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Many people take the soothing sounds of the campus radio station for granted, but ever wonder about the people behind the voices? Here's your chance See page 10

Some moments in sports are great, some embarrassing.
Find out the best and worst moments for some of
Prairie View's athletes
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Miss PVAMU 89-90 Mary Ann Palmer



Miss Prairie View 1989-90 Mary Ann Palmer hopes to be a country singer

New Queen Still Old Self

By Gregory Smith Editor-in-Chief

Country/Western music may definitely find its niche on the campus of Prairie View, since Miss Prairie View 89-90 Mary Ann Palmer's rendition of Reba McIntire's Little Rock had the crowd at the pageant on their feet with minute after minute of applause.

Palmer was the first Miss Prairie View to sing a country song for the talent portion of the Miss Prairie View pageant. She says she did it "because I grew up in a small country town where I listened to country music a lot."

She grew up and still calls

Bellville, Texas, 20 miles from Prairie View on Hwy 159, home. She explained that growing up in the country atmosphere encouraged her to sing country music.

"It helped inspire me to sing country/western," Palmer explained. "It's something I enjoyed doing."

Palmer admitted she did not expect a standing ovation or the long applause after she finished her song.

"I'm really glad they (the audience) liked the song," she said.

The applause and standing ovation are only small parts of the joy and excitement she has felt since winning the crown. Ecstasy was the one word she used to describe the moment

she was announced the winner.

"I thought I was going to cry, after all the hard work," Palmer said. "I just said 'God, We did it, we did it'."

The win ended a long year of planning and preparation for the pageant. Palmer said she had originally been encouraged by Glenda Bates to go for the title after a freshman talent show performance, but did not get her real inspiration until last year's coronation of Rachelle Fisher as Miss PV.

"It wasn't until I saw Rachelle at her coronation ball that I said 'That's going to be me, I want that'," she explained.

Preparing for the pageant

See "Palmer" page 7

Train Hits Car, Kills Three at PV Crossing

Gregory M. Smith Editor-in-Chief

A Pasadena police officer, his pregnant wife and five year old daughter were killed last Friday when a freight train hit their vehicle at the intersection of Highway 290 and FM 1098. It was the second such accident at the intersection this year and the sixth accident overall on a stretch of railroad track from Hempstead to Waller since January.

Sgt. Bryan Price, 35, a 13-year veteran of the Pasadena police department, was rushed to Cy-Fair Hospital, but was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Price's 5 year old daughter died one hour after the accident, which occurred at 7 p.m. Sherry Price, 33, who was pregnant, was dead at the scene. The family dog, an Irish Setter, was also killed at the scene.

According to witness Frank Gans, Price, driving a Blazer 4X4 and towing a small camper, made the left at the intersection, at the same time a freight train was reaching the crossing. Witnesses said the locomotive engine struck the rear of the Blazer and the camper, dragging the truck around and smashing it against the side of the engine. The vehicles were separated, the truck being dragged for 100 yards before being deposited next to Old Houston Highway.

Gans said he and several other students immediately rushed to the scene, as the train ground to a halt.

"The man (Price) was already out of the car when we got there," Gans said. "He took a couple of steps then dropped. You could see his collar bone and several ribs poking out of the skin."

"The woman was still inside the car...she had a few cuts, but except for that, there was no blood in the car.

See "Wreck" Page 7

State Treasurer Speaks at PV

By Jeffery Armstrong Managing Editor

Focusing on the past accomplishments of minorities is something blacks at Prairie View need to do, Texas state treasurer Ann Richards told students at Hobart Taylor Recital Hall Tuesday.

She mentioned that over \$8 million was used to make Prairie View more efficient for students.

"This was done because

you asked for it," said Richards, who plans to run for governor of Texas next year.

In her hour long speech to students and faculty, Richards told of how Prairie View has come a long way, especially with research development and the proposed SuperCollider project detector center

When asked if the "good ol' boys" (the male politicians) would be ready for her run for the office of governor, Richards simply stated, "They'd better be ready."

EDITORIAL

No Lights, No Signal...Accident

Last Friday, a Houston police officer, his pregnant wife and his five year-old daughter were killed when a locomotive crushed their Blazer at the intersection of Hwy 290 and FM 1098. This was the second serious accident this year at the crossing. Two crossings ahead at Hempstead were two more train-auto accidents this year. In Waller, at the True Value crossing, two Waller High School teens were killed and a third injured when their car was hit by a train. A week later, a man escaped death when a train sheared his truck cab off just behind the driver's seat.

Never mind how these accidents occurred or who was responsible. None of these crossings had signal lights or gates to prevent crossing when a train is passing through. The old DPS rule of stopping at railroad tracks and looking before crossing obviously went out the window long ago. Human error tells us we have to have these safeguards to not only protect us from trains, but from ourselves, as well.

The Panther calls on every Waller County resident (and student at Prairie View A&M) to push for safe railroad crossings. Put pressure on your elected officials, such as the mayor, city council and county commissioners to press the state for a solution. Remember, we also put a new representative into office. Make sure Greg Laughlin does something for Waller County in this time of need. Tell James Muse and Judge McCaig and R. L. Kubiak what we need from them in return for paying their salaries.

SGA, Student Body Should Interact More

Election time for SGA has come again. We will have new officers and we can only hope they and the student body actually communicate this time. Fortunately, a decision was made to delay the elections from one to three weeks. This is good for us and good for the candidates. That week from application deadline to election allowed no one to effectively campaign to let students know who they are and what they stand for. There are many issues out there to be dealt with and students should at least know what they may be getting for their money, so to speak.

Last year, no one attended the meetings out of the student body. SGA reports to the Panther were rather sparse. Senate week went by like yesterday's trash. This is no way to run a school. Student apathy is evident even at the so-called "big schools" like Texas A&M and UT-Austin, but that doesn't mean their SGA equivalents disappear into the Twilight Zone, never to be heard from until election time.

So, find out about your student candidates, see what they have to offer and make a choice. Then, participate in the SGA, help them out and help us all out.

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Letters-to-the-Editor

Miss Prairie Views Can Fit Miss America Molds

published in the March 30 -April 12, 1989 issue of The Panther (Miss PV Too Mold?).

First of all, I would like to commend any individual who has ever participated in any the stage..." Well, Mr. Smith, pageant. It requires a great deal of self-confidence, stamina and character, Mr. Editor-in-Chief. do you possess these attributes? If so, why don't you run? Why do you (and others on your staff) choose to belittle others? True, you have your opinion and, of course, are entitled to voice it. And I have my opinion also...

"into" the physical qualities of females do fit the mold to a woman. Or as you stated, represent us as Miss America.

In response to the article gowns and bathing suits..." Men who have women, (by the way, do you have one?) do not want one who has cellulite Much for Miss America protruding from a bathing swimsuit.

> In your article you mentioned being "In front of let me refresh your memory. The jazz routine done to the Wiz' "I'm A Mean Ol' Lion" was not done in, as you stated, "a baggy lion suit with a torn tail..." As I recall, it was a body suit showing off that same body that won the swimsuit competition in the

In short, I would just like Not all men of color are to say that I believe Black

have already proven this to be

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Also, there are too many positive articles that can be written about Prairie View A&M University. (Other than those concerning the Navy). More than enough has already been written degrading women and others on this campus. Quite frankly, it needs to stop. Felicia McLeod

Editor's Note:

Is it belittling to say I think our ladies are too good for Miss America-still-in-the-dark-

Thank you, very much for ruining everything good I had to say. But, you are entitled those who "fill to much of the Ms. Charles and Ms. Williams to your own opinion...

OPINION

What Has City, County Done for Prairie View

Ever notice all the food places in Prairie View? Ever have trouble choosing which clothing to buy from or which convenience store to get gas from in Prairie View? Ever wonder why McDonald's located itself in Hempstead instead a big college town like Prairie View? Of course, you

Why is that? Not to badmouth Hempstead, but I don't think McDonald's was trying to get the exclusive food sale rights to Hempstead High. Likewise, the reason we have no trouble picking clothing stores of getting gas in PV is there's no choice, in the first

Why didn't Mickey D's set up shop in Prairie View in the first place? As a matter of fact, why didn't Hartz Chicken locate here or the proposed Seven-11 or Texas Instruments factory? Why does Palais Royal rake up hundreds of credit cards in Alumni instead of building a store here and getting credit cards and more sales?

Why? Because of the



that's why.

According to an anonymous source (those unsung whistleblowers interested in making others' lives better), Prairie View city councilmen, the same ones elected by us students the last four to five years, have been trying to keep PV "a quiet bedroom community." That means keeping the students on the yard and passing city ordinances that supposedly allow the city police to arrest people for what they consider

Major reasons companies like McDonald's, Hartz and Seven-11 want to locate here

1) Cheap labor -- Our

The In-Between Side... Gregory M. Smith Editor-in-Chief

and will work for less than the union \$15 an hour.

Presently, Hempstead teens make all the money at McDonald's. In Prairie View, cows moo and grass bends in the breeze.

2) Business -- College crowds drop tons of money into local economies (or in our case, Hempstead and Waller) every year. Businesses would clean up with business from the rest of Waller County, as well as the commuter crowd from Houston and Bryan/College Station.

As it stands now, Waller, Hempstead and Houston get all our business. In Prairie View, cows moo and grass bends in

Just building a mall would be an excellent compromise. Then we could shop at places like Foley's, Sears, WalMart, Prairie View city council, students will need the money Target, and other stores popular

with young people. We could eat at McD's, Burger King, Arby's, Denny's; buy cards at Hallmark, and go to movies, arcades and bowling alleys and exercise with a president or a first lady or a Jack LaLaine. Hey, it would beat the 90 - 120

What would it mean for the city of Prairie View? 3) TAXES!!!!

Greenspoint and Galvez.

minute drive to Willowbrook.

Instead of drawing its funds from high taxes to residents, traffic ticket fines and taxes on ARA, the city would rake in thousands, perhaps tens

to hundreds of thousands of dollars in property taxes. The city would be happy, the university happy and the students happy, not to mention Waller County as a whole.

But...alas, we students ultimately would defeat this medium. In all the elections

the city has had and all the people elected by students, what has the city done for Prairie View A&M University?

Of course, the county has given us free showings of train-car collisions; neon lights from patrol cars to remind us of a normal city; free passage of ambulances from the campus to hospitals 20 miles away; ease in shopping with only one place to shop, and ease in voting by splitting the campus into two voting districts so we won't have to wait in long lines, something so trivial.

With the detector center being built and hundreds of jobs waiting and all the aforementioned businesses filing petitions for zoning, should we let Hempstead and Waller get the beef while we. the students, get the fat?

City elections are coming up May 6, 1989. When you go to the polls, think about what Prairie View's elected officials say they would do for you. then think of what they've actually done for you and vote

Well, what about Kail

Austin is the currently

Do You Know SGA Candidates? You Should

By Don Gray Op-Ed Writer

Thank goodness the election for Prairie View A&M's Student Government Association president has been postponed. This particular article would have really made sense if read after the original April 11 scheduled election (mind you, this was only one week after the expiration date for candidates to announce their intent to run). Anyway. perhaps the time I spent with two of the candidates will help you make your decision when the time comes to vote.

The first candidate I spoke with was Francine Frazier, a junior engineering major from Houston, Texas. Frazier is currently the president of the Student Senate, which is seeking to better the lives of Prairie View students by

dealing with the university's internal problems, dormitory repairs and the accreditation of individual departments. According to Frazier, students need to stop complaining about the lack of departmental accreditation and start actually doing hands-on-work to determine how a department may receive proper accreditation. They should demand (through letter, petitions, etc.) that the university make meeting these qualifications first priority. As for her platform,

Frazier wishes to exemplify the virtues of continual education, unity and campus/Prairie View pride. Though they may sound simplistic, Frazier points out that these are the ingredients necessary for the SGA to truly be a vehicle that will bring about positive change for the university.

education involves the student population working for and not waiting for the learning process (as in the case of accreditation). Students should volunteer for committees and become aware of the processes by which change may be brought about rather than demanding change without knowledge.

This flows into her next point on unity. Frazier wishes to eliminate the idea that the faculty/administration is the enemy. The only way we will continue to move on is when harmony among the students, faculty and alumni dictate that all are working for a common goal. As for pride, Frazier suggests programming to better care for ourselves. This includes university spirit packages, more detailed evacuation procedures, rally cards, etc. Of course, this all involves a change in attitude of how the system works, why starting with us. We need to haven't they worked before?" talk (not argue) with the Austin, Frazier's primary administration, provide intelligent feedback, and be

willing to work.

the next?"

she has done more in one year

to help the student body than

any other individual in student

government. Frazier herself

competitor?

Of course, as so loudly SGA vice-president serving pointed out by the House of under Carla Murray. During Kail Austin (a senior our interview, Austin economics, accounting, pre-law continuously pointed out that major also vying for the SGA "My office is above the Senate presidential slot), Frazier lacks president." Austin believes that the experience and has only the issues for this particular been involved in student election are food service, government for one year. housing, health services and Austin says "How can you campus activities. Austin says learn student government in that current food service is one year and attempt to lead it lacking in quality and is simply the same food in a Frazier pointed out that, as different package. president of the Student Senate,

Though I'm not sure what this has to do with the election, Austin insisted the Francine Frazier has a car and can travel off campus to eat.

asks, "If so many others have See "SGA" page 14 the experience and know-how

NEWS

Students Express Concerns Over Fires

By Kimetris Baltrip Staff Writer

Debates, proposals, and rebuttals punctuated an emergency meeting called April

discuss problems with security and fire alarm systems in the dormitories at Prairie View A&M University.

Francine Frazier, senate

3 by the SGA Senate to president, expressed her concern about the series of bomb threats and fires that have recently occurred at PVAMU.

> She pleaded for cooperation from the entire

letter-writing campaign to the president of PVAMU, the chancellor, and the Texas A&M System Board of

Some audience members rebutted her proposal and wanted to see more done for the welfare of the students.

Larry Cunningham, director of Holley Hall, said measures to ensure student safety were already taking

He said that since the fire in Holley Hall ,which was deliberately set and caused over \$10,000 in damage, the trash chutes are wet down and the grounds crew is supposed to empty all trash chutes prior to

Students also are not to dump their garbage after 5 p.m.

Cunningham said that the fire extinguishers, which are frequently tampered with by students, will be replaced also.

Questions on why the effectiveness of the security unit and volunteer fire station are poor flooded the room.

Frank Jackson, volunteer fire department chief, said that most of their problems are associated with a lack of funds.

Jackson said the funding for the security programs at PVAMU comes from auxiliary monies -- that is, student fees, alumni donations, and grants.

PVAMU is not able to receive security assistance from the surrounding towns because not only are PVAMU's security unit and volunteer fire station undermanned, but also security departments in Waller and Hempstead, Jackson said.

Cunningham said aside from all the technical problems, student cooperation during a state of emergency is also a major problem.

He said students were almost arrested for attempting to go back into Holley Hall during the fire.

Frazier also spoke of the need of student cooperation and participation.

"It takes everyone to make this campus move," she said. "It's time to stop pointing the finger and work together.

Suggestions from the audience on how to better the situation at PVAMU were

See "Emergency" page 15

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NEWS

Research Center Produces New Goat Breed

white cashmere goat was born recently at the International Dairy Goat Research Center (IDGRC) at Prairie View A&M University.

IGDRC researchers say the birth, which occurred from crossbreeding two select Texas breeds with an Australian breed of goat, is an important step toward launching a new American industry in Texas.

"While there are three cashmere processing plants in the U.S., all raw materials for American processing plants are imported," Alden Reine, Cooperative Agricultural Zealand and China, which sells Research Center, said. "It us our intention to transfer the fiber production technology to U. S. farmers as rapidly as possible in order to supply the demand of domestic processors."

Cashmere, considered the finest of natural fiber, is produced as down undercoat and may be found on most goats to some extent. In the early 19th century, cashmere came from the Indian province of Kashmir, but is now imported from Russia, Iran, Service.

PRAIRIE VIEW - A pure research director of the Afghanistan, Australia, New only the finished product.

In addition to the fiber, the goat meat, also known as chevron, is considered valuable merchandising asset because of the low fat content and leanness of the meat

IDGRC research leader Thian Hor Teh explained how Prairie View has progressed in establishing a new cashmere goat breed, funded by a \$90,600 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture/ Cooperative States Research

"First, we documented the about the economic results from the cashmere goat cashmere-producing goats in Texas and selected the best breeds to upgrade with purebred

"We are providing the basis for a new industry, with an enormous potential -especially with buyers eager to process the cashmere," Teh

.Jackson Promoted to Commander

U. S. Naval Reservist Lt. Cdr. Frank Jackson, Director of Auxiliary Services at Prairie Teh said he is optimistic View A&M University, was promoted to the permanent rank of Commander last

> Commander Jackson, a 1973 graduate of PVAMU and commissioned officer of the Prairie View Navy ROTC, is currently assigned as Officer-in-Charge, Craft Opportunity Squadron 2215, Galveston for his reserve

Jackson's other civic duties include: Fire chief, Prairie View Volunteer Fire

See "Jackson" page 15

Navy Prepares for 21st Pass-in-Review

By Gregory Smith Editor-in-Chief

Preparations for the Prairie View A&M University Navy ROTC's 21st Pass-in-Review are underway.

Preparations include morning practices for midshipmen, nominating midshipmen for awards and finding a guest speaker, Lt. Mark Morris, unit public affairs officer, said. As of press time, no speaker had been confirmed.

According to Morris, the purpose of the pass-in-review

is "to present awards to outstanding midshipmen who have earned them for their performance throughout the

Some of the awards presented annually include awards from such organizations as the American Legion. Veterans of Foreign Wars, General Dynamics, The Naval Institute, the Navy League and Military Affairs Command.

A major portion of the preparations goes for the pomp and ceremony by the midshipmen battalion. The unit has been practicing every

Tuesday and Thursday morning for the past three weeks, as seen by early morning passers-by at the driver's education lot. Despite the endless practice, it is a very necessary part of the whole ceremony, the most visual.

"When you have a ceremony like that, it's part of military tradition to pass the troops in review," Morris said. "A takes a lot of practice to make sure all the steps of the ceremony go right."

Other work for the ceremony includes securing a guest speaker, doing

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A TOUCH OF CLASS

Mr. Vincent E. Birdwell Mr. Frederick G. Jackson Mr. Brent Dickerson

cashmere bucks through

artificial insemination," Teh

said. "This was necessary to

concentrate the genus for

crossbreed the two Texas breeds

with the Australian breed,

with an expected production of

60 kids (offspring). The first,

an all-white kid occurred in late

March. Pure White is the most

evaluations for awards and

doing all the necessary

"A lot of time goes into

Though the review this

this, to make sure it goes off at

year won't match the flair of

the unit's media-filled 20th

anniversary last year as the

nation's first NROTC unit at a

predominantly black

university, for the

midshipmen, it's the most

important time of the year.

paperwork.

all," Morris said.

valuable of the cashmeres.

This method was used to

cashmere production."

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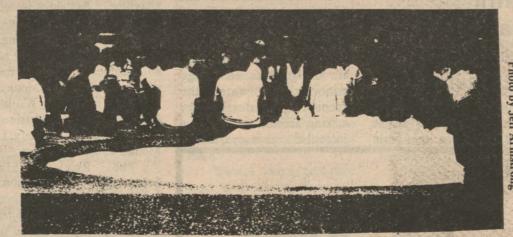
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A prank turns the fountain outside Alumni Hall into an outdoor bubble bath

Frazier Chosen Outstanding Engineering Major

Prairie View -- Francine Frazier, a junior electrical engineering major at Prairie View A&M University, recently won first place for her research paper at the 7th Annual Research Association

in Houston. PV undergraduate Darrell Gibson took fourth place in the competition.

At the three-day conference, university administrators, professors and undergraduates presented of Minority Professors meeting abstracts on their research

findings. Frazier, whose paper "Boundary Valued Problems Involving Heat Conditions" won the competition, will present her paper at the Beta Kappa Chi national honor society in Nashville, Tennessee later this month.

NEWS

CAMPUS NEWS ROUNDUP

Gray Wins 10K Run

For the third time in four years, Donald Gray, a Senior Bomb Threats radio/television major at Prairie View, won the Navy ROTC 10K Run last Saturday.

Cadet Sharon Dyson captured two first place trophies -- in the preliminary mile run and the 10K respectively.

Midshipman 4/C Joseph Davis took second in the mile behind Gray with a time of 5:25 to Gray's 5:05.

The race was co-sponsored by the Prairie View Navy ROTC and Coco-Cola Corp. of Brenham, Texas.

Talley Art Exhibit in Hockley

Prairie View -- An exhibit titled "A Matter of Print" will be shown at the Hockley Community Center from now until April 21.

The exhibit displays the artwork of Prairie View A&M University professor Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr. and students in his printmaking

According to Talley, the art utilizes new and innovative methods in printing. Students whose work will be displayed are as follows: James 20 III, Marcus M. Crowe, Mark Hatfield, Tina Holland,

April 19 & 20

Wendell Mathews, Marguerite Schmidt, Lou Nell Sims, Leesonia Turner, LaShawn Webb and Davis Young.

For further details, contact (409) 857-2929.

Cause Confusion

Recent bomb threats in Waller County and on the campus of Prairie View A&M University have caused alarm and inconvenience for university officials.

The threats, which started in early February, frustrate authorities because they have no suspects or leads in the case. Even though no explosive materials have been discovered, officials continue to take the threats seriously.

"We must take all bomb threats seriously because it involves human life," Prairie View Volunteer fire chief Frank Jackson said. "Basically, we evacuate the building and search it.'

Jackson speculated that a prankster is probably responsible for the fictitious threats. He said someone obviously thinks it is funny to call and threaten to blow up a dormitory or building.

Exact identification of the caller could not be determined, but Jackson said the person was not a Middle Eastern terrorist, as some students had

"No, the voices are not foreign nationals," Jackson

Pilots Wanted

60 hours by May 1989 with a minimum

2.1 or higher, U. S. citizen and pass a

1989. Call Navy officer programs,

collect: (713) 226-2445. Navy

representatives will be on campus on

rigorous mental and physical exam.

Male and female. Complete at least

Must start flight training by June

said. "They are American voices. Also, males and females are making bomb threats.'

"The bomb threats disrupt and inconvenience the normal work day of the faculty, staff and students," Jackson added.

Chief Jackson said there was no definite correlation between the bomb threats and the recent escalation of arson on campus, the latest incident being a burned trash dumpster behind the Naval Science building Tuesday morning before dawn.

"We will file as many charges as possible on the individual (responsible)," Prairie View A&M University fire chief R. V. Stephens said.

Stephens said charges ranging from local to federal levels could be filed against the offender. False reports, which is the deliberate dissemination of fraudulent information to authorities, could be classified as either a misdemeanor or third-degree felony, Stephens

"It is frustrating to locate this individual," Stephens said. "We urge the residential students to inform security who is doing this so that we can take action.'

Health Awareness Week Successful

Involving the Waller community in all the available health care was the main

purpose of last week's Health Awareness Week, sponsored by OWens-Franklin Clinic, Prairie View A&M University and the Waller County Extension Program Council.

Individuals interested in

Donahue,

Minority

applying for the scholarship

Recruitment, AICPA, 1211

Avenue of the Americas, New

York, NY 10036-8775.

Deadline for receipt of

applications are July 1 and

NAACP Kicks

Membership

The Prairie View A & M

University chapter of the

NAACP announced plans for

its spring membership drive.

This and other issues were

discussed at the chapters'

The membership drive,

which began April 3rd, is an

annual event sponsored by the

Youth and College Division of

the organization. The chapters'

goal is to recruit 20 members a

month. The purpose of the

drive is to get students and

faculty involved in NAACPs'

activities. Activities include

economic development,

education, and better housing.

47 members, including four

officers. Officers are Monique

Swygert, president; William

Fisher, vice-president;

Kymberlie Neely, secretary; La

Scholarship is an educational

scholarship for high school

seniors and college freshman.

The scholarship is named for

the late Roy Wilkins, NAACP

Executive Director from 1955

to 1977. Applications

materials may be obtained from

Monique Swygert at 123

Banks Hall. Deadline for the

the chapter is an anti-apartheid

march tentatively set for

The next event planned by

scholarship is May 1st.

April 19.

The Roy Wilkins

Monica Jenkins, treasurer.

The chapter presently has

March 30th meeting.

Drive

Sharon

Manager.

Students and Waller County residents took advantage of free dental screenings, hearing tests, eye exams, blood pressure screenings and nutritional analyses. Test for sickle cell anemia, HIV AIDS and mammograms were available for a small fee.

The programs also sponsored a successful blood donation drive, A rap contest, touting health care issues and AIDS and drug prevention was held for local high school

Collman Receives AICPA Scholarship

Prairie View -- Prairie View A&M University junior business major Etus E. Collman was awarded a scholarship for the second half of the 1988-89 academic school year by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is one of 102 minority undergraduates and graduates nationwide to receive

The AICPA scholarships are designed to encourage accounting profession by making accounting education accessible to as many qualified

Vote

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NEWS

Gilpin Players Celebrate 60th with Fanfare

Charles Gilpin Players, the distinguished theatre company at Prairie View A&M University, will celebrate their 60th Anniversary Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The much-honored Gilpin Players were founded in 1929 by Dr. Earl Sasser. The players were named for black actor Charles Gilpin, famous for his portrayals of Emperor Jones and Othello in the United States and Europe early in this

"Performing consistently for 60 years, it is the oldest active black theatre company in the Southwest," an anniversary

in 1945 and now resides in of beauty and her reserved Nashville, Tennessee, will be nature until she meets Morris

Gilpins Set Stage For First Spring Production

Players and the Theatre Arts Program will present their first major production of the Spring 1989 season from April 18 -21. The play, entitled The Heiress, was written by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, and will be directed by Dr. Ted Shine.

directors of the Gilpin Players

The story takes place in New York City during the mid-1800's in a beautiful home Washington Square. Catherine Sloper, the heiress, is deprived of love and Sasser, who left PVAMU happiness because of her lack

Townsend, the charming, hospitable and poor chap who asks for her hand in marriage. Will Catherine go against her father and wed Morris or risk losing her one chance at

Performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre of Hobart Taylor, Sr. building. Admission is \$1.50 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for the general public.

contact the drama department at (409) 857-2356 Monday -

honored with other former at the anniversary convocation. directors and supporters are invited to attend the Gilpin alumni, teachers, beginning with registration from 11 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served from noon -1:15 p.m., followed by a campus tour from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The convocation, featuring Gilpin alumni, will go from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.,

> Last fall, the Gilpins won five awards for their performance of Euripides' Medea at the 21st Annual College Theatre Festival in

with a reception to follow.

Under the direction of For more information, present director C. Lee Turner, the troupe performed before three standing-room-only audiences at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. -- as one of only six college companies in the nation appearing on the

American College Theatre Festival Program.

Their original musical cabaret Cotton Club Review swept most of the major awards at the Northwest American College Theatre Festival in 1983. They performed at the World's Fair in New Orleans in 1984, and their 1986 performance of The Shadow Box at the American College Theatre Festival won every major award.

SPRING MUSIC EVENTS

April 13: Dr. Danny Kelley and student Kelvin McClendon

April 14: Angela Hines in voice recital

April 16: University

April 27: University Percussion Ensemble

Palmer Sees Singing, Acting in Future

took long hours rehearsals, meetings, interviews and just the jitters all through the show. Amazingly enough, though, these were not her most difficult times.

"My walk, that was the hardest thing for me," she mused, referring to her poise in the swimsuit and evening gown segments of the pageant.

During the practices and preparations, Palmer said she and the other contestants grew closer as the pageant neared.

"Our friendship grew a lot during the pageant," she said. "We supported each other."

She described the other contestants as being nice, friendly, very ambitious and very beautiful.

So far, she said, she is honored and happy with her new title, despite numerous duties, interviews and appearances.

"Even though it's busy, I love every minute of it," she said. "I wouldn't give it up for Despite her new position

and, with it, new responsibilities, Palmer says she is basically her old self. Aside from calling her "Miss Prairie View," her friends still approach her and say hello and

they exchange hugs. She says they still love her and she still loves them.

Her future plans call for ambitious goals, including singing and acting. "I want to be the first

award-winning black female country vocalist," she said. She would like to join the

ranks of her favorite country performers like Reba McIntire, K. T. Oslin, Randy Travis and Charlie Pride She also said she

eventually wanted to go into movies and television. Of course, with hobbies like singing, acting, dancing, writing and drawing, those goals are definitely within

"First, I want to do a little work in the theatre because I have something to prove," Palmer said, referring to her major studies in Theatre Arts. Then, she said, she will

branch out into dramatic film and television projects. This is after she enjoys all

her winnings from the pageant, including luggage, a scholarship for the fall and spring, Miss America jewelry, a \$1000 wardrobe budget and a trip to the Bahamas.

As for now, however, it is back to business as queen. She must prepare herself for the Miss Texas Pageant set for July 5 - 8 in Fort Worth. She said she is quite confident of her chances, just by her performance in the Miss PV

"It's going to be a good year and we're going places."

Wreck 2nd at Crossing

cont'd from front page

"We didn't find the guy's daughter for a while because she was in the bushes, wrapped around a telephone pole."

Prairie View police speculated that Price may have been blinded by the sun or had his vision obscured by sand piles along the tracks. Witnesses at the scene said the train had been blowing its whistle constantly and that the

sound could be heard all the way to the campus of Prairie View A&M University while the train was still in

Elements of the Prairie View and Prairie View A&M University police, Waller County Sheriff and Constable, Department of Public Safety

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FEATURE

Highlights of the 1989-90 Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant









Photos by Jeffery Armstrong

Talent Stands Out Most At Miss PV Pageant

By Kimetris Baltrip Staff Writer

Mary Ann Palmer was crowned Miss Prairie View A&M University 1989-90 at the 20th Annual PV Scholarship Pageant April 1.

Palmer, a 21 year-old junior Theatre Arts major from Bellville, Texas, earned her title with a rousing adaption of Reba McIntire's *Little Rock*, a country/western song.

Though Palmer was the first contestant ever to sing a country/western song for talent, she received a standing ovation at the end of her performance. Accordingly, she won the special talent award.

Palmer said she began preparing for the pageant in the spring of 1988. She said that, after attending the 1988 coronation of Rachelle Fisher, Miss PV 1988-89, she knew she wanted to be queen.

"I feel God has predestined my life," she said.

The new Miss Prairie View also offered some advice to future contestants.

"Set your goals and reach for them because the sky is the limit to what you, I and everybody can have," she said.

Palmer heads to Fort
Worth in July to compete in

the Miss Texas Pageant.

Monique Woods, who performed a modern jazz dance routine, won 1st Runner-up position. She also shared Best Interview with another pageant contestant, Sonja Howard.

Linda Platt took second Runner-up with her rendition of Bette Midler's classic *The Rose*. She was also voted Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

Entertainment for the pageant was provided by Miss PV 1988-89 Rachelle Fisher; Dominique Eagleton, 1st Runner-up to Fisher, and Theresa Scott. Miss Prairie View 1970-71, Margaret Penn-Sherrod, served as emcee for the pageant.

Frederick Roberts served as executive director for the event, with Lia Berry producing, Emile Evans, 2nd runner-up to Miss PV 88-89, directing and

Todd Davis serving as assistant director.







FEATURE

KPVU: Behind the Scenes of PV Radio Station

By Tatia Epting Feature Editor

-- a voice without a face. These Prairie View A&M University. voices tell who is singing the songs, what time of day it is and what type of song is being junior from Houston, began

much as a second thought as to hosts the Monday, Wednesday who is speaking. Haven't you and Friday morning gospel ever wondered about the people programs. When asked what behind these voices?

bring you the quality listening Each morning, students experience are Ancheska wake up to the soothing English and Claudia Sutton sounds of KPVU gospel. In the for the Gospel program and afternoon, they relax to the Mia Cogell for afternoon Jazz. rhythm of KPVU jazz. Each All three ladies are disc spun is preceded by a voice communications majors at

The Morning Hosts

Ancheska English, a played, among other things. working at the station doing All of this information is news and Public Service being provided without so Announcements. She now prompted her to do this show

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A.E.: " I wanted to do a radio show and gospel was all that was available."

T.E.: What type of

response are you getting from your listeners?

A.E.: " The response from the listeners has been positive. I've just finished emceeing a concert for Bethel Baptist Church in Sealy. A minister Gospel. She will be doing some Gospel promotions in Austin this summer.

Afternoon Jazz From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mia Cogell begins to wind us See "KPVU" page 15



Mia Cogell happily spins discs for her afternoon KPVU audience



Secretary Finds Life At KPVU Easier, Less Hectic

Mrs. Willie Mae Bolar is the secretary for KPVU. Her job includes answering the telephones, doing clerical work, typing up letters for pledges and other duties to merous to describe fully.

Though she has been at KPVU only one year, she has been at Prairie View for nine. She says she likes working at the station because the working atmosphere is somewhat more leasant than her last position Isewhere on the campus.

"I enjoy working with the tudents and staff," she said. "It

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who listens to the Gospel program called and asked if I would do it. I had a good time. It was fun."

T.E.: What is your over-all opinion on KPVU's formats?

A.E.: "I feel that they have mproved their selection of music. There seems to be more structure."

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Claudia Sutton, a sophomore from Austin, brings yet another quality listening experience.

For Sutton doing a Gospel morning show is just her way of letting her light shine.

"Through gospel music I feel I can reach a larger majority of people. I love it when people call in even if its only to say hi," she said.

There are, of course, some drawbacks to do a show like this so early in the morning.

"I guess the worst part is having to get up at 5:00 a.m. or if I am in a bad mood," Sutton said. "But, somehow, when I began to play the music it puts me in a good mood and I don't worry about it."

Sutton plans to stick with



PV Grad Turned Program Director Wears Many Hats

Larry Coleman, graduate of Prairie View and program director for KPVU, feels his job requires him to wear many

"As Program Director it is my job to see that there is proper staffing personnel and programing, which is the music talk shows, and underwriters," he said.

Coleman stated that prior to beginning his career at KPVU, he spent one year working at KYOK in Houston. Right after he finished his undergraduate studies, he

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FEATURE

Other Side of Coin: Life at the 'Other' A&M

By Mildred Charley & Fredricka Poindexter Staff Interns

Close your eyes. Closed? Good. Now take a deep breath and concentrate. You're naked and white and standing in the middle of a shopping mall. Not just any shopping mall, but a mall filled to capacity with

Michelle Brenckman, author of a recent article in Gigemag (a publication distributed at Texas A&M) about Prairie View A&M University titled "Impressions of a White Woman in a Black World," cited this unsettling experience as tantamount to what she felt at PVU.

"People, young and old, look at me suspiciously; many young black women return my smile, but others turn away. Young male students either ignore my presence completely or draw attention to the fact that I don't belong," the article

Brenckman quickly inserts the fact she attended a predominantly black junior high school during the late 60's, a school which she say was recently in the news for suspending "gun-toting students and staff."

Even these outstanding credentials were not enough to prepare her for what she encountered here at PVU. The reporter was amazed to find that rather that running around in tattered slave garb, many of the students were well-dressed and a few had traded in their mules and wagons for some pretty nice cars.

It was the reporter's intention to maintain a low profile and, as unobtrusively as possible, observe student life first hand and photograph the new buildings on campus.

"It is my plan to determine whether the predominantly black university is still segregated by design or by choice," she said.

Her initial impression of there being no whites at PVU was quickly proved wrong as she saw several white, Hispanics and Asians interacting with blacks on campus.

Brenckman talked enjoyed it here. The twins Prairie View, Brenckman chose specifically with Denny and admitted that the original Danny Singleton, two reason they came to Prairie chemical engineering majors from Houston, who said that attending a predominantly black university took some getting used to, but that they

View was because of money provided to them under "minority scholarships."

Despite the positive things these people had to say about to focus on a recent letter-tothe-editor in The Panther concerning excessive violence on campus. Gary Smith, the author of the letter likened the atmosphere here to that of "The Wild Wild West." Frequent

battering were among the violent instances he named.

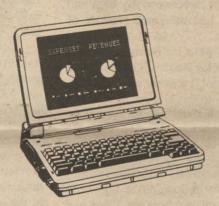
Overall, Brenckman's article leaves the reader with the impression that PV

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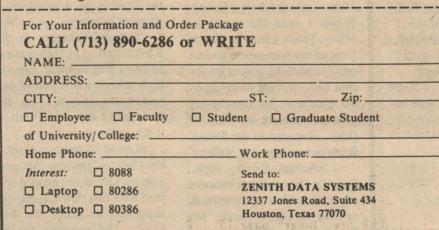
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Best & Worst Moments for PV's Athletes

By Kevin Lyons Sports Editor

Roger Staubach and the "Hail Mary." Franco Harris and the "Immaculate Reception." These are just a few of the famous names and moments that have forever etched themselves in the history of sports. There have also been some not so great moments in sports history. Daryl Dawkins and his "Chocolate Thunder" dunks that resulted in two shattered backboards. Kansas City Royal all-star George Brett and the infamous "pine-tar" incident. These are also sports moments that will remain in the minds of the participators, and spectators for years to

What about the Prairie View athletes? No, none of them have experienced a recent high that comes with winning a NCAA Championship. However, the local Panthers here have had their share of great moments, as well as unforgettable foul-ups.

Following are the recollections of some athletes and coaches' greatest, and/or most disappointing moments.

Robert Atkins, Head Women's Basketball Coach: "My most embarrassing moment came in my rookie year in pro ball while I was with the St. Louis Cardinals. We were playing the Baltimore Colts, and Johnny Unitas threw two touchdown passes against me. That same year,

area, and you

we played the New York Giants, and at the end of the game, I had a drive stopping interception that clinched a victory for us."

Theo Berry, Soph. forward: "In high school, I slipped and fell on my rear end as I went for a layup. It seemed like the whole crowd laughed at once. My greatest moment had to be when I hit a three-point shot against Alding

Vernon Bland, Jr., Pitcher: "When I was in little league, my mother came to see my first game, and I let a ball roll right in between my legs, and we lost the game because of

Mia Bonds, Sr., Track&Field: "Once in high school, I was showing this guy how to throw the shot-put, and as I walked off, he hit me in the back of my leg with it. My greatest moment came when the daily paper in my hometown, Atlanta Journal

Constitution, did a big write up on me because I led our track team to the tournament." Dickey Brooks, Asst.,

Football: "My senior year in high school, I punted the ball straight up in the air a net total of two yards. My greatest moment came when I was a freshman at Alcorn State, and we beat Mississippi Valley, with Willie Totten and Jerry Rice, for the National Black

Championship. "Wham" Phealan Coleman, Jr., Tennis: "My moment in the sun has to be when I was in high school, and I beat a guy that was ranked 44th in the nation."

Jim Duplantier, Head Men's Basketball Coach: While I was the coach at Wiley, I took a team to play in front of my hometown, and we only scored 12 points in the first half, en route to losing by 40 points. As coach, my greatest moment is when we (PV) advanced to the SWAC

finals before losing to Valley.' Michael Ervin, Soph., Guard: "My greatest moment came when I had a reverse dunk against Southern during my freshman year at PV"

"My most embarrassing moment came when I was all alone on a fast break, and I threw up an air ball. I was so embarrassed that I laughed at start of a race, I let out some

Scottie Fizer, Jr, Football: 'After winning the state high school championship in wrestling two years straight, I was beaten by a novice in my

Douglass Fowlkes, Asst., Football: My most embarrassing moment came when I played college ball for Central State, and we played Tennessee St., and Ed "Too Tall" Jones ran over me for a

Leonard Gant, Soph., Basketball: "My greatest moment was when I hit 8 of 8 free throws down the stretch in our first victory ever at Nicholls State."

Robert Harper, Jr., Baseball: "My greatest moment came when I hit a three run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel my high school to victory."

Lamar Holt, Jr., Basketball: "My greatest moment came in the last TSU game when I had 9-three point shots, 35 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 assists.'

Barbara Jacket, Women's Track Coach: "Winning our first outdoor AIAW National Championship has to be my greatest moment."

Pop Jackson, Asst., Football: "My greatest moment came when I was the QB at Texas A&I. We were down 23-7 with seven minutes to go, and I ended up throwing three touchdowns, and running for another in a spectacular comeback victory."

Jefferey Junigan, Soph. Basketball: "My most embarrassing moment came in high school when one of my teammates got sick on the floor, and I slipped and fell in it during the game."

Lewis Lopez, Soph., Football: "During the past year vs. UAPB, we needed one yard for a first down, and I was supposed to make the key block. Unfortunately for the

Alice Ferrell, Jr., Fwd: running back, I ran the wrong way, and the ball carrier was crushed."

> Mary Miller, Sr., Track and Field: "Right before the gas, and the runner next to me took off because she thought they had started the race."

Victor Pegram, Sr., Football: "At Hillcrest high school, I was running down the field, and my jockey strap broke. I had to wear the coaches' underwear for the rest

Kevin Phillips, Fr., Football: "In the high school regional playoffs, the center hiked the ball through my legs and into the endzone. The other team fell on the ball, and won the game by six points."

Michael Prince, Jr., Baseball: "Last week in practice, the ball took a wild bounce, and hit me directly on top of my head."

Tyrone Sapenter, Sr., "My greatest Football: moment was when I ended up third in the nation in interceptions with seven."

Dragobert Sharp, Sr., Baseball: "In high school, the opposing pitcher walked the batter in front of me thinking that he could get me to strike out. Instead, I hit a grand slam

Celisha Shy, Jr., Track and Field: "After running a relay race in Tuskegee, I tried to run to the bathroom. My urine ran faster than I did."

Joan Simmons, Track and Field: "In high school, I was still warming up, and the other people were at the starting line about to start the race."

Tom Sonnicksen, Head Volleyball Coach: "I blocked the wrong guy in a high school

Steve Stevenson, Soph., Basketball: "In a game against Grambling, I had five dunks."

John Tankersley, Head Baseball Coach: "In high school, I intercepted a pass, and ran 85 yards to the opponents three vard line."

Harold Tucker, Jr., Football: "In high school, we (Houston-Yates) won the state See "Moment" page 15

For The Record...

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60th Annual Prairie View Relays @ Blackshear **Field Results**

Freshmen Division

Javelin 1, Derrick Levi, Grambling, 165-0. 2, Louis Neteria, SUBR, 122-1/2. 3, Gerald Whiteside, PV 105-63/4. 4, Don Bullock, SUBR. 102-7. 5, Ronald Pugh, Grambling, 55-11.

110 Hurdles 1, Larry Moore, Blinn, 13.60. 2, Gerald Arceneau, Blinn, 13.77. 3, Anthony Gooden, Grambling, 14.10. 4, Phillip Sheffield, PV, 15.55.

10,000 Meters 1, Alberto Lopez, Blinn, 31:39 2. Jullian Gullory, SUBR, 32.97. 3, Eddie Williams, Jackson, 33:03.20. 4, Shannon Fields, PV, 34:01:42. 5, Aristead Clayton, SUBR, 34:25.83. 6, Chris Grant, SUBR, 35:20

400 Hurdles 1, Gerald Arceneau, Blinn, 54.35. 2, Phillip Sheffield, PV, 54.45. Don Drummond, Grambling, 54.91.

Steeplechase 1, Shannon Fields, PV, 11:18.19.

400 Relay 1, Blinn, 42.43. 2, SUBR, 43.17. 3, Prairie View, 43.22. 4. Grambling, 44.26. 1500 Meters 1, David

Boughton, Blinn, 4:00.22. Charles Jones, Blinn, 4:08.19. 3, Williams, Jackson, 4:13.16. 4, Jullian Gullary, SUBR, 4:15.06. 5, Jeffries, Jackson, 4:00.20. 6, Dan Ingram, SUBR, 4:21.0

100 Meters 1, John Atwood, Blinn, 10.37. 2, Tony Johnson, PV, 10.38. 3. Otis Norman, Grambling, 10.60. 4, Darryl Lawrence, SUNO, 10.70. 5, M. Wilson, SUBR. 10.73. 6, Henry Stephen, SUNO, 10.99.

400 Meters 1, Lawrence Hicks, SUNO, 48.48. 2, Andre Brown, SUNO, 48.69. 3, Tony Johnson, PV, 49.36. 4, Torrence Earle, PV, 49.41. 5, Phillip Sheffield, PV, 50.24. Shawn White, SUBR, 50.75 200 Meters 1, John

Atwood, Blinn, 21.89. 2, Andre Brown, SUNO, 22.12. 3, Tony Johnson, PV, 22.61. 4, Lawrence Hicks, SUNO, 22.76. 5, Otis Norman, Grambling, 22.81 6, Shawn White, SUBR, 22.93.

800 Meters 1, Torrence Earle, PV, 1:57.99. 2, Darrius Frelix, Grambling, 1:58.55. 3, Charles Jones, Blinn, 1:59.09. 4, Arron Robinson, SUBR, 2:01.85. 5, Chris Grant, SUNO, 2:01.78. 6, Phillip Sheffield, PV, 2:04.95.

1600 Relay 1, SUNO 2, Grambling, 3:21.38. 3:23.99. 3, PV, 3:29.75.

Best Track Person: John Atwood, Blinn.

Best Field Person: Don Bullock, SUBR

Men's Division

Distance Medley Relay 1, PV, 10:07.26. 2, Jackson, 10:07.30. Blinn, 10:13.26.

400 Meters 1, Anthony Christie, PV, 46.79. Glennwood Jackson, SUBR, 46.92. Mettie, Blinn, 47.25. 4, Henry Brooks, Blinn. 47.61. 5, Mike Williams, Jackson, 48.27. 6, Joseph, TSU, 48.28.

High Jump 1, Tyson Bryant, PV, 6-4. 2, Jon Samuelson, Blinn 6-0.

Triple Jump 1, Marsillan Marshall, SUBR, 49-2. 2, Terry Gadson, Grambling, 47-3. 3, David Caddle, Jackson, 45-53/4.

10,000 Meters 1, Jamie Johnson, TSU, 34:00. 2, Demond Robinson, TSU, 34:41. 3, Aubrey Taylor, PV. 34:43.

3200 Relay 1, PV, 7:33.90. 2, Blinn, 7:34.63. 3, Jackson, 7:36.19.

Steeplechase Williamson, Jackson, 10:17.79. 2, Joe Leonard, Huston-Tillotson, 10:59.50. 3, Aubrey Taylor, PV, 11:13.82.

Sprint Medley Relay 1, Jackson, 3:26.65. 2, PVU, 3:27.27. 3, Grambling, 3:27.28

Hammer Throw 1. Axlid Andres, Blinn, 153-8. 2, Rod Jones, PV, 142-6. 3, Gabril Olapeo, TSU, 107-71/2.

5000 Meters 1, D. Smart, Jackson, 16:29.36. 2, N. Goodwin, TSU, 16:29.50. Williamson, Jackson. 16:59.98. Johnson, TSU, 17:29.21. 5, D. Roberston, TSU. 18:42.15.

Shuttle Hurdle Relay 1, Blinn, 59:00.64. 2, PV 1:01:08

1600 Relay 1, Blinn, 3:10.99. 2, Jackson, 3:12.67. 3, PV, 3:14.62. 4, SUBR, 3:19.05. Grambling, 3:23.70.

Best Track Person: Anthony Christie, Prairie

Best Field Person: Anders Axlid, Blinn Junior

Women's Division

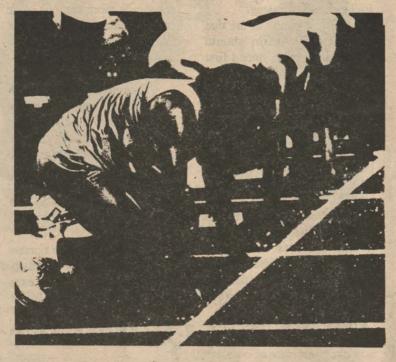
100 Hurdles 1, Hope Obike, TSU, 13.44. 2, Cheryl Dickey, TSU, 13.47. Carol Jones, SUBR, 13.50. 4, Melody Dawkins, TSU, 13.52. 5, Marcie Cotton, SUBR, 14.70. 6, Rene Caine, SUBR, 15.14.

400 Meters 1, Marilyn Dewarder, Jackson, 54.44. 2, Chikpe Okeke, TSU, 56.78. 3, Rhonda Lampkin, PV, 57.22. 4, Mary Miller, PV, 57.22. 5, Shana Ford, PV. 57.98. 6, Barbara Smith, PV, 58.16.

400 Hurdles 1, Hope Obike, TSU, 1:01.87. 2, Kim Bagley, SUBR, 1:04.38 3, Theresa Ford, PV, 1:06.65. 4, Rosemary Nannuka, TSU, 1:06.66. 5, Marcia Cotton, SUBR, 1:12.12.

200 Meters 1, Wanda Clay, PV, 24.90. 2, Sonya Davis, SUBR, 24.91. 3 Terri Clayton, PV, 25.11. 4, Clocia Nosegbe, SUNO, 25.66. 5, Melody Dawkins, Grambling, 25.34. 6, Mary Miller, PV, 25.57.

3200 Relay 1, Jackson, 9:15.76. 2, PV, 9:44.70.



A Scene from the 60th Annual PV Relays

Triple Jump 1, Cathy

Richards, Jackson State,

40-31/4. 2, Chandra

Williams, PV, 38-81/4. 3,

Raquel Andrews, PV, 38-0.

Andrews, PV, 19-10. 2,

Catherine Richards,

Jackson, 19-9. 3, Marsenna

46.55. 2, PV, 46.74. 3,

TSU, 11.02. 2, L.

Eismokumab, TSU, 11.47.

3. Terri Clayton, PV, 11.52.

Shy, PV, 2:11.39. 2, Ester

Liverpool, Jackson 2:20.21

3, Patricia Jones, SUNO,

Davis, SUBR, 5-6, 2,

Patricia Jones, SUBR, 5-4.

3, Raquel Andrews, PV, 5-2

1:39.90. 2, SUBR, 1:41.25.

TSU, 145-1/4. 2, Rhonda

Rogers, PV, 122-11. 3,

Benita Mays, TSU,

3:49.62. 2, Jackson,

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NEWS

SGA Presidential Hopefuls Offer 'Views' on the Issues

Austin asks, "How can she improve food service if she isn't using the services?"

Well, it seems to me that perhaps Mr. Austin should visit Alumni more since I first learned of Ms. Frazier's candidacy when I bumped into her eating dinner in Alumni Hall. Then again, that's just my opinion.

As for housing, Austin believes that resident assistants (RA's) should receive more responsibilities and incentives, such as free housing. Though particular advancements in the health services were not mentioned. Austin did mention that for campus activities, we should have "Eighty-seven (87)

percent more parties on campus on Thursday" in order to encourage more campus pride so that students will have the incentive to work hard to achieve a better Prairie View.

Sound familiar?

Though I persisted with "the issues," the interview consisted mostly of why Kail Austin is qualified for the office of SGA president and why Francine Frazier is not. Because the campaign's already marred by mud-slinging, I'll just stick to Austin's qualifications.

In addition to the current SGA responsibilities, Austin is a member of the Texas Student Coalition for Higher

Education, the Texas Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and is a participant with the Texas State Student Association. Austin stresses that

students from other universities must know that Prairie View is major factor in decision-making when it comes before the Board of Regents. According to Austin, Congressman Wilhemena Delco, at a recent meeting of the Texas Legislature, said, "Kail Austin is the key to keep the network going." This was in reference to Prairie View's recent rise of respect with the Legislature and the A&M Board of Regents. Austin's contact with the A&M Board presidency. Jordan's campaign Prairie

tuition " opponent, Austin stated that "Francine has plenty of time to get experience. She still has an interview at press time. three years to go as an engineering student. Perhaps the date for SGA election is she should choose to work announced. The SGA belongs with me and learn, then she can to the student body at Prairie offer the students more View. Take the time to find long-term service when I am out where the candidates stand no longer here."

The decision is yours. Remember, Robert Jordan and

modest response was "I have Charrisse Galloway are also the political ability to maintain candidates for the SGA of Regents to better life for manager Kyle Brown stated View that they wished to let the students...especially flexible other candidates speak their mind before coming forward Wishing not to express ill with the real issues that are feelings toward his primary truly important. Galloway recently announced her decision to run and was unavailable for

> Don't forget to vote when and vote intelligently and not

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students are busy dressing up in our designer clothes. cruising around in foreign luxury cars and flitting about in front of new state-of-the-art structures, giving little regard to the reason we're here -academics.

When night falls, those of us who are not exhausted from our grueling day of intense styling and profiling (not to mention staring down poor defenseless Gigemag reporters) don our wild west apparel and proceed to shoot and beat up on one another. Sound like the Prairie View you know?

What happened to Brenckman from the moment she arrived on PV's campus? Did she unwittingly step from her car into the "Twilight Zone?" Or had she, in fact, left a nightmare back at TAMU?

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Inquisitive as always, The Panther set out to TAMU to check out what may be called "the other side of the coin."

Missing the opportunity to catch scenic farm road 1488 into College Station, we arrived on Texas 6, driving up University Boulevard to the entrance of the campus. What? No foreign luxury cars here!

Instead, students resemble oversized kids rolling around campus is Ford Broncos and Cherokees, making their presence known by weaving and plowing their way through the other vehicles who dare not give them respect. After viewing these spectacles on wheels, it was no surprise when campus security bucked by in his life-sized Tonka imitation -- yes, a Ford

Undoubtedly, this rugged form of transportation greatly contributed to the abundance of jean-clad bodies topped with printed tee-shirts and accentuated with sneakers or the oh-so-common cowboy boots. After being in such a casual setting where every person, place or thing had the TAMU insignia attached to it. no wonder Brenckman was so in awe of the nicely dressed students here at PV.

But there are a number of impeccably dressed students marching around TAMU sporting neat crew cuts and nicely shined black boots. They all belonged to the Corps of Cadets, which is not well-received on the campus. Mari Beth Messineo, a senior marketing and management major, cited this as a problem at the university.

"Many people have bad attitudes towards other groups and dislike the Corps and the Greeks," she said.

One of the first black students we met happened to be a member of the Navy-Marine Corps. Steve Miller, who is also sophomore class president. seemed reluctant to comment upon the attitudes toward the Corps and other groups. He did not mind answering questions on a more personal level, however, and he mentioned that a big incentive for him to attend TAMU was the scholarship he received.

Many other students agreed that had it not been for the money, they more than likely would be attending other universities right now. Trudy Carpenter, a junior architecture major from Fort Worth, made it no secret that she was there for the money (not unlike the Singleton twins from PV).

Our initial impression was

that there were few blacks at TAMU, and we were right on target with the first blacks we met being students from our own institution. Like everyone else around there, the first TAMU blacks that we came into contact with rushed about as if expecting the Apocalypse at any moment. Fortunately, we were able to locate some students around noon at the Memorial Student Union, which bustled with students socializing, snacking and buying paraphernalia for their TAMU collections.

It was here that we met Kirk Harris, a senior psychology major. By the many students who walked by and smiled, greeted or stopped to talk to Kirk, we assumed that his existence there was basically carefree.

Kirk disagreed. He acknowledged that though he has a charismatic personality that allows him to interact brawl. with all kinds of people, he still has had some problems at the university.

He and other black

students complain that, socially, they have had a very difficult time. Derrick Frazier, a football player majoring in education, said that there is just not much for black students to do in College Station. In fact, he wanted to know if PV was having a party anytime soon.

Kirk remembers having been asked to leave parties on a couple of occasions and attributes this to a sort of covert racism which exists there. He further noticed that when around him white males try to "get hip," slapping high fives and such as if expecting him to start rapping at any

Though racial incidents have not been as frequent at TAMU than at many other major universities in the nation, a mutilated bird was found in the shanty which sits in the middle of campus to commemorate the struggle for freedom and equality that has been raging in South Africa.

Students say other types of disturbances occur and pointed to the fights which sometimes break out at parties sponsored by various groups. Although they weren't likened to the gun battles in the wild west, they could conceivable be on the level with a good old barroom

Wait! Let's stop this foolishness. Prairie View was started 111 years ago with " a

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NEWS

KPVU Keeps Campus Ears Occupied

third semester on the board.

However, I did get some

experience in my home town

in the summer of '87 while I

Bolar from page 10

is a big difference from the

other department that I worked

in. The pace here is a lot less

taking care of usual busy duties

throughout the day, she does

manage to take time out to

listen to some of KPVU's

quality music. In fact, wherever

she is working, either in

KPVU's main lobby or at the

computer in the office of

department secretary Vanessa

Jackson, a radio is always

Coleman from page 10

returned to Prairie View to get

nis Masters. Halfway through

the program, he was offered a

full-time position at the

Coleman says that he

enjoys working with the

students and staff and that

everybody is like family.

tuned into 91.3 - FM.

Bolar added that along with

was at U.C. Davis.'

hectic.

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down with her mellow jazz and slow music. According to many students, it is the second most listened to program at the station, after Darren Dunn's late night show. Her show happens when most students are either finishing class or have only more class for the day and are in their rooms. For the listeners in the surrounding communities that receive KPVU's signal, her format provides a relaxing way to forget about job pressures and the frustration of rush hour.

Cogell, a sophomore from Sacramento, California started at KPVU doing Jazz and R&B. She briefly switched to Urban Contemporary before going back to what she describes as jazz and a "slow R&B "

T.E.: "What do you like most about your format?

M.C.: "The music is relaxing. After I put on the music I can just sit back and listen. I really like that. I like it better than the Urban Contemporary that I used to play last year."

T.E.: How long have you been doing radio?

M.C.: "This will be my

Wreck from page

troopers, Prairie View and Waller Volunteer Fire Department, Waller EMS and Waller Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded immediately.

Traffic was snarled for two hours as officers, fire fighters and paramedics extracted bodies and searched for wreckage.

Initial fears of fuel spills or leaks from the train's numerous fuel cars disappeared when officials determined the cars were empty, PV Volunteer fire firefighter Gary Smith said. According to Smith, the train appeared not to be damaged, but official word was held until

officials of the train's company arrived at the scene. According to records, the

accident was the second such incident at the Hwy. 290 - FM 1098 crossing this year. Overall, it was the sixth train-car collision since January. Two accidents happened at Hwy 290 and Old Houston Highway. Two Waller High School teens died in an accident in Waller in February and another man barely escaped with his life a week later when a freight train sheared his truck cab off the same crossing.

None of the crossings have

Cogell even has her own unusual way of signing off. Today, it's Miles Davis at the behest of her sister, but most

of the time, it's one certain song at the end of her last hour, In the Mood by Gerald

KPVU.

she said.

"I leave them (the listeners) 'in the mood'."



Prairie View graduate student Karen Valdez takes time out to accept flowers after her recent recital in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

Emergency from page 4

Frazier asked all students to keep their eyes open and proposed patrolling the halls.

One student suggested that doors be bought that lock from the outside and not from the inside (unlike the present doors which lock from both sides to ensure safety) since the doors cause fire hazards.

Frazier then recapped on the senate's proposal asking the student body to write letters to be sent in one package to different authorities of the Texas A&M System.

Audience members

gates to stop people from

crossing nor do they have

signal lights to signal the

accidents, the town of Waller

talked to the Texas State

Railroad Commission for

an index used by the railroad

lines using the tracks. The

index calculated the number of

accidents per crossing to

determine which crossings

should get emergency signals

based on the number of

After the February

approach of a train.

disagreed with Frazier saying that one standard letter sent with a petition signed by the student body would be more

After much debate, a unanimous decision to draft a standard letter along with a petition and individual letters from the student body was

The emergency meeting was prompted due to a fire that alarmed students on April 2 in Banks Hall.

Hot coals buried near a leaking gas pipe set off an was stopped.

effective.

explosion, causing the fire. Officials said if a gas

pocket had formed under the building, a whole wing of the building could have been blown off

The dormitory was evacuated and no injuries were The person responsible for

burying the coals was identified and charged by security with reckless damage and destruction.

The damaged gas meter was replaced and the gas leak

Moment from page 12 -

championship. In that game, I had a clothesline tackle that had the crowd on their feet."

Tommy Washington, Soph., Basketball: "In high school, I ran head first into my teammate during a game. I was knocked unconscious for about six seconds."

minority-oriented vision," according to Brenckman and, although, she feels that the vision has expanded in "scope and purpose," PV and TAMU are two very different universities born out of different circumstances. So different that we contend that PVU is not the offspring of TAMU as Brenckman suggests in her reference to it as the parent school/alter ego of PVU, but is the stepchild in a less-than-nurturing

Brenckman said her plan was to discover if PVU was segregated due to design or

choice. Was her goal accomplished? Our visit to TAMU was an attempt to mirror her methods and, by example, test their

We conclude that one day is not enough to accurately depict the climate at any university. Why didn't Brenckman visit any classes or talk with any administrators?

investigation can only merit a superficial article.

real look at PVU, Brenckman, take off about four years, step outside your preconceived notions and give us a call.

Jackson from page 5 -

Department; Waller County Historical Society Board of Directors: Waller County Historical Commission member; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Lone star Lodge #85 (Prince Hall Masons); Prairie View city councilman; Prairie View Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee chairman, and a member of the Prairie View National Alumni Association.

Commander Jackson is a Mississippi.

School, Luling, Texas. He is the son of Robbie

and Louise Jackson of Luling and is married to the former Vanessa Williams of Jackson,

1969 graduate of Luling High

accidents and fatalities.

William Wooley.

Assistant, Football: "My greatest moment has to be when we beat Southern 20-14 last year.

gates. Town officials were told AXVI from page 14 then that they would be put on

predominantly

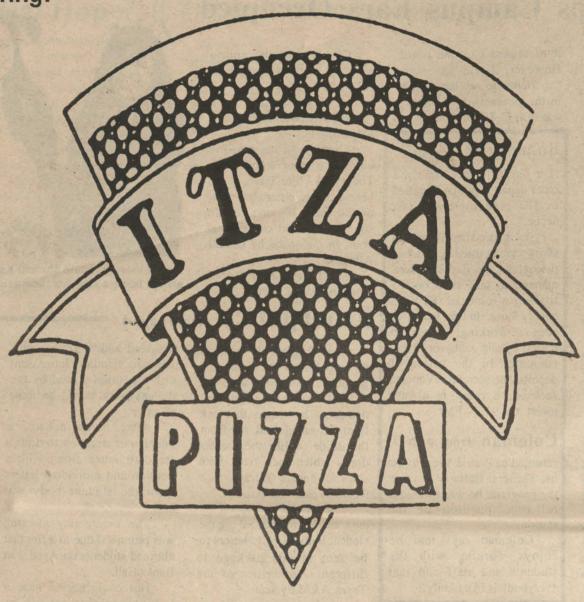
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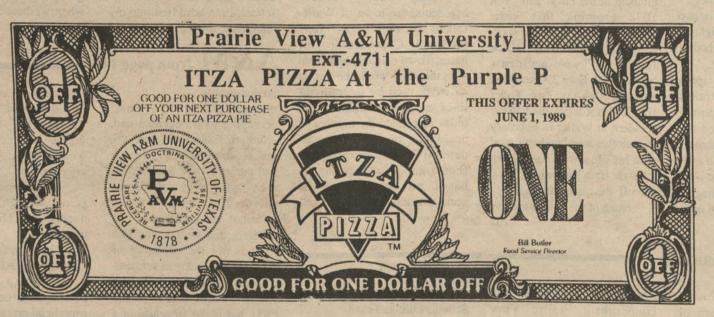
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