the Wall Street Journal. But, it won't work for everyone. Our future journalists and communicators in general must be able to compete.

Newspapers are looking for "clips," examples of a writers' work. If the paper only comes out once a month or less,

what kind of portfolio can a reporter develop? The competitive edge comes from technical training as well as lessons learned in a textbook.

Their hopes vanished as he simply asked them for directions out of our building so that he could get to the engineering building. That is oh, so, sad. But, maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Now on to the matter of the vice presidency. It is refreshing to see that three or four of the five candidates interviewing for the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs are Prairie View faculty: Dr. James Hamilton, Dr. Arthur Washington, Dr. Robert Nelson, Dr. Flossie Byrd, and Dr. Milton Bryant. The position became open when Dr. Thomas Cleaver decided to retire.

The 13 member Search Committee consists of a few administrators, a couple of deans, a few faculty members and a couple of students. A pretty diversified group, I'd say. But do they serve a real purpose? It's my understanding that the president also makes the selection. I'm sure he'll take the recommendation of the Search Committee into consideration. Right? Possibly.

Well, due to the trials and tribulations of trying to get this edition out, I have only been able to attend one session of interviews and that was the one of Dr. Arthur Washington.

His views on faculty evaluations, tenure, promotions, the upward mobility of the university, student recruitment, as well as his record as Dean of Graduate School and the millions of dollars he has brought to the university were quite impressive.

He seemed to be quite a people enthusiast also. Something this administration can use a lot more of. Nonetheless I was concerned when someone in the session made reference to the fact that Dr. Washington had had some differences of opinion with the president, and that he is known for his outspokenness. So, what does that have to do with his effectiveness as Vice President of Academic Affairs? Will ones "outspokenness" keep one out of heaven? I should hope not.

He seems to have good rapport with the faculty and students and I doubt that he would change much in a new position. As far as the differences in opinion go, some

level of disagreement is quite healthy, that way there is room for correction through trial and error on the parts of both individuals.

Oh, well, if we don't get one of our own in the position (meaning PV faculty), I hope the person can bridge the gap between the administration and the faculty and students.

Try as you may to ignore it, there was and is an obvious level of intimidation that is perpetuated by our administration. Although I am not to be easily intimidated, I have seen faculty staff members, and even some students shudder at the mere mention of certain administrators' names. And heaven forbid they receive a phone call or a memo! Well, maybe I'd get a bit nervous if the person who could have an adverse effect on my tenure were upset with me.

Boy, is it distressing to see our people oppressing one another, and even at this level.

Mr. President, first and foremost, I have no qualms with you. I have tried, and I find very minute fault and nothing that can not be rectified. I find you to be very sincere in your commitment to the continuous upgrading of our university. I have no problem with that. I find that you have only the student's best interests at heart. This is wonderful, but they don't know that.

I suggest you come down from that lovely black lacquer and mauve office adomed with lovely art work, invest in a pair of Levi 501 blue jeans (or the ones of your choice), and get a good pair of sneakers. Take a leisurely walk around this glorious campus and talk with your people. You will find that they are eagerly awaiting you to see for themselves that you really are human and a nice person.

There is one remarkable change for the better that must not go un-mentioned and that is the New and Greatly Improved, Admissions and Financial Aid Office. Mr. James and his staff must be commended on their professionalism and commitment to aiding the students. He has added additional staff which he greatly needed and things are moving like a precision timepiece. Keep Up The Good Work!

Well, as I close and the sun is coming up, should there not be another edition of "The

Panther" next summer session, I must look back in retrospect at my years here and say in all honesty I have cherished the good, as well as the bad times, for they have made me a better individual.

As I prepare to take "that most significant walk across the stage" I can't help but remember all of the people here who have helped mold me into what I am and what I will be.

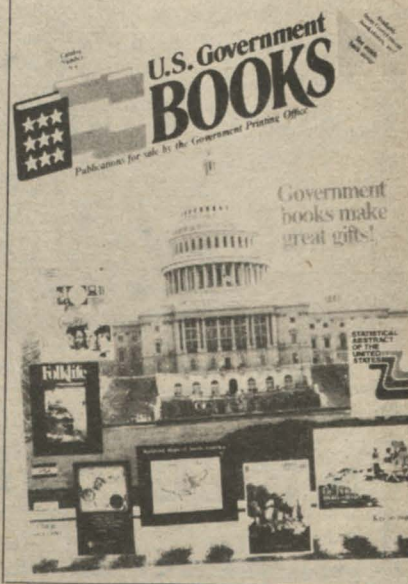
I could never list them all, so to those who struggled so hard to help me stay here, to those who gave me the encouragement to take a chance, to those who were my shoulder to cry on, to those who were the subject of my editorials, to those I truly admired and they never knew, I thank you all. May the love that flows from my heart be with you allalways.

Government books

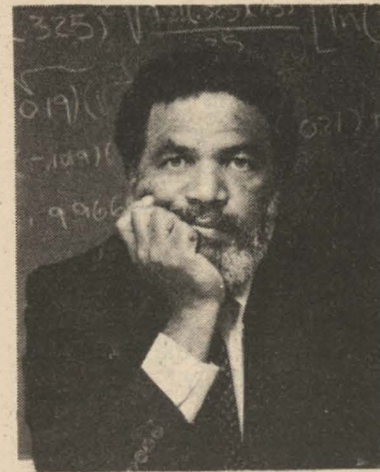
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PV Gets Grants and Pledges



Dr. Dennis Judd

Doe Grant

The U.S. Department of Energy has given a grant of approximately \$200,000 for one year to Prairie View A&M University for high-energy particle physics research.

Dr. Dennis Judd, head of PVAMU's High-Energy Physics Group, was named grant director. According to Judd, the grant will fund research into high energy proton beams using modern detectors. The work will be conducted at PVAMU as well as at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois.

According to Judd, "The research is part of Experiment 771 in the proton west area of Fermilab. It is the first of Fermilab's high rate experiments in open geometry, and it involves a collaboration of 11 national and international universities."

The PVAMU High-Energy Physics Group who will join Dr. Judd in this research include Dr. David Wagoner, Lon Turnbull, Carl Taylor, and PVAMU undergraduate John Jones.

Fermilab has the world's most powerful accelerator, which attains a maximum total collision energy of 2,000 billion electron volts. (The new U.S. Superconducting Super Collider, or SSC, is planned for 40,000 billion electron volts.)

The world's other colliding beam accelerators are at Stanford; Cornell; CERN in Geneva, Switzerland; DESY in Hamburg, Germany; Novosibirsk, U.S.S.R.; and KEK in Tsukuba, Japan. Future beam accelerators are being planned at several of these sites in addition to Serpukhov, U.S.S.R.; Beijing, China; and the new U.S. SSC for which several states, including Texas are competing.

GM Grant

The General Motors Foundation and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) have selected Prairie A&M University for the second year to receive its General Motors Engineering Excellence Scholarship Award.

The university will receive a \$9,000 grant, which will be paid out in \$3,000 installments over three years. Last year PVAMU student Yolanda Gill was selected to receive a scholarship in the first year of the program.

GM representative George F. Francis, III, said, "On behalf of the GM Foundation and the GM Committee for Educational Grants and Scholarships, we wish continued success in the worthy programs at Prairie View A&M University."

President Percy A. Pierre said, "GM continues to be a significant contributor to Prairie View's students and programs, and we are very pleased with the confidence they have shown in our university."

Last year General Motors designated PVAMU a "key institution." GM representative Kathryn Littleton praised the University for its "managed change, the students, the quality of life, and the curriculum development." In the past academic year, the General Motors Foundation has given the university almost \$80,000 in engineering scholarships.

Dr. Wayne D. Perry, dean of the College of Engineering, said, "We are proud of our partnership with General Motors and the support they have given to our programs and students. GM has meant a great deal to the development of our engineering program."

Allied-Signal Grant

Prairie View A&M Electrical Engineering Department recently received a grant of \$7,500 from Allied-Signal Foundation.

Chester Thompson who is the quality manager at Allied-Signal Aerospace Company's Kansas City Division, presented the check to Dr. Wayne D. Perry, dean of the PVAMU College of Engineering. The Kansas City Division, which employs 7,000 people, currently has 21

Software Grant

Prairie View A&M University is one of 56 universities selected in nationwide competition to receive a DataCAD software grant.

Representatives for the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and Microstructure Corp., developers of the software, said the \$1 million worth of computer software was awarded "to assist schools in educating students in technological advances in design-related computer applications."

According to Marshall Brown, Chairman of the PVAMU Architecture Department, the grant will complement recent General Motors and General Electric grants for Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Computer-Aided Manufacture (CAM), and

Computer-Aided Instruction (CAI) equipment and faculty release time. Dr. Wayne D. Perry, Dean of the College of Engineering, said, "The Architecture faculty and students are to be commended for being selected." Perry also complimented Mr. Simon Wiltz, assistant professor of architecture, for his efforts as a member of the college-wide CAD/CAM/CAI Task Force.

The AIAS and Microstructure Corp. educational grants program was initiated because of a "student concern that the U.S. is losing its competitive posture in the service industry and its technological and productive leadership in global economy."

AIAS President Kent Davidson said, "We are seeking broad-based support among a coalition of A/E/C professionals, educators, and business leaders at all levels. We are challenging

them to join forces to increase four Texas universities to receive the grant--the other three being Texas A&M, Texas Tech, and University of Houston. Some of the other 56 recipients of the grant are: Rensselaer Polytechnic, Temple University, Tulane University, and Yale University.

PVAMU's architecture students were recently in the news when seniors Darren Preachy and Ronald Jones won grants from the Houston International Festival 1988 Gateway Competition to design and build the two international gateway arches at City Hall Plaza as part of the city's annual International Festival.

"We have exceptionally talented architecture students," said Dean Perry, "and this state-of-the-art equipment will further enhance our architecture program."



President Percy Pierre with Rev. S. J. Gilbert

Minister's Pledge

A Committee, part of Prairie View A&M University's 110th Anniversary celebration, has pledged \$30,000 for PVAMU's Annual Fund drive.

Rev. S. J. Gilbert, of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Houston, is Chairman of the 110th Anniversary Ministers' Committee, which is comprised of over 30 ministers from across the state of Texas who have joined in support of PVAMU.

Dr. Percy A. Pierre,

employees with technical degrees from PVAMU.

The Allied Signal Foundation is a tax-exempt organization chartered to give support to charitable, scientific, literary, cultural, and educational activities.

Dr. Perry said, "The continuing support provided by Allied-Signal to Prairie View's College of Engineering has significantly strengthened our program."

PVAMU president, said, "The ministers continue to be strong supporters of the university, as this latest commitment indicates. I'm proud of our association with them."

The annual fund, which has the theme of "Partners in Progress 88", coincides with the university's 110 anniversary celebration. The annual fund drive official closes with the concluding anniversary activities in November.

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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 of submitted items and photographs.

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

Crackdown on Fees in Progress

by Diane Sleeman
University officials say at least 700 students were withdrawn this past semester for non-payment of fees. They readily admit that this was the first time in the history of the university that such a large number of students were dropped from the spring semester roles for financial reasons.

The crackdown on non-payment represents a new directive to enforce a higher education law which states, "A student who fails to make full payment of tuition and fees, including any incidental fees, by the due date shall be barred from classes until full payment is made."

The regulation further contends that, "A student who fails to make payment prior to the end of the semester may not receive credit for the work done that semester. University records may be adjusted to reflect the student's failure to have properly enrolled for that semester."

Joel Flowers, Certified

Public Accountant in the Fiscal Department of the university said, "The university fee payment requirement has not been publicized enough, students don't realize the importance of paying fees. Students should become more familiar with their catalogs. It's a contract between the student and the university."

Andy Knight, Housing Mmanager, Fuller Hall said, "The university has bills to pay, and when a student doesn't pay his bills the university can't pay its bills. The president should inform the students of the situation, which he has not done. Two or three flyers are not the answers. An open forum is."

Assistant Director Cash Manager, Deborah Dungey, says the university is now trying to comply with the law. "Up until two semesters ago, the law was not enforced."

While all of this year's withdrawals were not 100 percent related to fees, Erskine Vanderbilt, Director of Admissions and Records said, "Ninety-

nine percent of the administrative withdrawals are financially realted situations. Vanderbilt says he wants students to know that it's not his office that does the administrative withdrawals, the Admissions and Records office only process the requests for administrative withdrawals.

The process for withdrawal takes place over a period of several weeks. The Fiscal Affairs officials say students who pay their tuition in installments and those receiving financial aid are responsible for making sure their payments are made on time. If a payment is not received, the Fiscal Office notifies the student by letter.

The student then has 10 days to become current on his or her payment. After that time, the student's name is sent to the office of Admissions and Records to be administratively withdrawn. To be reinstated, a fifty dollar reinstatement fee plus the amount owed the university must be paid before the student can receive grades and credit for

that semester.

Malcom Wilson, Electrical Engineering student said, "I don't feel the withdrawals were justified on the grounds of ample notification. Students should be made aware of the rules. They need to know that the bottom line is ---You must pay your fees."

PV student, Cedric Amett, said, "It's wrong on the basis that the purpose of a Black university is to help its students. The administration needs to look at itself in the mirror. A system should be developed for this type of situation. The rules governing payment should be made apparent to everyone because you don't just withdraw a student in April when school is almost over."

Fiscal officers say they have no fear that the withdrawals will mean a lower enrollment in September because they're banking on students "taking their educations seriously enough" that most students will pay their fees and

return in the fall.

For those who don't pay their fees, penalties don't stop at the university doors. Flowers said, "Any money owed Prairie View A&M University is like owing the State of Texas, so that any time you do work in the future and earn state funds, the state can take out the money you owe the university."

"There is no statute of limitations," he added.

The Fiscal Affairs office reports student's delinquent fees as of May 31, 1988 are over \$2 million with \$1,327,000 of that due for fees, room and board.

From all previous years that they have record of up until 87-88 amount to \$579,000.

When asked why the university delayed cracking down on non payment of fees, Flowers said, "It's only recently that we have had the capability and staff to begin enforcing the law in earnest."

News Digest and Announcements

Civil Rights Plea made to the Supreme Court. In what is considered an unusual request, 60 senators, 47 state attorneys general, the American Bar Association historians, and more than 100 civil rights, religious and civic groups have asked the U.S. Supreme Court not to overrule a 1976 civil rights decision.

The high court ruled 5 to 4 in April to invite arguments in the pending case over whether its interpretation should be reconsidered. At stake is the 1976 case, Runyon v. McCrary. In the case, parents of Black children excluded from private schools in Virginia on racial grounds sued the schools under the Reconstruction era law. The court ruled in the parents favor, maintaining the law covered racial discrimination in private contracts.

Considered a potent weapon, the 1976 law provided that all people have the same right "to make and enforce contracts" as "is enjoyed by White citizens." Supporters contend it is more potent in some ways than the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The law is considered one of the most important issues the court will face its next term.

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Ed Shannon hosts and produces HISD Program. Shannon's show "Positively Black" focuses on the status of predominantly Black private schools in Houston. The directors of two private schools, parents who have moved their children to private schools, and an HISD Board member are interviewed on the status of the school system.

The fifth episode of "Positively Black" an anthology of Black achievers, will air Sunday, August 7th at 1 p.m. on KPRC, Channel 2.

The producer, Ed Shannon, is former Station Manager of KPVU-FM.

Important lab visit made by PV team. The team consisted of the university's president and several administrators including Drs. Dennis Judd and David Wagoner who are members of the university's high-energy physics faculty.

According to Judd, who arranged for the visit, discussions included the school's current involvement in high energy physics Experiment 771 in the proton west area of Fermilab. "The 771 experi-

ment is the first of Fermilab's high rate experiments in open geometry. It's a collaboration of 11 universities from the U.S., Canada, Greece, China, and Italy."

The group, which met with lab director, Dr. Leon Lederman and other officials, discussed PVAMU's prospective membership in the University Research Associates (URA), a part of the management structure of Fermilab. Membership in the URA would make the school the first historically Black university to join the exclusive group.

Judd, who is also a faculty member at the Texas Accelerator Center in The Woodlands, said that PVAMU has collaborated with Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, and Texas Southern University in a proposal for special funding from the state of Texas for a High Energy Physics Detector Facility to be located at Prairie View. "This facility would centrally focus one important aspect of

particle physics--that of particle detection," said Judd.

IRS Exam. The IRS has set September 29 and 30 for its Special Enrollment Examination. Those who pass are enrolled agents, able to practice-represent clients--before IRS.

Attorneys and certified public accounts are automatically enrolled agents and are not required to take the test.

Applications to take the examination must be postmarked no later than July 31.

The test will be given in Austin. (El Paso residents may go to Albuquerque.)

Applicants and information packages are available by calling toll free 1-800-424-1040; writing to IRS, Special Enrollment Examination, STOP 1500; writing to IRS, Special Enrollment Examination, STOP 1500 AUS, P. O. Box 250 Austin, TX 78767; or visiting an IRS office.

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Prairie View Alumni Plan Unity Fest

For the past year the Houston Chapter of the Prairie View A&M Alumni Chapter have been working diligently to promote an exciting agenda of activities for their fellow alumni and guests.

The occasion is the 14th Annual National Convention on Wednesday, July 20, 1988 through Sunday, July 24, 1988 at the Wyndham Hotel-Greenspoint. This years theme is "Communication: A Mandate for Unity".

Dr. John B. Coleman, Texas A&M Board Regent, is the guest speaker for the Opening Session. Later in the evening, to rekindle old friendships and flames.

The convention will conclude with a Memorial service to pay homage to past PV-ites.

Several workshops will be conducted by Houston's Business professionals later in the afternoon.

For the evenings entertainment, everyone is welcomed to join the alumni for the Prairie View Casino Night. Friday afternoon will "tee-off" the Golf Tournament which

KPVU has a new General Manager Dr. Lori Gray Prepares for Change

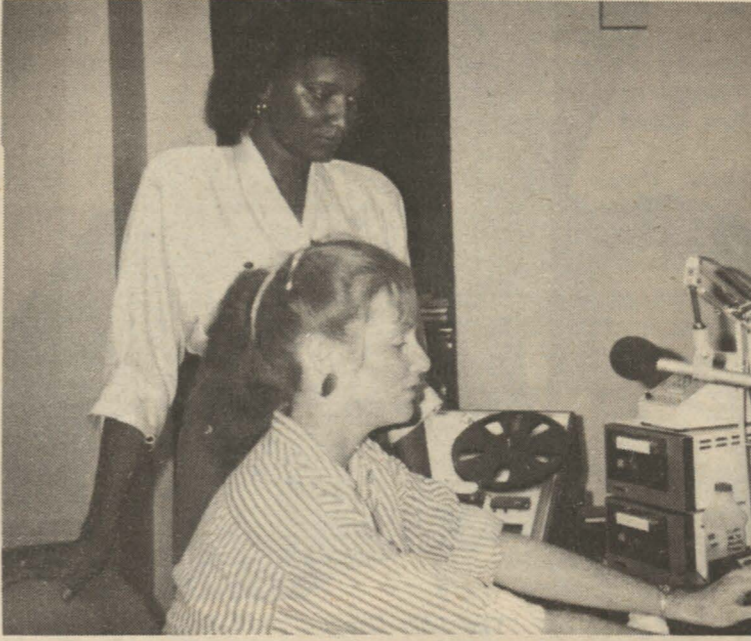
by Diana Fallis
Dr. Lori Gray has been with the Communications Department of Prairie View University for one full year. But in that short amount of time, she has proven her ability to put KPVU on the right track to make progress.

She was recently named the General Manager of the station, placing her among the few women in the country to manage a commercial or public radio station. Dr. Gray says media management has been her goal since her undergraduate days at North Texas State in Denton where she majored in radio/television with a minor in journalism.

With the object of being a well-prepared professional, she continued her education at Texas Southern University where she received an M.S. in media administration and business.

Armed with two degrees, she secured a position at a Houston television station only to find what she terms, "discrimination." She says she was shocked and surprised to find that the world wasn't always fair, especially if your skin color wasn't the right hue.

Gray says the



Dr. Lori Gray with student Diana Sleeman at KPVU.

discrimination she suffered in her attempts to move up at the station motivated her to look into the laws and how they could be used to protect individuals. So instead of pursuing a Ph.D., her original intention, she decided to go for a law degree, and she entered Texas Southern University. Later she transferred to South

Texas College of Law in Houston where she received a juris doctor.

After a few years of working in Austin in legal matters, she came to Prairie View to put her knowledge and talents to work, first as an instructor, and now as the General Manager of KPVU.

Gray has already been instrumental in helping the station to progress by sparking better community relations through the first major fundraising campaign undertaken for people in the community to participate in.

Gray said she and students found the community in KPVU's listening range to be responsive to the call for funds to help the station reach some of its pro-gramming goals.

Pledges made during the spring semester drive amounted to \$6,000. Gray says over 50 percent, or more specifically, \$3,200 has been sent in and is in the station's budget.

The funds, she says, will be spent to make the station more efficient and to expand the programming so that more of the needs of the total community are met.

"I always thought of Prairie View and Waller as a rural community". But she says after a closer look, she sees more diversity in the community. Many of the professionals: teachers, nurses, engineers and chemists who live in the area say "they want more news and information."

Dr. Gray says there are also a sizeable number of other ethnic groups in the community in addition to Blacks.

"In the past it (KPVU) has basically been serving the student population."

"Now we must take into consideration, everybody in programming."

Besides expanding programming, Gray says she also plans to start "an enhanced under-writing fund for the station," which means commercial sponsors names can be mentioned for contributions to

a public radio station, but there can be no actual commercials or direct advertising, by law.

Currently, Gray is in the process of planning a fall festival which is a membership drive. There's lots of work ahead for the ambitious media specialist who says her law degree has already come in handy for dealing with the Federal Communications Commission and licensing for the station.

Gray is married, has one child, and she lives in Spring, Texas.

Beauty Guide

"Beauty has to be centered in the mind, nurtured in the spirit. Then comes the hairstyling, skincare and makeup." That's the advice LaVerne Powlis gives in her new beauty book called, "Beauty From the Inside out": A Guide for Black Women."

Besides nutrition, there are a few chapters donated to exercise, fitness and staying in shape. Rather than give her own ideas on this matter, she uses life cases of women who tell the reader directly how they lost pounds and inches through certain types of exercise. There are several how-to photograph illustrations.

But the beauty guide is not all serious. The majority of the book is centered around informing women on how to cultivate a look of beauty through hair, makeup, manicures, pedicures, and clothing.

Under makeup, LaVerne offers advice on the latest innovations in the cosmetic field, providing answers for every Black woman who cannot find

"Some people remain unaffected by high salt intake while others develop hypertension at a relatively low-salt intake. Heredity may predetermine who can and who cannot tolerate a high salt diet," says Dr. Logan."

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the right shade of makeup for her skin tone.

Perhaps the strongest point of the book is that the author gives advice in some areas that have been neglected in beauty books: breast examination and testing, menopause, estrogen; comrows and weaves. There are also such subjects as depression and the psychology of exercise.

This is a beauty book that makes a sincere attempt to cover every aspect of beauty, from the inside out. If there's any way that it falls short, it's that it's done in survey fashion, trying to treat a little of everything so there isn't a lot of depth on any one topic.

However, "Beauty From the Inside Out" is well worth reading. There's something for everyone, including those who have read all the prior beauty books on the market.

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Black Studies Specialist "Banneker College"

When September arrives Banneker College Students will benefit from the extensive knowledge that Dr. Clenora Hudson has amassed throughout her formal education and career.

Dr. Hudson recently joined the staff of Prairie View A&M's Banneker College, and she'll relocate to the Houston area in August.

She has served as a Director of Black Studies at Delaware State College. But she left the university to obtain her Ph.D. in American studies at the University of Iowa. After receiving a Ford Foundation doctoral fellowship in 1986, she looked for a focus for her civil rights movement dissertation.

The focus she finally pursued revolved around Emmett Till, the 14-year old Chicago youngster who died in a lynching while he was vacationing in Money, Mississippi in 1955. Till's tragic

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'The White Girl': Anti-Drug Movie

The premier showing of "The White Girl" is scheduled for July 23, 1988 in Houston, Texas. The proceeds from the special showing of the movie (tickets \$50.00) will go to benefit Meharry Medical College.

Tony Brown, produced the movie and will be in Houston for the showing that's being sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. John Stone. Brown says he looked to write the movie after taking a hard look at today's youth in America.

"What's wrong with America's youth? It could be America's parents. Whatever the answer, that's the question that provoked me into writing an original screenplay called, "The White Girl."

"The White Girl" is a double entendre. It's the street name for cocaine and, in the movie, the way a young Black woman sees herself. In this case, self-hatred contributed to the drug addiction. Both are problems. One leads to the other.

It is a love story with an anti-drug theme. We first meet Kim Barnes, a beautiful Black girl who seems to have everything going for her, at her 17th birthday party. From there, however, thanks largely to her parents, it is all down hill.

But the story really starts in her senior year at "State



Stars Troy Beyer of "Dynasty" (l) and Talmak of "The Last Dragon" will lead an all-star cast of newcomers in "The White Girl," a love story with an anti-drug theme, written and directed by Tony Brown (seated). Brown calls it "the movie the Black Stars fell on" and cites an expert crew for the movie's quality production. The film has record number of Black technicians.

university", a predominantly White school. In the intervening years she has become a victim of the "The White Girl."

Brown says, "Kim's experience is also grounded in fact. After reading that I was

directing a movie on cocaine addiction, a young woman from Miami (Ms. M. I'll call her) wrote: "First, let me commend your positive efforts for taking on the responsibility and courage to direct a film such as "The

White Girl.". It is so badly needed, especially in the Black community. People need to see the devastation of what is happening because of this drug." Ms. M. said that Blacks need drug prevention education

more than others in this country. "In my opinion", says Brown, "people who use drugs have deep-seated feelings of inferiority. These feelings can be based on any number of insecurities, race being only one variable."

In the case of Kim in "The White Girl, her lack of pride in her heritage created the insecurities that found security in cocaine.

And "The Girl" lied to her just as she did to Ms. M. It is not until Kim has hit rock bottom that she realizes her very life hangs in the balance.

Her love interest, Bob, and the university psychiatrist, Dr. McCullough, are there to help her. But, it's not easy, partly because of Vanessa.

Brown says, further, "In my movie, Kim suffers the harsh realities and personal degradation associated with cocaine addiction. Her search for love and a drug-free life are typical of what many young people in our society are going through."

When the "The White Girl" ends, no normal person will scamper to the nearest exist for a "hit", says Brown.

"If it's a harsh issue that requires shaking up people, you have to be direct," says Hank Antosz, media director at the advertising agency Chiat-Day.

Black Stand-up Comics & Jazz



Wayne De Hart

Wisecracking comedians in Houston are planning to give folks a belly full of laughs when they begin making appearances every Monday at the Comedy Workshop, beginning July 11, 8 p.m.

The scheduled appearances are part of an effort to give more exposure to local comedians. The effort is lead by

Wayne DeHart a long time Houston resident and performer.

DeHart says that when he began to research the situation with comedians in Houston he found that they did not get enough performance time or audience exposure. Neither were there any Black night clubs or venues that target the talents of Black comedians.

Through negotiation with Paul Menzell, owner of the Comedy Workshop, DeHart was able to make a deal to bring "Black and Blues Mondays" to the Workshop every Monday night.

Besides the comedians, some of Houston's hottest musicians will be on hand to "sit in" and jam to the best in jazz, blues and soul.

The weekly format will also feature successful and up-and-coming comedians combined with the music of the Ivy League. This consists of a group

of young musicians who have been acknowledged as the stage band of the Houston Oilers football team and appeared on stage with jazz great Conrad Johnson.

A feature section of "Black and Blues Mondays" is called, "Black Face." This segment is planned to allow members of the Brenda Sers Performing Arts Center to showcase adult theme one-act plays. For July, the feature piece will be "Sirens", by Richard Westly who is best known for his work as the screenwriter for the movie, "Native Son."

Headlining the July 11th show of comics will be Robert Hall, Robert Hart and Robert Parrish. Comics to be for later dates of "Black and Blues Mondays" are Al D. Freeman, Texas City Mike Davis and Richard and Rita Anderson. The Comedy Workshop is located at 2105 San Felipe (at Shepard)

"Fame" Star Recruited

The People's Workshop has been successful in recruiting Jaime Rogers of "Fame" and other successful shows produced out of Hollywood for its Houston Performing Arts Talent Expo on August 20, 1988.

Rogers, who is a producer-director-choreographer with "Fame" will be assisted by Tony Weber, another Hollywood expert.

The connection is further facilitated by the involvement of Hilliard Elkins, manager of major artists--Louis Gossett, Jr., and others. He'll serve the Workshop as special consultant and talent coordinator for helping bring in major stars during the culminating Expo event--the Sam Houston Performing Arts Awards (the "Sammy Awards") to be held at the Brown Theater/Wortham Center.

The Expo, presented for the purpose of exposing outstanding Houston area talents of performing arts and entertainment, was initiated as an annual event in 1981 by the People's Workshop.

It started as a one man effort--that of TSU music professor and founder/director of the People's Workshop, Howard C. Harris, Jr.

It has grown from a one-day, four-hour variety arts program staged in the TSU Third Ward area in 1981 to city-wide series of events. It will be presented this summer throughout the month of July on weekends starting July 9th. The Expo has also grown to attract the involvement of a cross section of the Greater Houston area's community, corporate, and media entities. Media sponsors for Expo '88 include several local television stations.

Young Democrats Platform

Delegates from Prairie View A&M University's chapter of Young Democrats along with 39 other chapters from around the state met in Dallas recently to present their platform to the Democratic National Convention.

While the organization strengthens party unity, it is very concerned with higher education. Their platform calls for an increase in the federal budget governing education to be increased to one billion dollars. "Because it's been cut for the last four years, there have been devastating effects on the students." Kyle Brown, chairman and state representative of the Prairie View Chapter said. "If John Doe can't go to school then he's going to be a common laborer. The average college graduate makes \$27,000 a year. That means that the average person who does not go to college makes almost half that."

When the delegates return they will begin preparing for the College Democrats of America National Convention held in Nashville, TN. August 11-14. The purpose of the convention is to set up campaign strategies on college campuses for Mike Dukakis and whomever his running mate may be.

PV will be represented by three voting delegates; James Mace, Charles Adams, and Kyle Brown. The PV chapter of Young Democrats just chartered this spring has bright expectations for its future. They are looking forward to fundraisers to aid in their presentation of scholarships in the fall.

While the scholarships are limited to members, those interested in membership may pay a fee of \$3.00. Contact Kyle Brown at 2220 or write to P.O. Box 64 Prairie View, Tx. 77446.

Bentsen sponsors nursing bill

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, moved in session to ease a nursing shortage that periodically causes patient overload at hospital emergency rooms in Houston, Dallas and elsewhere.

Bentsen joined with Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI) in proposing a four year test of a program that would provide the same financial assistance to nurses taking graduate clinical training that graduate physicians already receive.

"The bill expands educational opportunities for nurses by modifying Medicare hospital payment rules to promote the formation of new graduate clinical training programs jointly operated by hospitals and schools of nursing," Bentsen said in remarks accompanying the legislation.

"Medicare currently will only pay for educational programs operated by hospitals, not those operated by university-based nursing schools. This situation results in an inequity since Medicare does help pay costs for physicians enrolled in hospital-based graduate programs but because most graduate nursing programs are school-based most nurses are ineligible for comparable benefits."

"The national average job vacancy rate for hospital nurses more than doubled between 1983 and 1987, from 4.4 percent to 11.3 percent. According to the American Hospital Association about 75 percent of hospitals report a nurse shortage and the shortages are delaying admissions and surgeries and temporarily closing emergency rooms."

"We're seeing this in my own home state of Texas, where several hospitals --John Peter Smith in Houston and Parkland in Dallas, to name two-- have had to divert emergency cases to other hospitals."

"The nature of the nursing shortage is complex but virtually everyone agrees salaries are part of the problem. It is commonly believed that the nursing shortage is primarily a function of increased demand as well as limited opportunity for professional and financial growth," Bentsen said.

"Working together with the nation's hospitals and nursing schools, I am confident we can do more to maintain the critical role played by nurses across the country in delivering the highest quality health care to all Americans," Senator Bentsen said.

Co-Op Camp Opens

The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M announced the opening of the H.S. Estelle 4-H and Youth Camp located near Huntsville, Texas. The camp which opened July 11 will run through August 19, 1988 on weekly intervals. This will mark the fourteenth summer that the Cooperative Extension Program has implemented a residential camp for boys and girls, ages 9 to 19. Dates: July 11-15-22-29; August 1-5-8-12-15-19.

Registration fee for youths qualifying for the Summer Food Program is \$21.00 and \$31.00 for non qualifiers for the week they choose to attend camp.

Meals will be sponsored through the Texas Department of Human Services Summer Food Service Program. Contact your local County Extension Office for more information or the Cooperative Extension Program--Prairie View A&M University, Drawer B, Prairie View, Texas 77446-2867, (409)857-2227.

Census Bureau Recruiting Workers

The U. S. Census Bureau has begun recruiting for a number of temporary job openings during the months of August and September in Harris County to compile an address list for use during the 1990 national census.

Temporary census workers usually will work two to eight weeks and will be paid \$5.50 an hour plus 21 cents a mile. Applicants for the jobs must be 18 years old or older, a U.S. citizen, and take a written test. A home telephone and automobile is also re-quired.

The work involves driving to prepare a list of addresses of each dwelling unit in designated areas of Harris County. The collected ad-dresses will be combined with others purchased from commercial vendors to build a nationwide automated addresses file which will be a key to a complete census. The address file will be used to produce census questionnaire address labels, keep track of returned forms, pinpoint those households where personal follow-up visits must be made to complete the forms and provide for their re-view.

Each housing unit in the nation will receive a questionnaire during March 1990. Census Day is April 1,

Harris County residents interested in applying for the temporary census job should con-tact their nearest Texas Employment Commission Office.

Those hired in Harris County will be among 35,000

nationwide involved in the census as temporary workers.

"This address listing operation is the foundation for all 1990 census activities," said Census Bureau Director, John G. Keane. "The resulting automated address file will be the central mechanism to keep track of over 100 million census questionnaires. It will help us to more efficiently manage the data collection and processing activities of some 400,000 temporary workers in more than 450 offices at our operational peak in mid-1990.

Census bureau recruiters will use brochures, posters, news releases, broadcast public service announcements, and State Employment Service offices to reach potential temporary employees in counties where the address listing will take place.

Those hired will drive or walk thousands of miles of streets and roads, checking at all

living quarters for correct mailing addresses. other census workers and the Postal Service will review these address lists for completeness and accuracy before mailing labels are produced.

During the census, the automated address list will be used to record which questionnaires have been returned by householders and to pinpoint households where follow-up visits are required by census takers to gather missing or incomplete information.

The address list also is the source for which the Census Bureau tabulates precensus and postcensus counts of housing units for review by local governments. Each address in the master file will be coded with its unique geographic location, permitting the Census Bureau to tabulate responses for the proper block neighborhood and governmental jurisdiction.

The 1990 Census of Population and housing will mark the 200th anniversary of the first national count. The 1790 census came during the administration of George Washington. Thomas Jefferson, then Secretary of State, was in charge of enumeration.

Cultural Notes

Kuumba House Repertory Theatre will close its 1987-'88 season with "Blue Notes at the Top Grill:", a sizzling world premier musical revue penned and directed by Artistic Director Lendi Yeni.

"Blue Notes..." with an original score by Dianoh Johnson and a selection of old time favorites promises to deliver "a touch of blues, a touch of jazz, and a touch of you." "Blue Notes..." is set in the 50's vaudeville club that has been closed for a while but now is planning on a 'grand re-opening' that will bring it to the top with its 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's musical hits.

"Blue Notes at the Top Grill" will preview July 21, 22, 23, 24, and 29. It opens July 30 and runs thru August 28th. All performances are at Kuumba House, 3414 LaBranch. For ticket information call 524-1079. Tickets are also available at Showtix.

"Two Can Play", a love story set in Kingston, Jamaica, will play at the Ensemble through July 17 on the Large Stage, Thursday to Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. For reservations or for further information contact the box office at 520-0055. The Ensemble is located at 3535 Main

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For the Record

By KPVU's Wilton Harris



As we approach mid-summer, the concerts begin to feel like rain to a drought-stricken frame. On July 20th, Tracy Chapman will appear at Rockefeller. Her new debut lp on Electra, "Fast Cars", has been successful in Billboard's Top 20.

She has been likened to Gil Scott-Heron and Suzzane Vega. It will be a good show!

On July 22nd & 23rd, Houston native, Kirk Whalum, returns home for a two-day engagement, so drop what you're doing and catch Kirk. He'll blow your mind with his brand of soothing and calming music.

On Saturday, the 23rd, The Budweiser Superfest hits the Summit for a 7pm show featuring Freddie Jackson, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Billy Ocean, and the Deel.

Another fine singer, Scott Gertner, rounds out the month of July. Look for future shows by Alexander O'Neil, Najee, Toni Tony and Tone. The exact dates on these appearances later.

The summer has also meant a rash of new lp's with gold potential. New Edition is back after a 2-year hiatus with Johnny Gill, now a member. He definitely gives the group an adult sound.

When you cannot get Jimmy Jan and Terry Lewis to produce your lp, who's next? L. A. Babyface, the Deel's lead singer. He stay's busy, busy these days with Bobby Brown, Paula Abdul, Pebbles, and of course the Deel, and the Whispers. I can't really see when he sleeps, but keep it up Babyface!! The results are beautiful.

Those who keep asking where's Janet Jackson, don't

worry! She's working on an auto-iography and a new lp which are expected out in late fall.

I had the opportunity to talk with my good friend Najee recently, and he's very excited about the new lp, "Day & Nite" which debuted 54th on the music trades, after being released only three weeks ago. He looks forward to touring Texas in the early fall, and he guarantees a wonderful show. He's an outstanding artist who has refused to change due to success. It's real nice to know artists who have that mentality.

Also a big congratulations should go out to Mike Austin, Vernell Johnson at Manhattan E.M.I. records, and Bill Reid at Hush productions. They stand behind their artists.

While I'm on the subject of wonderful people, a big thanks goes out to Dee Roquemore, and A.D. Washington at M.C.A. records for their constant support of KPVU. Without them bringing our listeners the latest music, it would be tough.

On the jazz end, look for new releases Nelson Rangel, Stanley Clarke, The Crusaders, Kerry Campbell, and Ornette Coleman. In Gospel, the hottest song right now, in my book, is Vanessa Belle Armstrong's "You'll Bring Out the Best in Me". It's beautiful and should cross over soon. Remember KPVU-FM, the quality sounds public radio, giving you more chances to win your favorite lp's this summer. Listen to win. Until the groove, don't let the needle jump off.

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Yates High both say the program is fun, but both Houston students say they also realize the importance of the work experience and the opportunity it gives them in preparing for a career.

LaVerne Powlis, the author, is the former beauty and health editor of "Brides" magazine. Prior to joining "Brides" she was associate beauty editor at "Family Circle" magazine.

She has written many articles on the subject of beauty for Black women and is a contributor to "Vogue" magazine.