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# The Panther



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Marcus Garvey in Harlem during the Renaissance, a highlight of Black History

## Gillespie Wows PV

Jazz Septagenarian Gives Concert, Workshop

By Mildred Charley  
Staff Intern

He walked jauntily onstage, a little over five feet, grey-haired, and decked out in a sporty jacket and cowboy boots.

"Gillespie is my name and music is my game!" he told his audience, punctuating the declaration with a toss of his head and a thrust of his hips.

Dizzy Gillespie, recently named Chief of Entertainment is a Nigerian town and Lifetime Achievement Grammy winner, dazzled students and faculty alike in concert Feb. 15 in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

Charming the crowd, the 71-year-old artist sprinkled his performance with French phrases, rhythmic twists and grinds. He then put his finger to his lips and inflated his face to incredible

proportions, leaving no doubt as to who he was.

John Birks Gillespie, who was born in Cheraw, South Carolina in 1917 and who won fame with Thelonius Monk, Kenny Clarke and Charlie "Bird" Parker for creating Be-Bop, showed why his music form changed the face of jazz forever.

Before the concert, Gillespie conducted a workshop in the Hobart Taylor band rehearsal room. He sat in the middle of a circle, surrounded by young musicians, leaned back comfortably in his chair and regaled students with colorful anecdotes.

Gillespie told students that he got his first taste of music at the age of 12 when instruments were first brought for his elementary

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## ΔΣΘ Hosts Sweetheart Ball

By Don Gray  
Op-Ed Writer

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held its second annual Sweetheart Ball on Valentine's Day. Attire for the celebration was formal/semi-formal, with music provided by disc jockey Cedric Topps of 2 Nasty Productions.

Despite Topps' title, the mood was set for a pleasurable end to Valentine's Day.

Despite a delayed start, couples were photographed and danced until almost midnight. Though there were initial problems with beverages, the

Deltas still made the night a memorable one with plenty of good music and conversation.

"At first, they had some trouble with the punch and the food, but overall it was a really nice get-together," said one guest, a junior undergraduate studies major. "I enjoyed the music, especially when they ended it (the ball) with an Al Green song."

"The decorations were beautiful," another guest commented. "The ball was the highlight of my Valentine's Day."

One pleasurable observation was the presence of military  
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The Prairie View Trail Riders stopped by the campus last week for a big barbeque in front of John B. Coleman Library. The event was a break from the trail riders annual trek to the Houston Rodeo.

# EDITORIAL

## Opportunity Knocks Once

Recently, the Banneker Honors College sponsored a graduate career festival, which was attended by such schools as University of Texas @ Austin and schools from the Big Ten Conference such as Northwestern University. They offered degree plans, information and scholarships and fellowships to interested students. Unfortunately, not too many students took advantage of the festival.

With the pool of Blacks in graduate schools declining and more and more positions opening up, but requiring a Master's degree, it is a shame to squander such opportunities. More school may not sound so nice, but a few years down the road, when you are thinking about trying for a high-level position, you may think back to this opportunity that only knocked once.

### A Hand to Gilmore

The Panther applauds Dr. Robert Gilmore for his work on fighting drugs in our society. He, as Director of Urban Minority Programs, and Black churches in Houston make up the Houston Crackdown on Crack. Targeting 500 volunteers, trained in six-week programs, Gilmore hopes to reach 100,000 people in the community.

We applaud his work and the work of the churches in actually standing out and doing something. All talk and no action can be just as deadly as giving crack to a person. Hopefully, crack can be stopped, but it will take the efforts of the community as a whole to stop drugs from ruining our society.

### Let's Not Join Those Good Ol' Boys

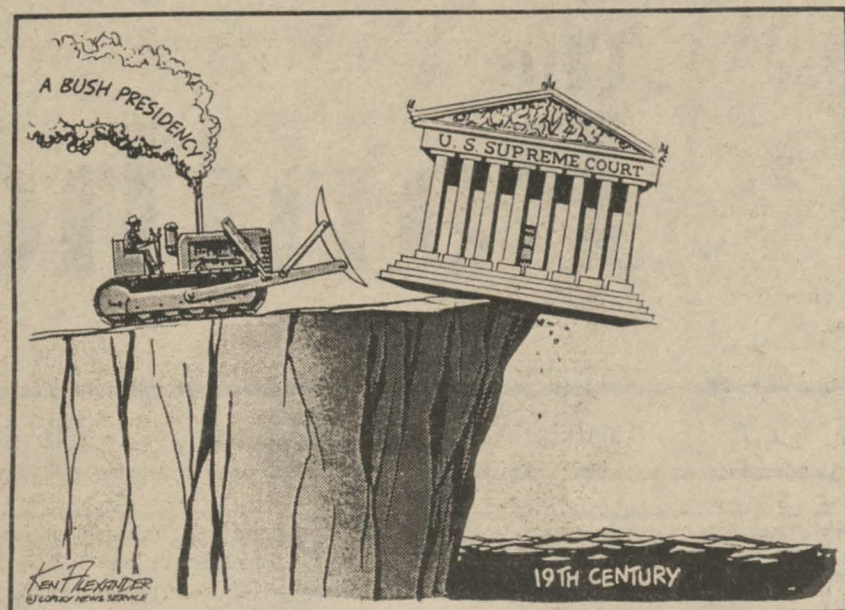
A great many gains can be had from the current football strike. We should go back to making academics first and football second. If the football players don't go pro (which is likely for most, since few players nationwide go pro), they will need something to fall back on. Such allegations as holding back on scholarships, buying books late and canceling study hall with late practices won't work. We've already seen what bad habits have done to the likes of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Houston, Texas A&M, TCU and SMU. We don't need to join those Good Ol' Boys, too.

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## Letters-to-the-Editor

### Consistency is the Name of the Game

By Fredricka Poindexter

Registration only comes once a semester and each time it is handled a different way. Yet, the same sort of problems still exist. This is not to suggest that Prairie View is unique in its complications; many institutions, big and small, famed and unknown, know the frustrations of the registration process. This is not even about registration in particular.

It is, however, about emphasizing the fact that Prairie View needs to achieve a certain level of consistency in its processes and policies if it is to function in a smooth and professional manner.

A random following of procedures is not appropriate at a university that is being so closely scrutinized by so many. It is not really appropriate anywhere.

How much easier it would be if students could get their mail at approximately the same time everyday, if the services rendered in the lines at the fiscal office were not changing with the passing of each day, and if well-intentioned organizations

received uniform treatment by the university.

Prairie View is a great institution that has been known to

turn out brilliant individuals. It can salvage that image by eliminating inconsistency and unprofessional attitudes.

#### Rubes By Leigh Rubin



"Not much in the way of mail except your human rights newsletter. Want me to read it to you?"

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# OPINION

## When We Was Young -- Slap Me Five...et al

"Hey, Bro', what's happenin'?"  
 "Not you."  
 "Aw, Man, why you wanna do me like that?"  
 "Man, you know the other day, some dude over on Jefferson got busted by the cops."  
 "What'd he do?"  
 "Man, he was sittin' there by the fire alarm and he says - - - (pulls alarm), right? Suddenly, this cop car comes around and he went 'Yo, let's book.' So, we split. The dude tripped over his Converse laces and hit the pavement face first, right? Man, you shoulda' seen his face, all buked up. Everybody be cappin' on him now."  
 "Yeah, I know who you be talkin' bout, too. He got 50 stitches and his mother had to come get him out the police station. I ain't hangin' around that cat no more."  
 "I'm hep, think I'm lyin'."



### The In-Between Side...

Gregory M. Smith Editor-in-Chief

We're jammin' in Apple Caps and hats like J. J. wore on *Good Times*, listening to the Hues Corporation, The Sylvers, Sylvester, The Jacksons, Earth, Wind & Fire, The Commodores, The Ohio Players, Donna Summer, Average White Band and...the Village People. We're likely wearing turtle-necks, jeans and Converse canvas sneakers or loud print shirts, bell bottoms and elevator shoes, all with giant AFROS (Talk about torture. Pulling out fingernails is nothing compared to running a hot comb or pick greased with Afro Sheen through an Afro).

"Disco Duck" and "I Will Survive" are blasting the airwaves.

Tapes of Kool & The Gang and K. C. & The Sunshine Band sit on the eight-track tape player. Somewhere, 50,000 black dudes are imitating Rick Barry, Dave Cowens, Walt Frazier, Dr. J and Tiny Archibald. The top television shows are *Good Times*, *Sanford & Son*, *That's My Mama*, *The Jeffersons*, and *What's Happenin'*. Funny, how all the women on these shows are either fat or spewing the gospel. Hollywood stereotype? Late nights are spent watching classic movies like *One Down, Two to Go*, *Three the Hard Way*, *Shaft*, and *Penitentiary*, with such stars as Fred Williamson, Richard Roundtree, Jim Kelly,

Jim Brown, Isaac Hayes and Leon Isaac Kennedy. Nope, nothing like watching Shaft, Cleopatra Jones and Kansas City Mack take out 500 white guys with submachine guys to stop big white villains like Ed McMahon.

Boy, those were ethnic times. Fortunately, today's times are much better. The Black lifestyle is much easier to follow today. So, let's rejoin our speakers from the beginning, as they talk in today's English:

"Yo, Cuz."  
 "Nothin', Man, just chillin'."  
 "Say, Cuz, check out these new Jordans, only busted me for \$85 on sale."  
 "Shiiii---, my homeboy back at the crib, Man, paid \$50 for a new pair of BK's."  
 "Hey, whatever, but mine'll hold up better in the paint. Just come and watch me."  
 Oh, well...

## Prairie View: What Can You Do for It, Not It for You

By Don Gray  
Op-Ed Writer

I'm sure that by now we all realize that we have been celebrating Black History Month. As usual there have been tributes, reflections, and praises that will remind us of how far we have come and the struggle it took to do so.

While I understand the importance of this (especially to the younger generation who may or may not have been exposed to positive black role models), being the narrow minded person I am...I tend to relate every other thing to our beloved Prairie View. I wonder how many of us realize that 'the hill' is rich in its own history and is a perfect tool for you (YES YOU!) to become a positive role model for those around you. I'm sick and tired of hearing "...at a white university..." As reflected upon in my earlier series, the only situations that can exist are the ones we allow to exist. Rather than cursing and acting ignorant, why not unite and make some positive Prairie View history? I suppose you're saying "So what is Mr. Gray trying to say?"

Let's break it down: We all know where all of the pains in the

neck are here on campus. Take for example Fiscal Affairs. We're all familiar with the massive cluster that occurs when we only have at the most, four persons to handle the financial matters of almost 5000 students...all of whom seem to have waited until the last minute to pay their fees. We all bitch and moan, but once you get through that short line and pay your fees without a hassle (What a dream!) what do you think? Obviously this is a situation that needs to be corrected but hey...I've finally got my fees paid so now I'll just cruise my silver Toyota with the gold Mo-Mo's and elbows until the next time. WHAT!? Are we as students at a historically predominantly black university not the decisive instruments in bringing about social, political and economic changes both at Prairie View and the world?

If you think it's important, let's make some history (not by burning down the campus fool!) and free ourselves and the faculty/staff from the improprieties that prevent them from performing the services at a level that Prairie View deserves. We are the key to Prairie View's future. We must

kill the attitude that reflects "I'll just get my degree and never come back." As we grow and continue to move on we must remember that not only is Prairie View here to serve us, but it is our obligation and duty to serve Prairie View. Prairie View's growth must reflect the true needs of our student population and not the disproportionate allocation of

funds (there's alot of money flowing through here folks!) that successfully creates a better looking university while leaving the central network that operates the proud Panther tradition in shambles. So what can you do? Well the Panther belongs to you. Send in your questions and suggestions. Let's put our fraternities, sororities

and student government to work by offering positive support and time spent on the job. Through patience and perseverance we can and will make history right here at Prairie View A&M and continue the legacy so that our younger generation will look to 'the hill' as a teacher of goodness, discipline and knowledge...and of course the freshest parties on the planet!!

### Black Colleges Key to Future History

Not so long ago, the idea of attending a college if one were Black (or colored or a Negro or, as most Whites preferred, "Nigger") was out of the question. The idea of using the same bathroom as a White or the same table as a White in a restaurant was unheard of. Even riding the bus was a trial as most people can attest to with a quick look at Rosa Parks.

However, if it were not for Blacks, many of the gains this country has would not have been possible. If George Washington Carver had not gotten his college education, there might be no such thing as peanut butter and the South would have been ruined.

Charles Drew surely could not have gotten the insight to make

blood plasma without some medical learning. Daniel Hale Williams certainly didn't perform the first open heart surgery using his imagination. Colleges have produced a multitude of Black talent, from engineers to farmers to nurses to soldiers and sailors to artists like Mal Goode and Lionel Richie. Even the likes of Run-DMC, Whodini and Tony! Toni! Ton! have completed degrees.

The bottom line is to stay in school and get an education. It is the one sure way to make it in today's world, whether one is Black, white or brown. Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King had degrees (in fact, King had a Ph. D.) Look what they have

achieved.

A quick look into the past shows what can happen to something in the hands of the uneducated, such as Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Amin, Duvalier, etc. The poorer and more uneducated they are to the ills and wrongs of society.

Black colleges and universities will be here, somehow, in some form or another. What they really need are hardworking students with a willingness and a commitment to learn.

Don't forget the past and don't neglect the future or there may not be a "past" for the future generations to look back on.

# NEWS

## Banneker Career Fest Offers Master's Choices

By Fredricka Poindexter  
Staff Intern

Encouraging students to look past undergraduate degrees and pursue advanced ones was the object of the 2nd Annual Graduate and Professional School Career Festival last week.

The event was sponsored by the Banneker Honors College and the Office of Counseling and Career Development.

Representatives from many of the Big 10 universities, the University of Texas at Austin and some other area schools talked to students about graduate scholarships and fellowships for minorities. They informed students on the curriculum and programs offered by their respective colleges.

The representatives also recruited students for summer programs which would give them some experience in various areas of research, a significant part of graduate school.

Though the student attendance to the career festival was not as high as expected, the ones who did attend took advantage of the information that was available to them. Tracia King, a management major, felt the festival was very worthwhile.

"Students were exposed to different graduate and professional schools and thus can start filling requirements early," King said.

The representatives were equally excited about the career festival which was unique in that the first day's activities were held at the Ramada Inn Northwest

when, traditionally, such events are held on campus. Many who attended the festival thought this effect drew in the students who were really interested.

"We must look at the pluses

desire to draw minorities into going beyond the bachelor's degree. The recruiters felt that events such as the career festival are crucial to halting the rapid decline in the percentage of

students to the campus." She said she felt "this is the best way for Northwestern to sell itself, dispel the myths and make students realize that Northwestern is a viable option."



Tracia King and Duane Jubert, students in the Banneker's Honors College discuss their futures with representatives from UT-Austin at the Career Festival.

of having it away," said Dr. Ronald Sheehy, dean of the Banneker's Honors College. "Recruiters are tired of the same old thing. This creates a new atmosphere."

Both the honors college and the career festival are rooted in a

minorities, particularly Blacks, enrolled in graduate school.

The universities vie for those students who are considering working on advanced degrees. Leila Edwards of Northwestern University said their (the recruiters) goal is "to try and bring

Though the graduate and professional school festival is over, students can still find out about the options by contacting Ms. Brenda Lorick in the Office of Counseling and Career Development.

## Volunteers Extinguish PV's Fire Woes

By Theresa Wade  
Staff Writer

The Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department is organized for the purpose of protecting the city of Prairie View, as well as the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

Established in 1986, its headquarters currently is located at the campus fire station, next to the police station. Because the city does not have a place to house its trucks and equipment, the university has agreed to do so, in return for protection of the campus. To date, however, funds have been allocated by the State of Texas for the city to build its own firehouse. Construction has started and should be completed by the end of the summer.

The fire chief and the principal coordinator of the fire station is Officer Ken Mask, of

the campus police. Others on campus have also been "instrumental in the operation of the fire station," said Frank Jackson, Director of Auxiliary Services and a volunteer fire fighter. They include Chief of Police Rayford Stephens, the various dorm directors, and students Charles Adams, Stephon Ruff, Tim Gordon and Gary Smith. All of volunteers and have helped keep the station running.

The volunteer fire department is kept operating by money from fundraisers and donations. It

## Ministers' Conference Rescheduled

The 31st Annual Ministers Conference, originally scheduled to be held Feb. 7-8 at Prairie View A&M University, was postponed when the university closed due to the recent cold spell and icy road

conditions.

Rev. W. Van Johnson, dean of the Johnson-Phillip All-Faiths Chapel and conference coordinator, said the new date for the conference is April 4 & 5.

# NEWS

## CHISPAS Explains Self in New Column

CHISPAS (Coalition for Hispanic American Students) was organized for the purpose of keeping and recruiting Hispanic students at Prairie View. Since Prairie View was integrated approximately 10 years ago, the flow of other minorities into the university has taken a slow, but successful turn.

Many still believe that Prairie View is only a Black university and therefore do not attempt to apply for admission. Fortunately, with the help of our administration, Prairie View is actively engaged in recruiting more Hispanics to come to our university.

Many of these applicants have never even heard of Prairie View, much less even know where Prairie View is located. We are very fortunate to have a sponsor, Col. J. E. Pennywell, who is sincerely interested in making sure that our goals are met. Also, our new Hispanic counselor, Mr. Antonio Gonzalez is working to increase the Hispanic enrollment at Prairie View. Along with this, we will also be seeking more Hispanic staff and professors to become a part of this university.

From the past, we have learned much from our black brothers and sisters and we feel

that they are responsible for opening the doors for us. The many sacrifices that were made, back in the 60's, are motivation enough for interested Hispanics to get on the bandwagon and begin to shoot for the stars -- through education.

Unfortunately, the Hispanic community also suffers from a high percentage of high school dropouts, poverty, drugs, low self-esteem, motivation and little recognition. However, there are those self motivators and self-starters who want to take on the world. These individuals are the ones who succeed -- no matter what cultural background they belong to. We have many at Prairie View who are unique in their families. It seems that Troy, Jasper and Jose are the only family members who have their eyes "set on the prize" -- the presidential seat, perhaps?

Of course, these are only daydreams, but even dreams come true -- only if we stop dreaming

and wake up, make things really happen. Remember King, he had a dream and this dream is still materializing today. His prayers

are answered even though there is still much left to do. Remember Jesse in '88; follow him through 1992 and see what happens. You

know Henry Cisneros, mayor of San Antonio -- watch him, too. Martin, Jesse and Henry had dreams, but these individuals did

something about them.

The success of Blacks and the increasing Hispanic population

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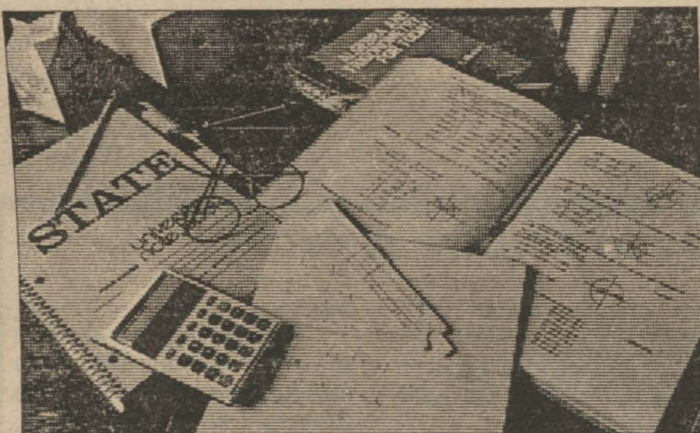
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# FEATURE

Movie Review

## The Fly II -- Not Quite Like Father, Like Son

By Jeffery Armstrong  
Managing Editor

What has four legs, is very slimy, and about as scary as ever? No, it's not that animal you used

to see running through the cafeteria. It's *THE FLY - II!*

*The Fly II*, which was the number one movie at the box office during the weekend of February 12, is the gory sequel about the son of mutated scientist

Seth Brundle, the original *Fly*.

The movie, which is a must-see for those who loved *The Fly*, deals with the treatment of Martin Brundle (Seth's son). Martin looks totally human but was born with his father's mutated

chromosomes, which are dormant until he starts maturing. However, he does have distinctive inhuman characteristics: he ages rapidly, has superior knowledge, and never sleeps.

Martin is told by evil doctors

at Bartok Laboratories that he has an aging disease and that's why he is more mature than other kids his age. The doctors give him injections of water everyday, making him think that they are curing him. Mr. Bartok, the evil owner of Bartok Laboratories, deceives Martin into thinking that he cares about him while actually wanting Martin to become a fly so he can do research on him.

Martin eventually catches on to Bartok and feverishly tries to cure himself, with some help from his love interest, Beth. Martin does turn into a fly but still devotes the rest of the movie to curing himself and getting revenge



on the people responsible for his current situation.

*The Fly II* has some wild and scary scenes, but there are some sentimental scenes as well. It's the perfect sequel to *The Fly* - it has all the gore and slime of the predecessor (maybe more) and it's the type of movie in which the plot can be understood even if you haven't seen the first film.

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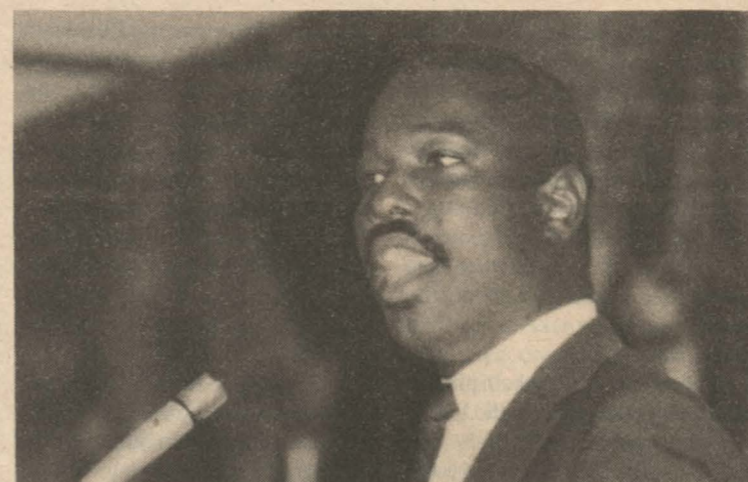
# FEATURE

## Drugs, Suicide Attempts Spur Prof. to Save Others

Dr. Robert McKinley Gilmore, Sr. an assistant professor in the Communications Dept. at Prairie View A&M University, from all appearance he is successful, happy, and satisfied with his life goals. Married, the father of two boys, involved in church, community, and charitable activities-it almost appears that he has been in this ever positive mode for the past ten years. Talented in broadcasting, public speaking and a host of related areas-it appears that he can accomplish just about any ambition that presents itself to him. But, just 15 years ago Dr. Gilmore was a junkie, hooked since the age of 13 on a variety of pills, weed, heroin and speed. The Houston native grew up in the heart of what is known as Third Ward, across the street from the Cuney Home Housing complex.

This dynamic story almost ended in tragedy, when Dr. Gilmore attempted suicide twice, while stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Phillipine Islands. As a young Airman, the availability of drugs and alcohol was easily obtainable and used by a large percentage of troops. One of the most devastating factors in this story is hopelessness and lack of motivation to succeed in the world.

His is a story that is being played out by millions of Americans today, with the onslaught of crack, alcohol, designer drugs and every legal drug that is abused by parents, children and young adults. But, the question is how does a man, woman or child after being a drug addict, left in the streets to die,



Dr. Gilmore

come back to achieve the goals that Dr. Gilmore has? What is the secret that he used to become a shining example that even if you fall to the dangers of drugs, you can still get up and be a success. This story story is inspirational, sometimes even unbelievable to the point of checking the facts and making sure every detail is correct.

From a "Drug Addict to a Doctor", and now working to train over 500 members at the Independent Missionary Baptist General Association headquarters from 100 local Houston-Galveston churches to take this battle to the front lines, in each and every community. Dr. E. Stanley Branch, Moderator of the Association stated that, "Gilmore is our man. God has a special task for him to deal with this problem, he is trained and well educated, and he has been to Hell and back". The training has started intensive six-week sessions, assist family members, develop resources and most of all to open up the Church to anyone in need

of serious help, in dealing with the problem. This program is a first of its kind in Houston, Texas and the United States. It serves as a model for other Associations and

community interested groups to use in the community.

Dr. Gilmore and his wife, Letha; developed a new theory called "Affective Communication" and a model entitled, "How to Develop a Personal Communication Network", this dynamic theory uses practical approaches in dealing with the tragic trauma of drugs in the home, community, school or wherever it may be found. Both are sought out to tell this story of how we can best be prepared to deal with the problem that has warranted center stage in America. One of the major concerns that they share is the fact of how so many people believe they are helpless in this war and really don't know they have the power to deal with this problem and with

the individuals that are involved in it.

Central in this success story is his mystical relationship with God and how there must always remain a spiritual connection to Jesus. That one name, Dr. Gilmore states, "Started me on a journey towards eternity", indeed he is grateful in the opportunity to be of service to others and tell his story of success. If you would like to know more about the training classes or would like to contact

Dr. Gilmore, call the Association Office Building at (713) 524-1893 or Prairie View at (409) 857-2229. Whatever you do, Dr. Gilmore says never give up hope, because

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# SPORTS

## Pierre Orders Internal Investigation of Strike

By Kevin Lyons  
Sports Editor

Dr. Harold Bonner, Vice-President of Administration is heading an internal investigation concerning the alleged complaints of the striking Prairie View football team.

Bonner, along with Linda Berry, coordinator of the Accelerated Learning Resource Center (ALRC), have been ordered by University President Percy Pierre to get to the bottom of the football strike that has left Athletic Director Brutus Jackson with a "temporary reassignment" until the investigation is over.

In a prepared press release, Jackson gave his reasons for his temporary departure from the A.D. post, "I support the investigation, however, in order that there be no appearance of influence on my part in any manner in this investigation, I have requested a temporary reassignment of duties within the university outside of the athletic department. The

president is in support of my decision, and has agreed to honor my request."

Jackson was unavailable for other comments on the strike matter, and will be on a two week vacation leave of absence.

The football players have blamed the two week old strike on head coach Haney Catchings' alleged disregard of their academic status, and his inhumane coaching drills. According to team spokesmen Herman Moore, and Richard Black, Catchings' disregarded a study hall set up for the team. However, University President Percy Pierre says that those allegations are not totally accurate. "Yes, Catchings did cancel the study hall, but it was at the recommendation of the ALRC. The ALRC offers tutors in a lot of courses, and Catchings felt that the ALRC would do a better job of helping the football players with their classes than the study hall."

"I believe that as far as the study hall is concerned, it is more

of a problem because the football players cannot study as a group in the ALRC like they could as if they were in the study hall set up for the athletes," stated Elaine P. Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs. "I think that they (football players) depend on each other for reinforcement when they study in a group. To them, the ALRC seems to take away from that concept."

Many of the football players feel that Catchings was the blame for the majority of them not receiving their books. "I'll be the first to admit that there was a big book problem with books last semester throughout the entire athletic department," explained Dr. Harold Bonner. "The students were allotted \$100 dollars for books, but the athletic department simply ran out of budget. Right now, I am in the process of finding out why the department ran out of money."

According to Bonner, there is a book library in the basement of Hilliard Hall for the student

athletes. There are used books in the library so that the athletes can use the books that they need, and use the \$100 for books not in the special book library. However, many of the books supposedly added new editions, making the old books unusable. These new editions allegedly put a big stress on the academic budget, thus the campus wide book problem for the athletes.

As far as the financial aid situation is concerned, Pierre says that Catchings has nothing to do with financial aid money. Pierre refused to lay the blame on anyone, and said that the problem merely centered on a lack of communication. "The fiscal and athletic departments usually work on different time schedules. The fiscal department will send bills to the students hometown address, creating an impression in the students mind that their bills are not being paid, when in fact, they are being paid. It's just that the athletic department has not relayed the information to the fiscal

department," stated Pierre, who is to step down from the presidency on May 31.

No one in the athletic department would comment on the strike matter, however, women's track coach Berbera Jacket did comment on the way that the media is treating the issue. "Prairie View is never given it's fair share of coverage. If a Houston-area school wins the SWAC or the SWC, the headlines would be in big bold letters. However, when PV wins, you have to use a microscope to find the article. Now we have something negative happening to the university, and you got reporters renting cars to come down here. It's a shame that mess like this sells newspapers."

The investigation is expected to end sometime next week, and according to Pierre, it is not expected that anyone will be terminated.

## Holt, Dunlap Burn Delta Devils 82-73

By Kevin Lyons  
Sports Editor

Guards Lamar Holt and Ricky Dunlap sparked a 17-4 spurt at the end of the first half to propel Prairie View past Mississippi Valley 82-73.

Tied up at 34 with 3:42 remaining in the first half, the Panthers scored ten straight points on two 3-point shots by Dunlap, two Lamar Holt free throws, and a reverse layup by Michael Ervin. Senior-center Roderic Coleman sank two baskets to bring Valley to within 44-38 at the 1:30 mark of the first half. However, the Panthers continued to put the offensive pressure on the Delta Devils. Michael Ervin got loose on a fast break that resulted in a jam, and Lamar Holt hit a three pointer and a short jumper to end the half. This spurt put the Panthers up 51-38.

Prairie View continued it's hot shooting with a 14-8 run at the beginning of the second half. The streak started with a free

throw by Steve Stevenson, and culminated with Lamar Holt's sixth three-point shot of the game. Holt's basket gave the Panthers their biggest lead of the game at 65-46 with 13:53 remaining. The Delta Devils never got closer than eight points the rest of the way as Prairie View improved their season record to 9-13, 4-7.

Lamar Holt led the Panthers with 20 points including six 3-pointers. Holt also dished out 14 assists. Ricky Dunlap had 12 of his 14 points off of three point shots as he and Holt combined for 10 of the teams 11 three-pointers. Steve Stevenson dominated the inside game with nine points, nine blocked shots, and 17 rebounds. Prairie View shot a season high 54 percent from the field in avenging an earlier 97-65 loss to Valley.

Last years NCAA three-point champion Timothy Pollard led the Delta Devils with 21 points, Jammie Johnson had 20 points, and Reginald Brown added 16 points and 16 rebounds.

## Women Take SWAC Indoor Crown

By Kevin Lyons  
Sports Editor

Women's track coach Berbera Jacket led Prairie View to their seventh SWAC indoor track and field title in the last eight years on Feb. 18 in Monroe, LA.

Sparked by the field performance of Raquel Andrews, Prairie View edged Texas Southern by three team points after finishing in second place last year.

Andrews was named the outstanding field performer by finishing second in the long and high jumps, and by finishing fourth in the triple jump.

Chandra Williams was the only first place individual finisher from Prairie View as she took the triple jump title with a jump of

39'7". The team of Celisha Shy, Barbara Smith, Tonya Jenkins, and Toni Byrd finished first in the 4x800 relay with a time of 9:49.34. Clay and Smith along with Mary Miller and Rhonda Lampkin gave Prairie View a first place finish in the 4x400 relay. Their time of 3:53.59 was almost a full two seconds ahead of the Texas Southern relay team. This finish, and Raquel Adams' second place finish in the last event (high jump) clinched the victory for the Prairie View women's track team.

Earlier this week, the track team prepared for the NAIA Indoor finals which are to be held this Friday in Kansas City, MO.

Coach Jacket gave her thoughts on the upcoming tournament, "Weylan Baptist has

been the past favorite, but all the teams are tough going into the finals."

Jacket, whose track teams have won 14 NAIA national championships, is not doing anything drastically different in preparing the team for the finals, "The other morning, we got up at 4:30 a.m., and later we did a little swim work, but if you don't have it now, you never will," stated Jacket.

If any coach can win the NAIA on credentials alone, then Jacket's team is the odds on favorite. She has been on the Olympic Development Committee was an assistant track coach during the Pan American Games, and was the head coach for the Americans during the World Championships in 1987.

# SPORTS

## Tigers Paw Panthers 75-68

By Kevin Lyons  
Sports Editor

Stevenson with :06 left to send the game into overtime.

Grambling State overcame a 16 point second half deficit, and made six straight free throws in the final 1:03 in rallying past Prairie View 75-68 in overtime.

Trailing 38-22 with 17:50 remaining in the second half, the Tigers went on an 18-8 run in the next ten minutes to pull to within 48-40. After Dwain Cunningham's tip-in gave the Panthers a 50-40 lead, the Panthers were held to free throws in the remaining 6:52 of regulation. In this time, Prairie View was outscored 19-9, as Grambling got 10 points from Terrel Wesly, and seven from Claude Newell. Newell's last points during the run came on a game tying layup over Steve

In the extra period, Ricky Dunlap hit a three-pointer to give the Panthers a three point lead with 3:06 remaining. Claude Newell hit a three pointer of his own to bring Grambling back to a 64-64 tie. Prairie View jumped back out in front with two Michael Ervin free throws. However, the Tigers hit five straight free throws to take a 69-66 lead. With 1:39 remaining, Lamar Holt took the inbounds pass and sank an apparent three-pointer. After play resumed on the Grambling side of the court, the head official stopped action, and signaled that Holt's shot was only a two-pointer. Prairie View coach Jim Duplantier yelled furiously as the point was

being taken away leaving the Panthers on the short end of a 69-68 score with 1:10 remaining. Prairie View never recovered as Grambling State went on to hit the clutch free throws to win the game, and send Prairie View to it's sixth straight conference loss.

"The game should not have went into overtime," stated Panther coach Jim Duplantier. "We missed too many free throws, and Grambling deserves all the credit for their victory. We just should have won the game in overtime."

Michael Ervin led Panther scores with 17 points, while Steve Stevenson had 13 rebounds. Claude Newell led Grambling scores with 28 points, and Terrel Wesley added 24.

## Devils Blast Lady Panthers 91-66

Patricia Hoskins scores career high 47 points

By Kevin Lyons  
Sports Editor

Senior-center Patricia Hoskins scored a career high 47 points, and added 12 rebounds as Mississippi Valley crushed the Pantherettes 91-66.

Hoskins, whose previous career-high was a 45 point outburst against Jackson State last year, scored 30 points in the first half as the Lady Devils jumped out to a 50-35 halftime lead. At one point in the first half, Hoskins scored 12 straight points to catapult Valley from a slim 12-9 margin to a commanding

24-10 lead.

Valley got it's biggest lead of the game at 67-41 on a jumper by Hoskins, and a free throw by Crystal Kyles. Cydney Pennie and Alice Ferrell led the Pantherettes on a 20-5 run in the next four minutes of the contest to bring the Lady Panthers to within 72-61 with 7:49 remaining. It was as close as Prairie View would get, however, as Valley closed the game out on a 16-5 spurt to erase any hopes of a Prairie View comeback. With the loss, the Lady Panthers fall to 7-16, 3-8 (SWAC).

Alice Ferrell led the Panthers

with 19 points, while Cydney Pennie and Fredrica Burnice combined for 21 rebounds. Maravalyn Snell added eight assists.

Hoskins was 19 of 30 from the field, 3 of 3 from three-point land, and 6 of 7 from the free throw line in compiling for more than half of the Devils total points. Sophomore-guard Donna McGary added 15 points in 29 minutes for Mississippi Valley State University.

The 91 points scored by Valley added to their NCAA leading average of over 88 points per game in womens competition.

## Baseball Season off to Slow Start

By Lelah Mosley  
Staff Intern

The Panther baseball team has started off to a shaky beginning with only one win in six games. Panther baseball coach John Tankersley says that the reason for the unfavorable showing is the fact that the team is very young, and there have not been any home games. "We are

still in the experimental stage," stated Tankersley. "Once we play a few games on our home field, things should start to go well for us."

In spite of their present showing, several players are performing quite well. Centerfielder Kenneth Robinson, catcher Robert Harper, and right fielder Tyrone Hamilton are among Prairie Views leading

batters, and their cumulative batting average is .364

Coach Tankersley is confident that the Panthers would improve their record, and was very optimistic about the future of the team. "It's hard to keep the morale of the team up," stated Tankersley. "If they continue to play together, I feel that they can end the season as one of the top teams in the SWAC."

### UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL	
02/25	at Alcorn State University.....7:30
02/27	at Southern University.....7:30
03/04	Texas Southern University.....7:30
03/09	SWAC TOURNEY in Baton Rouge, La.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
02/25	at Alcorn State University.....5:30
02/27	at Southern.....5:30
03/04	Texas Southern University.....5:30
03/09	SWAC TOURNEY.....in Baton Rouge, La.
BASEBALL	
02/24	St. Edwards University.....1:00
02/25	Lamar University.....1:00
02/26	Southwest University.....1:00
03/02	at St. Edwards University.....1:00
03/03	Jarvis College.....3:00
03/04	Texas College.....3:00
03/09	Sam Houston State University.....1:00
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2. Robert G. Clark was the first black elected to what office in Mississippi in the 20th century?
3. What 20th century painter is known as "the Father of Black American Art"?
4. Name the first Black man elected Phi Beta Kappa.
5. As of 1985, the only fully owned soft drink franchise is associated with what major soft drink company?

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6. Menes was the founder of what Egyptian Dynasty?
7. Ralph Bunche received what prize for his Palestinian mediation efforts in 1950?
8. What Black served as president of Georgetown University from 1873 - 1882?
9. Name the actor considered the first major Black star to appear in films.
10. Name the founder of the United Negro Improvement Association.
11. Name the first Black to become a Roman Catholic Bishop in the U. S. in the 20th century.
12. Mandinka king Sundiata's victory in the Battle of Kirini (1240 AD) is considered the beginning of what African empire?
13. Shirley Verrett is famous for her performances in what type of production?
14. Name the first Black person to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize for photography (1969)?

15. What film is recognized as the first animated film of Negro folklore to have a Negro narrator?
16. Rome defeated Hannibal at Zama in 202 B. C. with the aid of what Black warrior?
17. From what university did Martin Luther King obtain his Ph. D.?
18. Who was known for his "trumpet style" piano?
19. Who patented the first mechanical egg beater in 1884?
20. Who headed the first "official Black" Masonic Order, organized in the U. S. in 1787?
21. Name the first professional "Negro" baseball team organized in 1885?
22. Who was generally considered the first jazz musician to use the organ as a serious instrument?
23. The system of African Socialism practiced in Tanzania is called what?
24. Name the organization of Black members of the U.S. House of Representatives.
25. Name the largest Black

- church organization in America.
26. Name the first Black baseball player to lead either of the baseball leagues in home runs?
27. In the 1940's, what was the most widely read Black newspaper in the country?
28. Name the Senegalese leader and poet who wrote about "negritude."
29. Name the Black who invented a movable harpoon head which revolutionized the whaling industry.
30. Who was the first Black to produce a theatrical play on Broadway?
31. What organization did Malcolm X form after leaving the Nation of Islam?
32. Name the first Black to head a standing committee in Congress.
33. Who was the Black man who became the first American to gain fame as a prizefighter in 1804?
34. What Black invented the first machine for mass-producing shoes?
35. Name the first Black hired to

- play in the National Basketball Association.
36. What jazz great was known as "The Prez"?
37. Name the first Black to command an Army Air Base in the United States?
38. Name the first Black elected mayor of Washington, D.C.
39. What genre of entertainment were Bert Williams and George Walker best known for?
40. In 1923, who was the first Black coach in the National Football League?

- Answers:
1. Garret Morgan
  2. State Legislature
  3. Aaron Douglas
  4. Edward Bouchet
  5. Seven-up
  6. The First Dynasty
  7. The Nobel Peace Prize
  8. Patrick Francis Healy
  9. Bert Williams (1914)
  10. Marcus Garvey
  11. Harold Robert Perry
  12. The Mahian Empire
  13. Opera
  14. Moneta Sleet
  15. "John Henry and Ink Poo"
  16. Massachusetts
  17. Boston University
  18. Earl "Fatha" Hines
  19. W. John
  20. Prince Hall
  21. The Cuban Giants
  22. Fats Waller
  23. Ujamaa
  24. Congressional Black Caucus
  25. National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
  26. Larry Doby
  27. The Pittsburgh Courier
  28. Leopold Senghor
  29. Lewis Temple
  30. Canada Lee
  31. The Organization of African American Unity
  32. William Dawson
  33. Bill Richmond
  34. Jan Matzeliger
  35. Ed "Chuck" Cooper
  36. Lester Young
  37. Benjamin O. Davis
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# NEWS

## CHISPAS

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More upcoming events will follow in the next Panther issue.

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**Viola Ramos**  
President,  
CHISPAS

## Black History Program Date Changed

The Black History Month program that was formerly scheduled for February 7 at 11 a.m. at Prairie View A&M University at the John B. Coleman Library has been rescheduled for Feb. 27 at 9 a.m.

The speaker for the event will be Dr. Robert Smith. Smith will speak on "The role of the Afro-American Church in Economic Developments at Home and Abroad." The program will be held in Room 108, the Public Events Room, located in the west bay area, first floor of the John B. Coleman Library.

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# NEWS

## Anecdotes, Stories Highlight Gillespie's Student Workshop

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school and students were asked if they were interested in music as a career.

He was so small that by the

time all the bigger boys had taken the instruments they wanted, all that was left was the trombone, Gillespie said.

"I couldn't even reach fifth position," he remembered.

A short while later, he recounted, the boy next door got a

trumpet and, upon hearing the first bittersweet notes, Gillespie said he proclaimed,

"Amen, now that's what I

want to play!"

When asked at the workshop how he conceived "A Night in Tunisia," Gillespie replied, "I'll show you," and strode over to a piano to demonstrate.

Gillespie said he sees jazz coming together in the next 15 years and becoming one extraordinary sound. Ten years ago some drummers couldn't play a samba, mambo or calypso, he said. He envisions Latin, Cuban, Dominican Republican and Brazilian forms of jazz all merging and making Western music one.

"Then we will really hear some music!" he said.

Music students were excited about the opportunity to ask the musician questions and advice.

"He was very informative," Homer Smith, a sophomore percussionist, said. "It was exciting to hear a great musician talk about the history of music, I wish he could have stayed longer."

Sophomore music major, Kelli Hodges brought Gillespie's 1961 album "The Greatest of Dizzy Gillespie" to be autographed for the music library.

Gillespie's appearance and concert were a part of the Prairie View A&M University Performing Artist Series.

At the end of the concert, Gillespie opened the floor for questions and comments. Around 11:30 p.m., the crowd reluctantly filed out of the recital hall discussing their reactions and impressions. Perhaps one young woman's comment summed up the emotions of all when she stated simply,

"I feel dizzy."

## Sweetheart V-Day Ball

Cont'd from front page

uniforms and various sorority and fraternity pins. According to one guest, the presence of the pins indicated the support organizations on the yard have for one another.

"It's nice to see the organizations supporting each other," he said. "I hope this continues next year. I think Delta Sigma Theta really set the occasion for Valentine's Day this year."



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