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Drugs pervade throughout society, even in l'il ol' Prairie View. But, according to Dr. Elaine Adams help is available for all
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A month ago, Terrell Ellison sustained memory loss, a brain hemorrhage and a concussion from a tragic auto accident. Now, he's back on campus, walking about
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Boys Choir of Harlem

The famed Boys Choir of Harlem will perform in concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The concert is sponsored by Prairie View A&M University as part of the Performing Artists Series.

The Boys Choir, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, has already logged performances in London, Paris and Tokyo, Japan, as well as in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland

and Italy, will give anniversary performances in France, Yugoslavia, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C., Chicago and the Lincoln Center in New York City later this year.

Austin Unofficially SGA President

By Mildred Charley
Staff Intern

Kail Austin is unofficially SGA president-elect, a university official said Tuesday.

Frederick Roberts, Director of Student Activities, told *The Panther* that, according to a precedent set by the way Carla Murray won her race last year, Austin was president. James Holiday, acting election commissioner concurred.

"The numbers clearly show that the student body prefers Austin," Holiday said.

It must be said, however, that a final decision on the election is up to an attorney appointed by Waller County Attorney Valda Combs-Jordan. Jordan was brought into the election process as an arbitrator after an April 13 meeting between Murray and Dr. Percy Pierre and Dr. Elaine P. Adams, vice president of Student Affairs. No decision had been made at press time.

Roberts, as Director of Student Activities, officially has no ties with the SGA. Murray said that neither the

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Students Save Family From Burning House

PRAIRIE VIEW - Three Prairie View students rescued a Tomball family from their burning house April 18.

Around 1:45 a.m., as Albert Sherman, Nicole Curry and Chelsea Johnson returned to Prairie View from Tomball, Sherman spotted fire coming from the roof and windows of a house two miles south of Hwy 290.

Sherman turned into the driveway immediately, honking the horn. He, Curry and Johnson then ran to the house and alerted the family. The three students along with family members, began extinguishing the blaze. The fire was under control by the time Tomball Volunteer fire fighters arrived.

Because of the actions of the students, no one was

injured and the house suffered only minimum damage.

"The family was asleep," Sherman, a criminal justice major at Prairie View A&M University, said. "We wanted to make sure no one was killed."

Frank Jackson, Prairie View volunteer fire chief and Director of Auxiliary Services at PVAMU, praised the prompt, life-saving action of the students.

"I think they're heroes," he said. "I think they should be highly commended."

"The president (of the university) should give them some kind of commendation or a letter for what they did."

Curry is a Marketing major and Johnson, an Elementary Education major. Both are from Houston.

SGA to Revise Flawed Constitution

By Gregory M. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

An SGA task force will attempt to revise a seriously flawed constitution over the summer, an SGA official announced recently.

Carla Murray, president of the Student Government Association, said that a task force of SGA representatives will attempt to iron out major differences in the constitution, which was ratified by a student vote in 1983. Dr. Pierre said the document "contains serious flaws" in a 1983 memo.

"The constitution is

worded vaguely," Murray said.

An SGA senate representative said Prairie View may model a new document off Texas A&M's Constitution. The universities share the same lawyers and would thus have few problems with documents that are basically the same.

Complications arose initially during the SGA elections when eligibility requirements were questioned. On April 13, Murray sent a memo to Dr. Elaine P. Adams, vice president of Student Affairs, asking for proof the constitution had been ratified.

Documents obtained by *The Panther* show the constitution having been ratified by SGA vote, student vote and administrative signature. Student approval was sought through ballots printed in the 1983 *Panther*. However, Murray said there may have been a problem with the way the vote was done.

"I have a copy of that *Panther*," Murray said. "The ballot doesn't have a number by it and doesn't have a way for a student to identify himself."

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EDITORIAL

SGA Elections A Mess

It looks like we may or may not have an SGA president-elect. Kail Austin recently declared he was the winner on the word of Freddie Roberts, Director of Student Activities. According to current SGA president Carla Murray, the administration has nothing to do with running SGA. Of course, if he talks about a precedent being used to determine the winner, then that would mean Charisse Galloway could have run for SGA president. Yes, she has less than the required 60 hours, but then so did former SGA chief Jon Blake.

Now, an arbitrator, Valda Combs Jordan, is trying to decide the legality of the whole presidential race. Until that decision is made, nothing is official. In other words, it's not official until someone official says its legal. Not that the students really seem to care who won or if they do, how that person fares throughout the year without knowing who has been elected to lead him.

This mess needs to be decided soon so we can all stop expressing interest in SGA until next election. Of course, that was only a joke.

Spring Concert Lacks Vivacity, Punch

It's hard to imagine Spring Fest week is almost over. There is only Saturday's Olympics and the Cherelle/Najee concert to go before it fades into memory. It will be hard to remember though, as nothing really happened. The Spirit Awards were nice and so were the Choice Awards, which neglected to include *The Panther* on the ballots initially. There was a talent show which was also nice. But, and we can understand the university's position on the matter, there were no sales booths. But better security and lack a something as ominous as a rap concert could have handled the problem. This spring may well have been the spring of our discontent.

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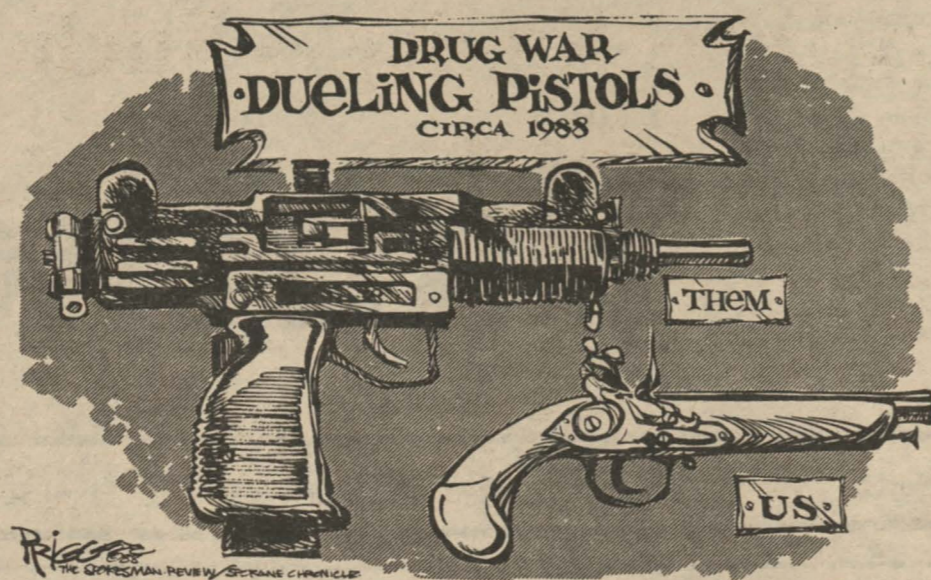
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Letters to the Editor

Board of Regents

The Texas A&M System is like a Coke machine. The Coke machine on the first floor of my dorm has six different choices: Classic Coke, New Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Mr. Pibb and Minute Maid. The Texas A&M Board of Regents has nine different seats or choices, but no matter what button you push on the Board of Regents machine, you get the same generic brand of soda called "The White, the Rich."

"The White, the Rich" is one type to which not everyone can relate. In essence, not everyone drinks, therefore the Coca-Cola Company places a variety of sodas in the Coke machine to reap a larger revenue quickly. If only New Coke filled all six slots of the machine, then New Coke might sell out but the revenue would be much slower than that of a diversified or regular machine. For this reason, the Board of Regents should be filled with a variety of people that fit the different needs of each college in the Texas A&M System. Therefore each college would have fair representation by sending their own hand-chosen representatives.

If I put 50 cents into a Coke machine, I pick a soda that satisfies my need and when I pay my college tuition I have picked a college that satisfies my taste. But, under the present Board of Regents, I attend a college that may become as the governor (of

Lacks Variety of a Texas) deems necessary, because the governor appoints all of the Board of Regents.

I came to Prairie View to get Coke, but the governor thinks we should all drink Sprite. Let's face it, Governor Clements was caught at Southern Methodist University paying players to play football, who's to say he is not also appointing regents as personal favors? It is like Coke paying Pepsi vendors to put Coke in all the Pepsi machines. Here, it is easily seen that Pepsi would lose a large amount of money and that, in similar fashion, the small colleges in the Texas A&M System are losing a large amount of power by letting outsiders make decisions for their school. The outsiders do not even have a feeling or a macro sense of how it feels to attend a small college such as Prairie View A&M. Just as Coca-Cola placed Minute Maid Orange Cola in a competitive market, maybe Gov. Clements could learn to expand and not be afraid to bring in regents from each university.

Face it, Mr. Clements, if Texas' school teachers had not been so angry at House Bill 72, former governor Mark White would have beaten you by a mile in the last gubernatorial election. Here is a little advice, take a long look at how Coca-Cola products are appealing to the world because of what: *DIVERSITY*. How about diversifying

Coke Soda Machine

the Board of Regents because "The White, the Rich" soda just won't work for everyone.

Look, if there's a tuition hike in the near future, you are going to have to give a reason. That is like digging your own grave and pulling your prejudiced Regent Machine right upon you. But I know you are not worried, Mr. Clements, because you think, "What the hell," SMU football is back and oil prices are up, so I can get back to my oil business.

Edwin Drayden

Our We Getting What We Paid For?

Presidents may come and go at Prairie View; the curriculum may change from time to time, and physically, the campus may look a little different every year, but some things will never change.

Every semester, the See "Letters" Page 15

In the April 13-26, 1989 issue of *The Panther*, on page 15, in a photo, Karen Harden Diaz was mistakenly identified as Karen Valdez and two other persons were not identified at all. Pianist Vicki Seldon was to Diaz' right and instructor Dr. Rubye Hebert to her left. *The Panther* regrets the error. In the last issue, we incorrectly identified the Food Service Director as Bill Butler. It should have been Marshall Kellar. *The Panther* regrets the error.

OPINION

SGA Does Vanity -- Such A Pretty Mess

Remember a very popular song not so long ago called "Such a Pretty Mess" by Vanity? Yeah, now you remember, as do all the investors who poured money into the song which hit the airwaves for a couple of days, then died. In that video, Vanity and this White guy, a fill-in for a heavy metal band, I think, sit on the ground, throwing leaves at each other. Vanity's hair is a mess as our her clothes. In short, she's not organized, had serious flaws in the video and song and could not seem to make up her mind about her hair.

Sort of like the Student Government Association.

In the past month, we have seen candidates come and go. We have seen write-in candidates come and go. We have seen debates where candidate "throw down" to the point of making us "throw up." Even worse, we've seen the date for student elections play musical chairs with every day in April.

As for SGA itself, there's an even bigger mess. The constitution, which was approved by students through ballots in the 1983 *Panther* (now there's an honest way to vote), is in dire need of a tuneup. The original version was reviewed by the Texas A&M University System's



The In-Between Side...

Gregory M. Smith Editor-in-Chief

lawyers and important recommendations were made. Dr. Pierre added that the recommendations be accepted and a revised constitution be sent to him by march 1, 1984.

It was never done, so to this day, the SGA has been operating on a document as flawed as costume jewelry. If a lawyer makes serious recommendations and they are not accepted, can you imagine how the SGA operates if it follows the constitution's guidelines.

One important recommendation made in 1983 was the clarification of the election process. Ah, now I have your attention.

In the student election campaign this semester featured, among other things, a lot of mudslinging. Candidates, namely the presidential candidates (and one in particular) hurled accusations, half-truths, lies and insults at one another and at innocent

bystanders. The debates were a joke (remember a certain candidate's name on the Prairie View Choice Awards ballot under the heading "Comedian"). No issues were discussed. People outside the campaign who tried to speak up were either insulted or treated to the same old piece of B--- S--- about credentials.

Carla Murray, the current SGA president called the campaign the worst she had ever seen. She thought her campaign last year was bad, but this year's is like comparing Carter-Ford to Bush-Dukakis.

Of course, it doesn't matter now. The Judiciary Board of the SGA nullified, voided, failed to sanction, did not certify, canned, dumped, annihilated, erased, stamped out, illed on...however you want to say they invalidated the election. Of course, with several grievances against one of the candidates, I knew the election was taking place just to fill in time before the Spring concert. Unofficially, Kail Austin was declared the winner, but, of course, since the lawyers haven't acted someone's just

breaking wi...ehh, I mean blowing wi...ehh, how about blowing hot air?

This presents another problem of SGA -- the power of the Senate. Up until February, there was no SGA Senate. It was in a coma. It was revived and the senators busied themselves with meeting students, handling forums for football strikes and talking to students about fires on campus.

The night before the election, the senators got together and voted to postpone the election. According to Freddie Roberts, they do not have that power, to just go and delay the election. So, the question that must also be addressed in the constitution -- what are the powers of the senate? This, of course, takes into account Roberts has nothing to do with SGA, according to Carla Murray.

Over the summer, the Judiciary Board will attempt to correct the constitution, possibly by copying Texas' or Texas A&M's, which is on about the same par. Texas abolished its SGA in 1979 before reviving it last year.

A&M's SGA president won with 420-something votes out of 40,000 students at the university up there is friendly AggieLand. "Ooh, I'm dyyyyyiing!" as Bugs Bunny would say.

The elections will may go in the fall, which, pulpit stumping Kail Austin reminded us could not be held in the fall because the constitution says it must be in the spring. Of course, the constitution says the Judiciary Board must vote to certify or not to certify the election process within 48 hours following or the election must be done again -- in the fall. "Ooh, I'm dyyyyyinnnnngg again!"

My recommendations for a well-rounded constitution? First, burn the original (away from the dorms, please). Then go to the nearest university...outside Texas and copy its constitution. Next, have a lawyer (there are plenty in Texas if you stay up late enough watching television) look it over and make recommendations. Amend those recommendations. Send it to the students for a vote.

You know, if the founding fathers had had this much trouble with the Constitution, we'd still be learning in predominantly minority schools.

Hey, wait a minute...

'Jig is Up' for Taking More Than Just A Snack

By Don Gray
Op-Ed Writer

As the semester comes to a close many students have received a pleasant surprise as they walked into Alumni Hall and expected to enjoy the delicious food provided by ARA. This is none other than meal cards invalidated because of outstanding fees. Could someone please tell me if the intent is to starve students until payment is made? Perhaps someone can tell me why a predominant amount of these students who are now craving the delicious gourmet

meals have not recieved prior notice and call home only to find that parents have recieved nil also? Okay, before someone accuses this statement of being inaccurate, on request I will provide names of some wronged by the system. To add insult to injury, some are work study students who have still to recieve the semesters next paycheck. Get the point?

Okay, I'll admit that ARA has slightly improved over the last two years. I'll also admit that the food still sucks and so does the system. Why in

heavens name do we pay close to eight-hundred dollars and only recieve one helping of overcooked/undercooked unidentifiable membranes resembling meat? With our continuing push for improved student services one would think that we could choose from more than one meal plan.

Anyway let's move away from the system and take a look at what's going on behind the scenes. If I worked long hours in Alumni and had to clean up behind all the ignorant slobs who refuse to put up their trays, I would certainly

expect to take home a little food for my efforts. On the other hand, I wouldn't take t-bone steaks, ham and turkey from the White Swan delivery truck on Saturday mornings and sell them in Waller, Hemstead, and Prairie View. Funny, students pay for this but we rarely consume these treasures. Busted huh? I'll bet you didn't think anyone knew about it, did you?

It's bad enough that much of this meat never reached other predestined delivery points but, how many of your customers know they are

buying 'hot' meat? So you say, "We didn't take anything allocated specifically for Prairie View." Well as usual, 'our folk' had to be greedy. So how about those 'special' trash cans and boxes of meat that manage to find their way out the back steps and into the trunks of waiting cars?

I've always been one who believes that the end justifies the mean, but come on now. My sources and observations reveal that you're not stealing from the rich and giving to the

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NEWS

Drug Counseling Available on Campus

Prairie View A&M University is making drug counseling and education more available to students, as well as searching out drug traffickers, a university official said.

Dr. Elaine P. Adams, Vice

president of Student Affairs said in an interview that Prairie View was participating with law enforcement officials in Waller and Austin Counties to clean up drugs. This cooperation has resulted in 30

indictments, including indictments on four current and former students of Prairie View A&M University.

When asked if there was a drug problem on campus, Adams said there was a drug

problem on and off college campuses nationally.

"There's an awareness that there's a drug problem," Adams said. "We're no different from any other campus."

Of the arrests, Adams said

there was an ongoing surveillance for more offenders.

"If there's a problem that surfaces, there may be more arrests," she added.

For the substance abuser, Adams said help was available. Counselors in the Office of Counseling and Career Development and officials of the Owens-Franklin Health Center are available, she said, to talk to students. Adams said no programs to treat abusers were in existence on the campus, though, but counselors could refer abusers to outside agencies, which she said would be more appropriate.

"They (the abuser) need to go to a residential setting apart from their own setting," she explained.

Voluntary admission of drug abuse would be kept confidential, Adams said. Counselors in the Texas A&M System follow a closed-circuit confidential system, according to Mayland Sutherland, Assistant Vice president for Student Services at Texas A&M. Counselors could do a general report on drug abuse, but could not attach a student's name to it, according to Sutherland.

"The object is to get...that person home help," Adams said. "Our role is not just to discipline, but to help them."

Adams said help was also available to any staff member abusing drugs, though that help would be limited.

"Our counseling is very limited," Adams said. "With 5600 students, we are oriented to the student, but the staff can get referrals."

As for students who are caught with drugs or with trafficking illegal drugs, that person can face a whole lot of trouble. According to Section 33 of the Student Handbook and the Texas Controlled Substance Act, he can be charged and summoned before an administrative hearing officer. Afterwards, he can be sent to the Residence Hall Judicial Board for immediate

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NEWS/FEATURE

New V. P. Bryant is a Man of Many Qualities

By Diana Sleeman
Staff Intern

He is a man of many accomplishments. He is a man described as mission-oriented, even-tempered and modest.

This man is Dr. Milton Bryant, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Bryant took the position as Vice President of Academic Affairs in January 1989. Formerly, he served for three years as the dean of the College of Business.

Bryant was approved by the Texas A&M University Regents on the recommendation of Percy A. Pierre, President of Prairie View A&M University. Bryant said, "I saw an opportunity where I could help keep the momentum of Prairie View moving forward."

Two of Bryant's goals for PV include maintaining and improving the quality of education, and focusing on accreditation of the colleges. By achieving these goals, "we will be insuring our students a better education," he said. "We want our students to be as marketable as any student from any state or private institution in Texas," said Bryant.

Bryant was born in Pitsberg, Pennsylvania on August 21, 1935. He was the son of a minister. His parents stressed the importance of education so he would not have to struggle like they did, he said.

Bryant is Chairman of a self-study Steering Committee which is part of the process of accreditation renewal by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He also was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Texas Academic Skills Program (TSAP) as co-chair of the Bias Review Committee

and as member of the Texas Academic Skills Council of Collegiate Education for Business.

At Southwest Texas State University, Bryant served in the School of Business as Assistant Dean, Acting Chairman of the Department of General Business, and Chairman of the Department of Computer Information Systems and Administrative Sciences.

Bryant earned his undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Florida Southern College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M University. He served in the Air Force from 11958 to 1978 as a Navigator, Electronic Warfare Officer, Operations Research Analyst, Director of Management Analysis and Staff Scientist.

He was assigned to the Air Force Academy in 1969 as Instructor and achieved the rank of Associate Professor and Director of Instruction for Finance and Quantitative Management in the Department of Economics, Geography and Management. At the University of Texas at San Antonio and Trinity University, he held lectureships.

Bryant's hobbies include jogging and golf. He jogs daily during his lunch hour to stay healthy only to go back to the office and have a Snickers candy bar for lunch.

Sid H. Credle, Chairman of Accounting & Information Systems Department said, "He is a man of detail, order and precision. He is not afraid to roll up his sleeves to get a job done."

Last semester, Credle and Bryant moved 400 hundred chairs up and down the stairs in

Hobart Taylor to change the old chairs with some that reflected a more professional image.

"He is a good leader," said

Christa Molloy, secretary in the College Business. "He allows one to grow and develop as much as you want."

"He is a listener also," she

added.

He will listen to arguments and responds using an unbiased opinion, Molloy said.

Parker Wins PRESSURE Contest

PRAIRIE VIEW - Jon Parkers (J. E. Ricky), a junior chemical engineering major at Prairie View A&M University, won first place and \$400 cash prize for his essay entitled, "A Formula for Increasing Black Male Enrollment in Higher Education."

uniquely outlined a "college with walls" program to educate black men while in prison. The essay did not suggest that all the black men needing to consider higher education are in prison, but that since 95 percent of the prison population are black males, the

came through."

The second place essay winner was junior biology major Yolanda Walter, who received \$200. Third place and \$100 went to senior computer science major Aklilu Harvey.

Reginald Curry, founder and chairman of PRESSURE and an MBA student, said he was thoroughly encouraged by the success of PRESSURE's first major project.

"The essay contest did precisely what it was designed to do -- provide a comprehensive library of ideas for the PRESSURE organization to base the nucleus of its objectives for aggressively attacking this nation wide problem," Curry explained.



Reginald Curry, PRESSURE founder, stands with Jon Parker an All-Faiths Advisory Board member Dr. Elizabeth Noel

The contest was featured as a special phase of the annual Black Family Symposium Observance (March 30 - April 1) and was sponsored by PRESSURE (People Responding to Emergent and Sensitive Situations Underscoring the Role of Education) and the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel Advisory Board.

Parker's formula for increasing black male enrollment in higher education

"college with walls" program would reach and academically rehabilitate a significant number, making them more marketable upon their release or graduation.

Parker noted that he wrote the essay because of his sensitivity to the nationwide problem and because he needed additional funds to complete his semester tuition fee. He credits his success as the result of his religious faith.

"I prayed about it, and He

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Dairy Goat Field Day Features Cashmere, Seminars

PRAIRIE VIEW - The International Dairy Goat Research Center's (IDGRC) sixth Goat Field Day will be held Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The theme for

this year's field day is "Proper Management of Goats for Profit."

In addition to a cheese contest and a Texas Bar-B-Q lunch, there will be seminars, a

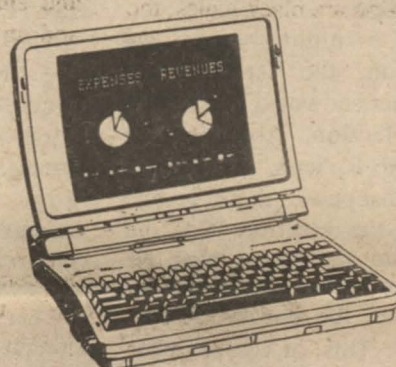
4-H program and workshops concerning different aspects of the goat industry.

Seminar topics and presenters will include: -- "Management of

Commercial Dairy for Profit" by Albert T. Camp, Brentland Farm and Goat Dairy, Welcome, Maryland.

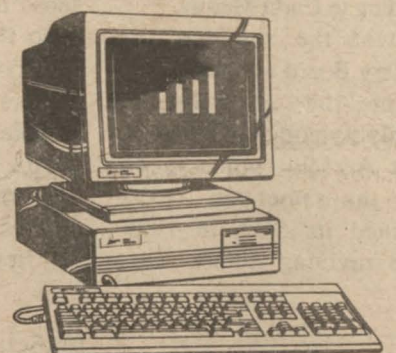
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NEWS

MAY 8-13, 1989 - P.V.U.

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TUESDAY MAY 9	Classes Meeting at 4:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 1:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 12:30 PM T-TH
WEDNESDAY MAY 10	Classes Meeting at 3:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 2:00 PM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 3:30 PM T-TH
THURSDAY MAY 11	Classes Meeting at 8:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 11:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 2:00 PM T-TH
FRIDAY MAY 12	Classes Meeting at 9:00 AM M-W-F	Classes Meeting at 11:00 AM T-TH	Classes Meeting at 12 NOON M-W-F

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Price Updates Action on Waivers

This is from Dr. Doris Price, Asst. to the Vice president for Student Affairs, to Academic Scholarship Recipients.

We share your concerns regarding recent legislative actions that will affect out-of-state waivers for university academic scholarship recipients. Recommendations from officials at Prairie View A&M University were submitted to Wilhelmina Delco's office and to others who are receiving a bill to eliminate the legislated 2% limitation that would go into effect in Fall 1989.

Recently, Mack C. Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Student Services, has informed the University that the waiver proposal was heard by the House Committee on Higher Education April 10, 1989. It was referred to a subcommittee for further consideration.

We would like to say that no changes will take place next year, but it is too early to

make that assumption. We have received positive responses to our inquiries and feel that our interests are well-represented in Austin. We remain optimistic that out-of-state tuition waivers for academic scholarship recipients will be continued in the fall of 1989. Should the legislative

2% go into effect, that percentage of the student body would be considered for the out-of-state tuition waiver according to the enrollment of the corresponding semester of the previous year. Your anxieties regarding

Fall 1989 Housing Requirements For Returning Students

1. Secure Housing Application from Evans Hall, Room 317. The applicant must sign for the application.
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3. Return housing application along with the PAID room reservation fee receipt to Evans Hall, Room 317. (Applications will not be accepted without a PAID RECEIPT)
4. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
5. Application deadline: July 15, 1989 - Fall 1989 Housing.
6. Residence Halls will open for the Fall semester, Wednesday, August 23, 1989 at 9 a.m. for returning students.

NEWS

CAMPUS NEWS ROUNDUP

Classic Dance Classes Study In Nashville

The Classic Dance Ensemble of Prairie View A&M University traveled to Nashville, Tennessee April 6 for the Eighth Annual Black College Dance Exchange at Fisk University.

This year's program saluted Alvin Ailey and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

This was Prairie View's first participation in the exchange. The Classic Dance Ensemble, created by Jennifer Adams and Bongsi Sithole, performed four works. Two were choreographed by Sithole and Adams; the other two, by Paula Williams, dance instructor and advisor to the group.

Among the many famous names at the exchange were tap dancer Buster Brown, Denise Jefferson, director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, Joe Nash, former dancer and black dance historian, and Walter Nicks.

Boys Choir Of Harlem Here Sunday

The famed Boys Choir of Harlem will perform in concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The concert is sponsored by Prairie View A&M

University as part of the Performing Artists Series.

The Boys Choir, which Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland and Italy, will give anniversary performances in France, Yugoslavia, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C., Chicago and the Lincoln Center in New York City later this year.

Tau Beta Pi Initiates 17 New Members

Seventeen engineering students were initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Members must show exemplary character in the academic, social and professional arena.

The students include: Deneen Scott (president); Duane Jubert (vice president); Garth Daley (recording secretary); Lisa Cruz (corresponding secretary); Paula Parker (treasurer), and David Crockett (catalog).

Also, Adrian Holloway, Grady Moshay, Maytha Swathanakoon, Jackie Selig, Terrence Hunter, Andre Shaw, Aaron Galloway, Eric Dargan, Ulrica Kelly, Catherine Stokes and John Abbey.

Faculty initiates included Dr. Shield Lin and Dr. Kalyan Sen.

Ballet Master Anderson at Dance Class

Prairie View A&M University was honored to host April 17 a Master Dance class taught by Lauren Anderson, a soloist dancer with the Houston Ballet, in the new gymnasium. Anderson was accompanied by Steve Haff, a pianist also from the Houston Ballet.

Anderson, who began studying ballet at seven years old and was accepted into the Houston Ballet when she was 18, answered questions from students on topics such as dieting, food, and what the day in the life of a ballerina was like.

The Master Dance class was arranged by Paula Williams, the Prairie View dance instructor, and Col. J. E. Pennywell of Special Services.

Forest Service Gives PV New Computer

PRAIRIE VIEW - The U. S. Forest Service recently awarded an AT&T Model 386 minicomputer and software,

valued at over \$6,000 to Prairie View A&M University's Cooperative Agricultural REsearch Center (CARC). The 40 megabyte fixed disk computer is one of 14 being presented to "1890 schools" across the nation.

The 1890 institutions are historically black agricultural colleges and universities, established in that year by the Morrill Act. The USDA computer gifts to these institutions are part of an outreach effort to attract more women and minorities. This effort has included the placement of USDA liaison \$60 million this year for various programs.

The CARC at Prairie View is the organizational unit responsible for the agricultural research programs. According to the center's research director Alden H. Reine, "Scientists in the CARC routinely utilize computers in collecting, analyzing and reporting results of data from experiments in the CARC research programs."

"The computer will assist us greatly in our ongoing research data collections, and this particular computer will greatly assist our efforts to upgrade the Microvax System we presently have in operation."

Fire Safety Addressed in New Directive

The Division of Student

Affairs has urged that fire safety education be a serious consideration for all campus residents. The well-being of students and that of the staff residing depends on a strong, concerted effort to understand safe fire practices and to respond effectively when a fire incident does occur, Dr. Elaine P. Adams, Student Affairs vice president, said in a memorandum.

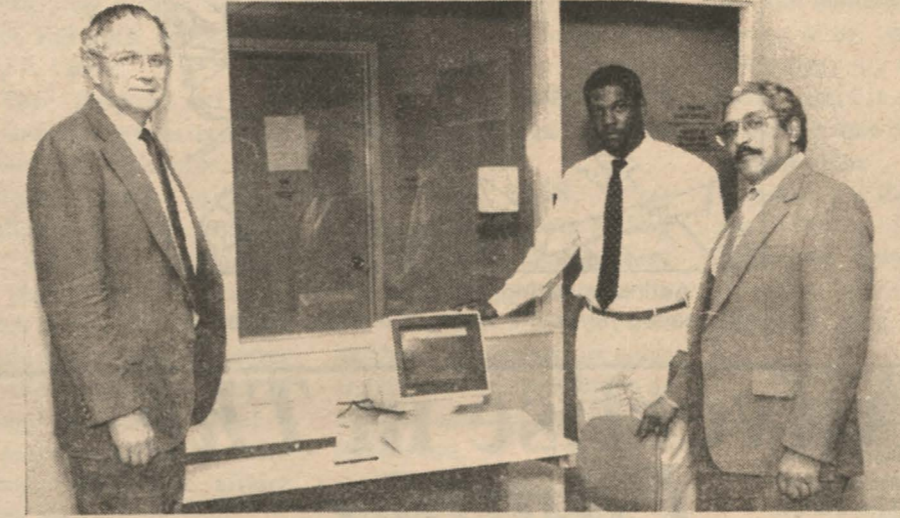
Adams said in the memo that Dr. Samuel McClendon, director of Student Life, and Dr. Doris Price, Student Affairs vice presidential assistant, are implementing a fire safety education project.

Adams said McClendon will work with residential hall staff and the halls' residents to ensure they are thoroughly familiar with good fire safety practices. Price will coordinate an evaluation process for the program, involving pairs of reviewers assigned to each residence hall. Adams said the pairs will consist of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) representative for the respective hall and a faculty/staff representative from the Evaluation task force for Fire Safety Education.

Members of the task force are as follows:

- Chairperson - Dr. Doris Price; Alexander - Cdr. Taylor Kelly, Navy ROTC; Banks - Joyce Thornton, Coleman Library; Buchanan - Capt. Ellsworth Mayfield, Army

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Alden Reine (right) accepts computer from Forest Service representative Mark Lannan.

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FEATURE

A Look at the Men Behind the KPVU Voices

By Tatia Epting
Feature Editor and
Sonya Haynes
Staff Writer

In our last issue, we featured some of the popular ladies on the staff of KPVU. This issue we bring you some of the gentlemen who help bring the campus and surrounding communities quality music.

James Hill, a senior communications major from Chicago, started at KPVU in 1984 after working at WKCC in the Windy City as an audio engineer.

While working at KPVU doing Country/Western, the Romantic Essence (similar to the Quiet Storm) and later gospel, Hill worked at KHRN as an on-air personality doing the station's morning gospel show.

As Gospel director at KPVU, Hill is happy to see

Gray Holds KPVU's Family Fabric Together

By Tatia Epting
Feature Editor

Dr. Lori Gray is the General Manager for KPVU.

Her job involves working with fiscal management, overseeing program news and traffic air time.

Gray is also responsible for raising money for the radio station, which is public and non-profit. For the second year, KPVU has held a fundraiser. The fundraisers are now held twice a year (October and April). Grays said she is pleased with their success.

Gray received her undergraduate degree from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) in Radio-TV film and Journalism. Upon completion, she entered into the graduate program at Texas Southern where she earned a Master's degree in Media

the surrounding communities becoming involved in what the station is doing, especially the church people.

"I like getting calls from listeners, especially the ones from Houston who could be listening to the other station (KTSU)," Hill said. "I always ask them why they chose KPVU over the others and they say because we play a variety of music."

In the past few years, the station has undergone many changes. One of the things Hill notes is that he feels the station is in a positive mode.

"I feel we are heading in the right direction," he said. "At first, it was like we were just out there. Now, we are more involved with the communities. People seem to take us more seriously."

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, junior Eric McCleod penetrates the airwaves with a mix of R&B Urban Contemporary music from 11

a.m. - 2 p.m. Then daily, beginning at 6 p.m., Gregory Bowdre kicks in with his format which varies from jazz to R&B.

"I play music that is contemporary and soothing," said McCleod, who is able to play what he wants to, but enjoys taking requests and dedications. "I am here for the listeners."

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Bowdre takes requests, but said he doesn't like it when people insist a song be played within a certain time period. "It takes time to find the records then I have to keep the music flowing."

"I used to do dedications," Bowdre said, "but I don't like to get involved in the messiness of college students."

McCleod, who has been working at KPVU for a year and a half, said he enjoys the people who work at the radio station, and he likes its relaxed atmosphere. He also likes the name recognition he gets from other students.

Being a DJ allows Bowdre to be a candidate for being emcee at certain university functions. He particularly enjoys working the Miss Prairie View Pageant.

Listeners respond well to both shows. Bowdre said the phone lines stay busy and McCleod stated that students come up to him regularly and

tell him how much they like his program.

"I wish the station had more wattage," McCleod said, "so my family could hear me on the air."

On the other hand, Bowdre wishes the station had more of a budget to buy albums instead of depending on the record companies to send albums to the station.

Since he graduates in December, Bowdre has a few things he would like to see happen at KPVU before he leaves.

"In 1981, the station was founded to be a training facility where students can learn to be professional," Bowdre said. "I would like to see more competition and more communications majors become a part of the KPVU family."

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NEWS

Theresa Manuel Wins First Miss PV Plus

By Adrienne Henderson
News Editor

The title Miss Prairie View Plus gives new meaning to the word "pageant." Not just another ordinary beauty pageant is dedicated to full-figured women. Nine of Prairie View's finest competed in this soon-to-be-annual event.

The first annual Miss Prairie View Plus Pageant was held April 22 in the Hobart

Taylor Recital Hall.

The winner, Theresa Manuel, a sophomore theater arts major from Corpus Christi, impressed the judges with her presentation of "Memories".

"I feel honored and privileged to be the first Miss Prairie View Plus," Manuel said after winning the crown.

Runners-up to Manuel were Tara Glover, a junior nursing major from Houston

and Shannon Marquez, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Antonio. Each winner received many prizes, including trophies, plaques, and a supply of panty hose. Manuel will compete in the Miss America Plus Pageant to be held in Houston this August.

Throughout the pageant, a variety of entertainment was featured. MC's for the evening were Prairie View's

own Cynthia Owens and Shelia Miller, better known as "The Fat Girls." They performed a single off of their soon-to-be-released album and had the audience roaring with their rap "Big and Beautiful."

Other entertainment was provided by Miss Prairie View 1989-90 Mary Ann Palmer, Marquis the band, and Theresa Scott.

Pageant organizers were Charles Carlos Adams, Todd

Davis, Zelia Wiley and Marcus Newsom. Others involved in the pageant were Dr. Elaine Adams, honorary chairperson; Dr. Doris Price, assistant chairperson; Fayette Bland, Janice Mouton, Jacquitta Duncan, Melanie McGee, The Charles Gilpin Players and the 1989 Ivy Leaf Pledge Club.

Baptist Student Movement Honoring 53rd Anniversary

By Maya Sample
Staff Writer

The Prairie View A&M University Baptist Student Movement choir will celebrate its 53rd anniversary tonight and tomorrow.

A banquet tonight at 7 p.m. will be held in the West Wing of Alumni Hall. The BSM Choir will give a concert

tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Hobart Taylor Auditorium.

Officials in the BSM consider the occasion prestigious as the organization has never commemorated its existence before.

For the anniversary, the BSM will also offer workshops, and a luncheon. Installation of 1989-90 officers will also take place then.

The 1989-90 officers were voted in April 13 in the

Animal Industries building. Turnout was low due to rain and the SGA presidential debate.

Kenneth Green was reelected president, as was Roger Allen for head director. Marrix Seymore and Felicia Green were chosen vice president and secretary, respectively. Shauna Galloway was assistant secretary; Jackie Gillary, treasurer; Brian Edgewood, assistant treasurer;

Ericka Johnson, sergeant-at-arms; Corey Woods, chaplain; Maya Sample, historian, and Tim Reed, head musician.

The duties and responsibilities of the officers are significant and are not to be taken frivolously, Green told the new officers.

Meanwhile, the BSM choir captured second place April 2 at the National Baptist Retreat in Atlanta Georgia.

Memphis State won top honors.

The BSM competed with seven other black colleges and universities in the large choir division. Overall, 150 black colleges participated. Prairie View was the largest, as well as oldest, congregation with 92 members.

Navy, Marine Option Midshipmen Honored at Pass-in-Review

By Don Gray
Op-Ed Writer

Prairie View A&M University midshipmen of the Navy ROTC gathered last Thursday at the Baby Dome for the 21st Annual spring Pass-in-Review before commanding officer Joe R. Coffey and guest speaker Dr. Percy A. Pierre.

The purpose of the pass-in-review was to recognize midshipmen who have achieved academic and military excellence. For the past 21 years, it has been a tradition of the Naval ROTC unit to present these midshipmen with awards at an official ceremony in the presence of a distinguished senior officer -- the pass-in-review, Lt. Mark Morris, unit public affairs officer, said.

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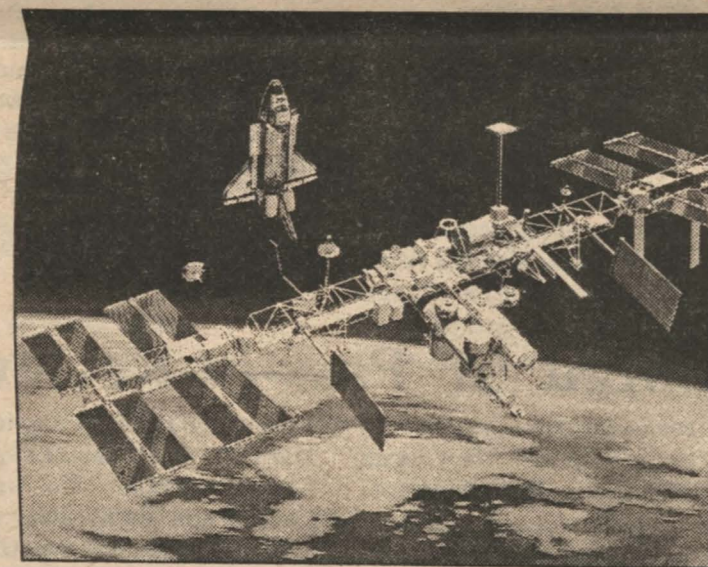
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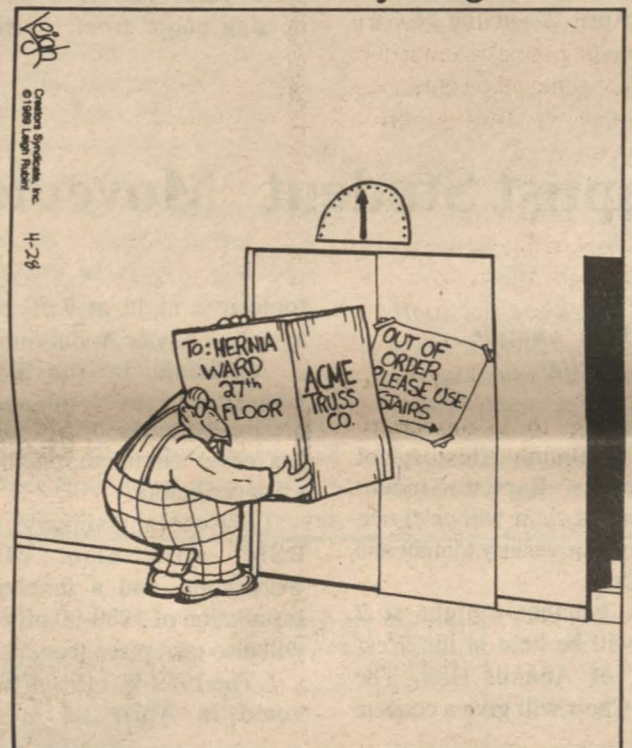
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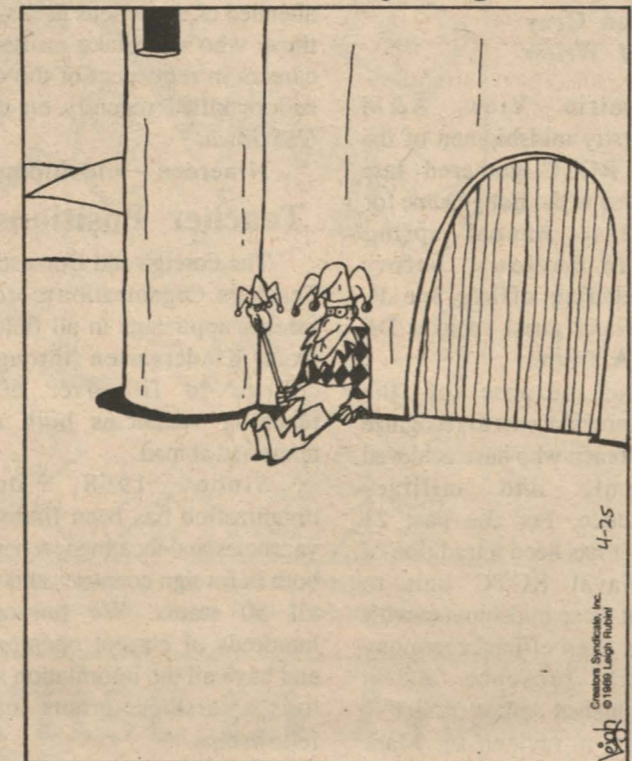
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"As soon as there's an opening we'll be in touch." ... Sure, that's what they all said. But he knew better. After all, he was nobody's fool.

NEWS

SGA Election Results Not Official

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president of the university nor the administration has anything to do with running SGA and that students run it.

Published election results show Kail Austin to be the winner of the presidential race over Francine Frazier and Kyle Brown. The results also indicate a runoff must be held for the vice presidential race between Jacquitta Duncan and Mark Jones.

The controversy surrounding the election is that there are some who contest the legality of the election procedures.

Ideally, the ballots of an election are tallied by a judiciary board and that board certifies the winner within 48 hours of the election. No judiciary board existed to certify the election as stated in the SGA constitution. According to a university official, in the history of Prairie View since the drafting of the 1983 constitution, there has never been a judiciary board.

"What they've got going on here is a Banana Republic, not a democracy."
-- Kail Austin

In the past when the judiciary board was not in place, it has been up to the election commissioner to certify the election. As of April 17, one day before the actual voting took place, election commissioner James Holiday was removed from his position by the SGA Senate. He went on, however, under the direction of Carla Murray to conduct the election on Tuesday. Holiday said that he was sworn to keep the results of the election secret and, although rumors of Austin being the "unofficial" president-elect circulated the campus, confirmation did not come until Tuesday.

So how valid is the validation? Some members of SGA contend that because the counting of the ballots was not

carried out as provided in the constitution that the results are invalid.

Roberts disagreed. "According to precedent,

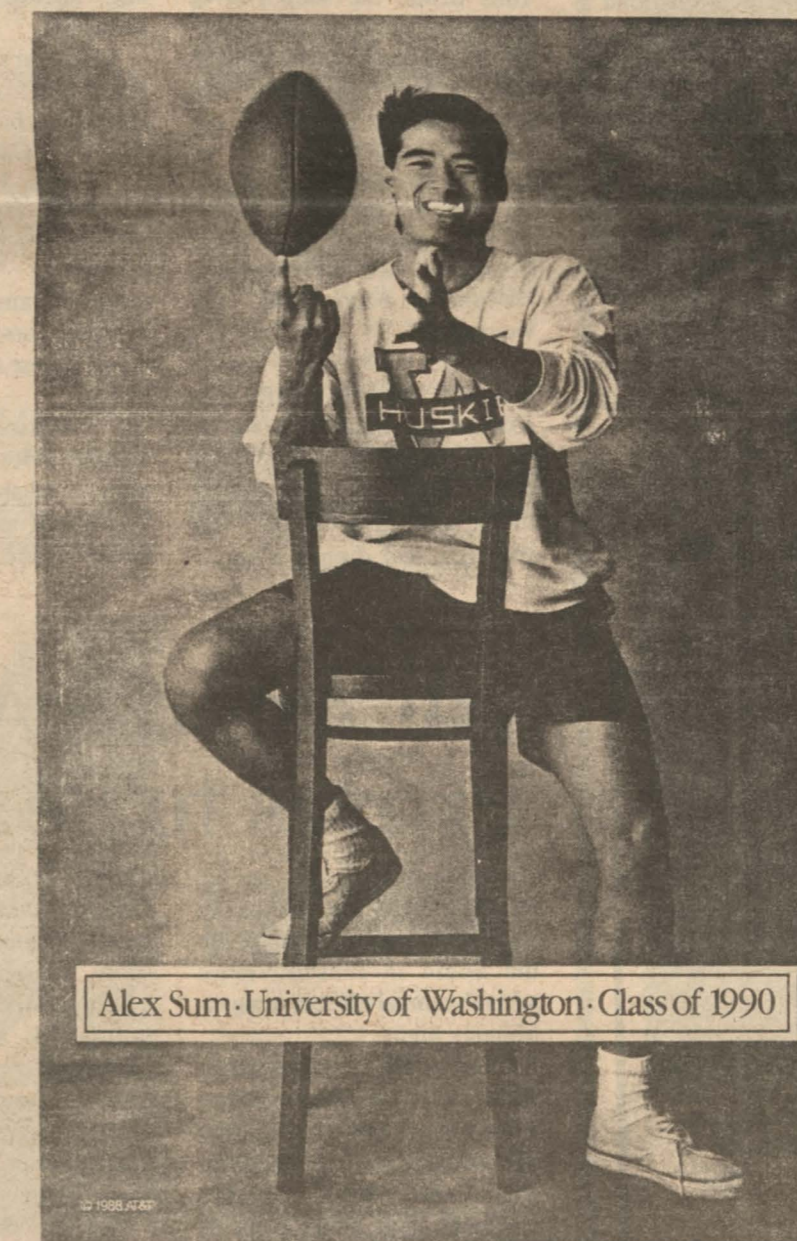
the procedure followed was the proper one regulating a spring election and therefore the results are certified and valid," he said.

Austin contends that the election was legal and that 14 days from publication of the results (May 9), he will be president of the SGA.

"Those numbers are correct until they can be proven otherwise," Austin said Tuesday in a meeting with Dr.

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"I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game."



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SPORTS

Ball Player Recalls Near Fatal Car Accident

By Kevin Lyons
Sports Editor

Ever wonder what it's like to be involved in a tragic car accident...and live to tell the story?

Well, that's the situation that Prairie View's own Terrell Ellison was faced with in March. The same situation that took the life of Kenneth "Boogie" Robinson that same fateful day. During an exclusive interview with *The Panther*, the saga of Ellison's tragic accident, and subsequent heroic rehabilitation was unfolded.

March 5 was just a regular Sunday on the Prairie View A&M Campus. A brisk northern wind blew about the trash that had gathered on the campus the previous night. The TSU basketball team had come to town, and barely escaped with a one point victory. So, in effect, Sunday for most of us, was just a day to remember the previous nights' parties, while getting over our present hangovers.

However, baseball players Terrell Ellison, and Kenneth Robinson were not like most of us. Sure, they enjoyed some of the festivities that are

involved in "TSU Week". However, as Sunday for some of us was just getting over Saturday night, Ellison and Robinson's Sunday was for the purpose of, ironically, turning over a new leaf in life.

"I remember before we went to church that day," recalled Ellison, "me and Boogie, (Kenneth), decided that we were going to get saved. It was just something we had to do."

Instead of going to the All-Faiths Chapel located on the campus, Terrell and Kenneth decided to go to a smaller church in Waller. Amid all of the pomp and circumstance that surround a church service, Terrell and Kenneth were saved. They had given their lives over to Christ. After the lengthy services, Terrell and Kenneth climbed into Ellison's blue Cadillac Seville.

"We were just sitting there in the car, and Kenneth says 'I'm hungry, let's go to Sonic'" Terrell continued "I was driving to Sonic...and we were almost there...that's all that I can remember."

What Terrell failed to remember were the horrific details of the events that followed.

According to the accident report, Terrell's car was at a position to make a left hand turn, facing west on Highway 290. Another car, hampered by a tire blowout, struck Terrell's car, and knocked it into the eastbound traffic. A Greyhound bus, traveling at about 50 mph, struck the passengers side of the car, sideswiped another vehicle, and came to rest right in front of Sonic Drive-In. Adrienne Henderson, a junior here at PV, and an employee at Sonic that day, remembered the scene as if it were yesterday.

"I was clocking in to go to work, when this woman runs inside the shop yelling 'Oh my God, I've just killed two kids,' she was delirious."

Outside, the scene was much more frantic. An ambulance rushed Terrell to Cypress-Fairbanks Hospital, and, firefighters and other rescue workers struggled at a frenzied pace to extricate Kenneth's body from the wreckage.

Michael Prince, also a baseball player, painfully recalled the nightmarish site of the accident.

"When I got there, it didn't look to good. It's like someone had dipped Kenny's

body into a crate of iron, steel, and glass. The car was actually wrapped around Kenny's body. When they finally got him out, there wasn't a whole lot of blood on him, so we thought he was going to be okay. Unfortunately, we were wrong...he died four days later."

For Terrell Ellison, the rehabilitation process started the moment he woke up in Cy-Fair Hospital.

"My girlfriend, Carrissa Tarver, was at my side when I came to. The doctor told me that I had a severe concussion, brain hemorrhage, and a broken rib. From my head injuries, I had sustained a loss of memory."

Ellison's hospital stay lasted roughly two weeks, and afterwards, he went back to his Monrovia, California home.

"When I went back to church in my hometown, it was very emotional," explained Ellison. "Rumors were rampant, and some people actually thought that I was dead." Those rumors were dead wrong.

Ellison overcame his injuries with the help of a rigorous rehabilitation regime.

"I had to relearn myself some basic skills like

thinking, walking, and running. Day by day my strength began to come back, and I decided to come back to school. My grandmother was against it, but I was determined to come back because I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it."

After a month long hiatus, Terrell Ellison returned to Prairie View.

The academic part of Terrell Ellison's rehabilitation has been seemingly harder than the physical.

"My teachers are not cutting me any slack," stated the freshman who still attends all of the PV baseball games. "Some of the teachers have already given me an 'incomplete' for the year, but I'm going to continue to study as hard as possible. This is just a small barrier."

If anything, these barriers have taught Ellison one thing:

"We're not guaranteed anything on this earth, however, I was left here for a purpose, and I just thank God everyday that I was given another chance at life."

7th Annual All Star Gala Proves to be Big Show

University of Texas' Alvin Heggs led the North to a 110 to 106 victory over the South in Prairie View's seventh annual all-star game on Monday night.

Heggs led all scorers with 35 points. He also had nine rebounds. A performance like this should have netted him with the MVP award. However, that honor went to SMU's Todd Alexander. Alexander, who was the floor general for the North, had 15 points, 6 assists, and 2 rebounds.

The South was led by

Lamar center Adrian Caldwell. Caldwell had 17 points, 12 rebounds, 4 blocked shots, 2 assists, and a steal. TSU's Andre Young had 13 points, 8 assists, and 4 rebounds.

San Antonio Spurs star Greg Anderson was one of the famous in attendance at the Baby Dome.

The PV golf team will be competing for the SWAC title this weekend in Gulfport, Mississippi. In their last three tournaments, they have finished first at the Louisiana

Golf Tournament, and second at the Jackson State and Alabama tournaments.

Seven SWAC football players were selected in the NFL draft: Southern's Maurice Hurst (Patriots), Alcorn State's Michael Andrews (Bills), Jack Phillips (Chiefs), and Elliot Smith (Chargers), Jackson State's Lewis Tillman (Giants) and Charles Jackson (Raiders), and Alabama State's Brad Baxter (Vikings).

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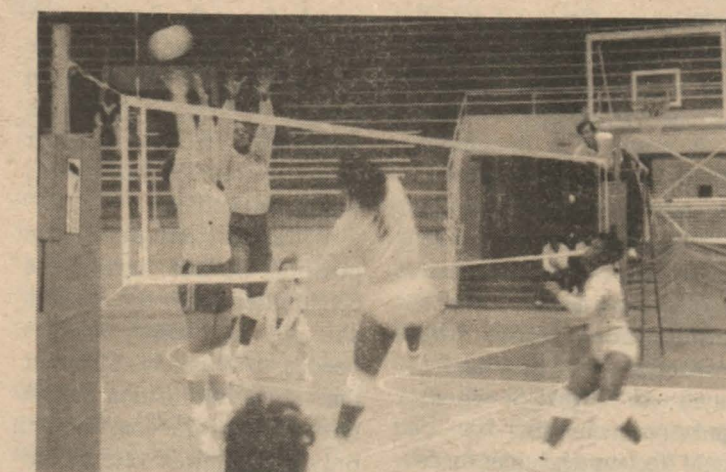


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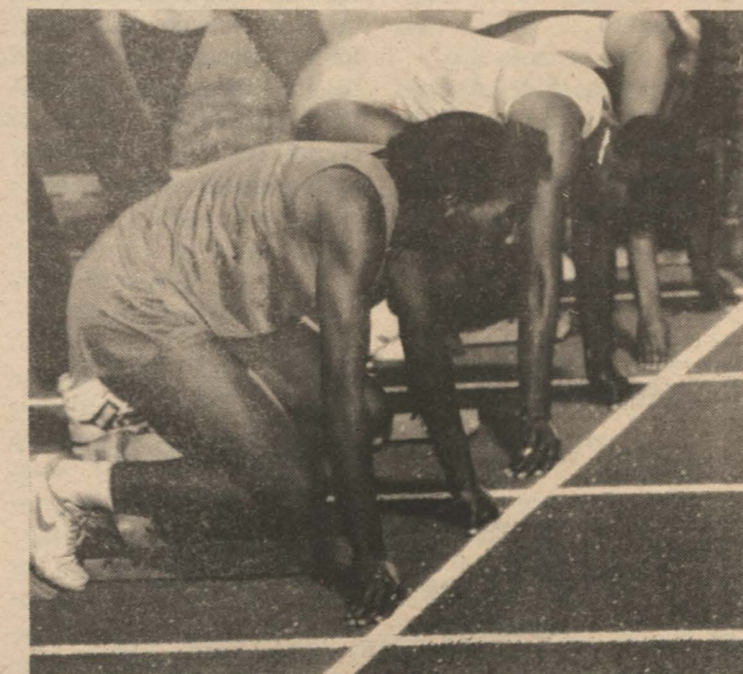


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A Scene from the 60th Annual PV Relays

Men's Tennis

SWAC 1989 Tennis Championships

1. Grambling State
2. Jackson State
3. Southern University
4. Prairie View A&M Univ.
5. Alabama State
6. Alcorn State
7. Texas Southern Univ.
8. Mississippi Valley State

Women's Tennis

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8. Mississippi Valley State

Baseball

Homeruns	Player/School	No.
15	Rideau, GSU	15
07	Richardson, JSU	07
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05	Prince, PVU	05
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NEWS

Constitution to be Revamped Over Summer

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A lawyer for the Texas A&M University System said there was no problem with it, however, Murray said.

A copy of a document written by Dr. Percy Pierre, university president, giving final approval for the 1983 constitution shows that improvements were recommended for the constitution by Pierre and a lawyer for TAMUS. Those stipulations included:

- 1) Recommendations made by the lawyer were to be amended into the constitution.
- 2) The election process had to be clarified, and
- 3) A revised constitution was to be sent to Pierre's office by March 1, 1984.

As far as the *Panther* can ascertain, none of these stipulations was ever done. In fact, the disputes over the recent SGA elections are clear evidence the election process was never clarified.

Murray defended the position of not having the constitution amended, though she did say some changes needed to be made. She said that by the Ratification section (Article 9) of the constitution, only a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate and a majority vote of the student body was needed for ratification.

"The president and the administration have nothing to do with it (SGA)," Murray said. "Students run the

organization."

Dr. Adams, on the other hand, expressed a concerned interest that the constitution be revamped and remodeled.

"I think the SGA owes it to itself to develop a solid constitution," Adams said. "At least to work out student voting, elections requirements and eligibility."

Election requirements and eligibility were the main factors behind the need to redo the document. Allegations of who could and could not run, harassment, lying on applications, insults and mudslinging pervaded the atmosphere of the elections. Murray agreed that this year's elections were the worst she

had ever seen.

"My campaign had a lot of problems," she said. "I thought that was a landmark, but I have never seen anything like this before in my life."

Two presidential candidates were thrown off the ballot early in the election. Robert Jordan said he was told he owed the university money and therefore could not run.

"If I still owed the university money, then I wouldn't be here," Jordan said. "They would have cut off my meal card, kicked me out the dorm and I would not have been able to register this semester."

Charisse Galloway said she was informed that since she

was a sophomore, she did not have the required 60 semester credit hours. She did say, however, that Jon Blake, SGA president in 1985-86, won the SGA presidential election with less than 60 hours.

The election process was so bad, an arbitrator has been called in to officially settle the disputes. Valda Combs-Jordan, Waller County District Attorney, called in a lawyer to review the election. A decision has yet to be made.

"That (decision) we don't know because students are still arguing this election," Myrtha Reed, SGA secretary, said.

Alumni

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poor. You're just another small group seeking a little something for nothing and we all pay for it.

It should be stressed that these charges do not involve the majority of the ARA employees that we come in contact with on a daily basis. It just seems to me that there is enough food for all of us to enjoy larger servings (if desired) and still have enough for those who work hard (and not steal) to enjoy something for the sweat and long hours on the job. Then again, perhaps I'm just another ignorant nigger bitching about not getting enough to eat. Oh well.

This is also true of Alumni Hall. The excuses for serving inferior quality food have all been exhausted and it is time to do better. ARA caters to many institutions big and small with a diverse constituency. And students at Prairie View should be able to walk in the dining room at any time of day and eat a nutritional meal. Furthermore, students who are watching their weight or dieting should also have access to foods which satisfy their needs.

Though students have few choices when it comes to eating, purchasing books or cleaning their clothing, they should not be taken for granted. How long will students continue to settle for the same shoddy treatment? Someday, the multitudes may realize that what the young man in the talent show said does have some validity.

"Life is too short to be eating in Alumni."

EDITORIAL

Letters-to-the-Editor

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Workers' Comp Vital

The Texas Workers' Compensation system needs reform. Unfortunately, many of the legislative "reforms" now pending do not go to the heart of the workers' comp issue.

Look at the facts. Texas employers pay the fifth highest workers' compensation premiums in the United States -- more than \$2.5 billion a year. And premium rates have increased 148 percent since 1984. Yet, the compensation benefits for Texas employees are less than those in 42 other states.

Some suggest the culprit of these costs is the right to a jury trial. But of the 498,000 notices of on-the-job injury filed with the State Board of Insurance last year, only 510 (one-tenth of one percent) actually ended in jury trials. And only about half of those were won by the workers.

Likewise, the employees of the laundry should not become upset when students demand compensation for lost or damaged items and return clothing or linen that has not been cleaned, mended or pressed properly. And if their negative attitudes are a result of frequent complaining by the students, perhaps they should do an evaluation of the services which they render.

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training program for state agencies four years ago, and reduced the job injury rate in one agency 12 percent in just three months. But, without a commitment to funding, there can't be ongoing, successful programs.

An investment in safety not only protects worker, it saves money. Private sector figures show that for every \$1 spent on safety, \$20 is saved in workers' compensation costs.

Several workers' compensation bills are now pending before the Legislature. Some would reduce insurance rates and require safety programs; others would cut benefits and eliminate the jury trial. Texas still has a chance to let their representatives know that they support *safety first*.

Jim Mattox
Texas Attorney
General

Black Unity a Must

By us being black students here at Prairie View A&M University, we must always be aware of why we are here. Which is for an education that will benefit ourselves later in life. We must obtain jobs of business, engineering, medicine and teaching. Those who teach will teach our children what we know as adults.

It was no accident that black colleges came into existence. They were established to educate blacks here in America and give us an opportunity to succeed in a country once segregated. With this education, we would obtain jobs that would benefit us.

But as black people in America we are in trouble and will remain in trouble unless we unite and help each other succeed. We must respect one another and not turn on each other, which we do now. It's time we put the drug business out of business and those who sell it into confinement. Nothing of value comes easy. But together as blacks we can obtain everything of value. Only through unity can we do

this.

Keith Linder
Holley Hall

No Tact a Fact at PV

I am writing about the lack of tact on this yard. What is tact you say? Basically, tact is saying or doing the right thing at the right time in a courteous manner.

The first problem on campus has to be closing time at the new library. For us "old hands" closing time in W. R. Banks Library meant someone turning the lights on and off. Of course, we were all intensely reading at the time and were temporarily blinded. Now, at the J. B. Coleman Library, they offered us a public address system to announce closing time. Recently, however, they have gone back to clicking the lights on and off again. But, these lights are fluorescent and once off, flicker with a purplish lights, leaving blurred vision. With an expensive P. A. System, we shouldn't have to be subjected to such eye strain.

Another problem I think is Kail Austin. Austin as tactless kind of person. His campaign for SGA president was void of tact. As a candidate, it was not his job to badmouth his opponents or act rude to their supporters. It was tactless to make rash statements about opponents to the newspaper and for supporters to tell students in front of Alumni Kail Austin was the only candidate worthy enough of occupying a slot on the ballot.

I also considering plastering every clear spot on the walls, doors and windows of the dorms and buildings on campus with Austin posters very tactless. We don't need to see him everywhere we turn. Give your opponents chance and don't make our wall unsightly.

It was also very tactless to try to blackmail *The Panther* into supporting and printing more of *your* articles by holding up their request for a laser printer (although they already have one and received it

without so much as a peep from SGA). Mr. Austin seemed to be stretching his mouth to accommodate his foot.

I could go on and on. I could mention poor attitudes of student workers and students' remarks to those student workers. I could mention the lack of tact the campus police sometimes have when they write you tickets and tow your cars and laugh in your face while doing it. I could do that, but that would be a full page editorial.

Before I go, though, I must mention the recent fires and bomb threats. Arsonists and persons making bomb threats have absolutely no tact whatsoever. Starting fires in occupied buildings and threatening to blow up dorms all over the yard is a stupid, senseless and cowardly act by persons whose I. Q. is probably smaller than my ring size.

Of course, the students must share in the tactlessness along with the arsonists. At the Holley Hall fire, many students yelled obscenities and harassed the Prairie View and Waller Volunteer Fire Fighters. Being a firefighter, I can tell you it's hell to fight a structure fire, especially one on the top floor. We can do a better job if everyone would stand back. Equally tactless is the bad habit of students who go back into the dorms while they are on fire. I have no idea what makes them do it. I'm sure they would not go into a burning house and go to sleep, so why do it here? When people do that we firemen have to go in and get them. John Wayne is dead and Clint Eastwood is not a student here, so, if we can't get to you, there might be one less member in your family.

The whole point of being tactful is most people know when they are being tactful and tactless. They make the decision to be tactless. Sometimes, it's hard to be tactful in every instance, but remember, you can only expect back what you give out.

Gary Smith

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Goat

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-- "Market Prospects for Dairy Goat Products - Present and Future" by Robert Jackson of Jackson-Mitchell Co., Santa Barbara, California.

-- "Overview of World Cashmere Production and Utilization" by Richard Forte of Forte Cashmere Co., Inc. Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

-- "Survey of Texas Goats for Cashmere Production: Strategy for Establishing a Cashmere Industry" by IDGRC Research Leader Thian Hor Teh.

The 4-H program will deal with dairy goat management for youths, 4-H leaders, 4-H coordinators and county extension agents. Workshops will cover the following topics: showing, fitting and judging; ice cream and yogurt making; veterinary health care; reproduction, homestead cheese making; cashmere harvesting and evaluation; goat nutrition; meat processing; quality milk production; marketing strategies, and cheese evaluation.

The public is invited to attend the Dairy Goat Field Day. Tickets will cost \$9 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 and \$4 for 4-H youth. For more information, contact" Dr. Louis Nuti, IDGRC, Prairie View A&M University, at (409) 857-3927.

Drug Awareness

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suspension. This is in conjunction with any local, state and federal drug laws.

Adams said that drug information is now a basic part of student orientation. Before 1986, it was a briefly mentioned topic under the title

Fire Safety

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ROTC; Collins - Irene Davis, Admissions and Records; Drew - Lori Gray, Dept. of Communications; Evans - Gail Long, Agricultural Cooperative Extension; Fuller - Dr. Charles Edwards, Dept. of Engineering Technology; Holley - Marshall Brown, Dept. of Architecture, and Suarez - Dr. Clarissa Booker - Dept. of School Services.

"Health Awareness." Now, it is more specific under a program entitled "AIDS, Sex and Drugs."

Graduate student Jerome Thornton is creating a program called Adult Children of Alcoholic to combat another

Austin

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Doris Price, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, Holiday and reporters.

"What they've got going on here is a Banana Republic, not a democracy."

Despite the publication of the election results and the precedent set by the 1983 constitution, the final decision may rest in the hands of the arbitrator and the lawyers.

area of abuse in society, Adams said. She said that children of alcoholics "carry with them a lot of psychological baggage after living in an environment where their parents...abused a substance."

Note: Gregory M. Smith contributed to this story.

Waivers

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this issue are understood and we look forward to sharing additional information on the waiver legislation as it becomes available.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday - Thursday, MAY 3-4, 1989:

1. All NROTC and AROTC examinations will be scheduled by the professors of NROTC and AROTC during this period.
2. All Physical Education Practice examinations will be scheduled by the head of the Physical Education Department during this same period.
3. Examinations for all classes meeting at 5:00 PM or later will be given during regular class time on the last meeting day.
4. ENGR STUDENTS NOTE: Final exams for GNEG 1101, GNEG 1043, GNEG 1212, GNEG 1222, CVEG 2043, CVEG 2053, CVEG 3013, ELEM 2023, and MEEG 2013 will be scheduled during evening hours. Please contact coordinators/chairmen of these departments for further details.
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