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Courtesy of University Relations

Dr. Percy Pierre, in what may have been one of his last official acts as president of Prairie View A&M University, is seen here watching Texas A&M Regent John B. Coleman and wife Gloria cut the ribbon to Prairie View's new library. Pierre formally announced his resignation and will step down May 31.

Pierre Resigns President Will Step Down May 31

By Kimetris Baltrip
Staff Writer

Dr. Percy A. Pierre will step down as president to accept an endowed engineering professorship in engineering after leading Prairie View A&M University for six years. The resignation will go into effect May 31.

Pierre said he is content and feels that the objectives of the five-year plan that he proposed when he assumed the presidency have been met.

"I had some objectives in mind that I wanted to achieve in five years," Pierre said. "Most have been accomplished, but I am not suggesting that all that needs to be done has been done."

Pierre said there are simply other achievements he wishes to accomplish now. He said that his

endeavors now include writing about higher and technical education, organizing research and teaching.

Pierre's goal to teach was enhanced when he received the first Honeywell Professorship in Electrical Engineering, a position established with a gift from Honeywell Inc.

Pierre's five-year plan included rebuilding the campus' physical appearance, strengthening the curriculum, increasing a steadily declining enrollment, and increasing the number of administrators and faculty with Ph. D.'s.

Over five years, Pierre, with the assistance of the administration, fulfilled his goals by increasing enrollment by 25

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Concerned Educators Discuss New Test

The implementation of the new Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) in the fall and a concern for improving minority performance on state and national exams were major concerns at a recent faculty conference at Prairie View A&M University.

Titled "Preparing Students for the Year 2000: Rising Expectations," conference highlights included an address by Ohio State University's Dr. William Moore on developmental education. Margaret Lewis, Dean of Nursing at Florida A&M University and Johnnie Mills, Dean of Education at Jackson State University discussed improving minority performance on state and federal examinations.

In the final session, Dr. Joan Matthews, director of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's TASP, explained the new assessment programs and answered questions from the faculty.

PVAMU president Percy Pierre told the faculty that all segments of the university are concerned with assessment -- from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores of enrolling students to the Graduate Record Exam scores of graduating students, with numerous examinations and certifications along the way.

Pierre compared the new TASP exam to course prerequisites.

"If you can't pass basic reading and writing exams, how

can you pass an advanced English literature course?" he queried.

Pierre urged the faculty to decide what the prerequisites will be and to reinforce basic skills in all their courses.

TASP director Matthews explained that the program involves more than a test. In addition to diagnostic testing in mathematics and English, the program entails a wider advisement program, a placement program and a program evaluation, he said. He also said that TASP will be given at least five times a year and enrolling freshmen who do not pass must attend

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61 Panthers Make Who's Who List

The 1989 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 61 students from Prairie View A&M University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the

District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Prairie View are: Murphy G. Alix, Tracy Anderson, Jeffery Armstrong, Patricia A. Baker, Michelle Boyard, Teishya Brooks, Charmaine M. Brown, Kyle J. Brown, Patricia Callaway, Kendrick Curry and Caryn Davis.

Also, Elizabeth I. Davis, Beverly J. Dixon, Corrina Dixon, Sheila Deese, Gregory Edison, Equonda Ellis, Kevin B. Enders, Carolyn Ewing, Rachelle Collette

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EDITORIAL

Media's Euphoria - Laughing Gaffs

Not so long ago, a certain outgoing president commented that he believed Black civil rights leaders were perpetrating the idea of racism in America for their own personal ends, literally so they can keep their power.

"Sometimes I wonder if they really want what they say they want," Reagan commented. "Because some of these leaders are doing very well leading organizations based on keeping alive the feeling that they're victims of prejudice."

Behind that comment lies a very deep feeling and what you usually say on the spur of the moment usually is how you really feel.

This is no laughing matter, but then again, some things other public officials have said mistakenly on air are quite laughable.

For instance, we all remember Jimmy "The Greek" Snider explaining to an Arizona news crew how blacks were bred from the slavery days with big thighs just so they could play sports. Goodbye, El Greco.

Al Campanis, of the L. A. Dodger Campanises, once said on ABC News *Nightline* that blacks did not have what it took to manage a baseball team. Sure, you can point out Frank Robinson as an example, but let's not forget Billy "Waitin' by the Phone"

The In-Between Side...

Gregory M. Smith Editor-in-Chief

Martin.

Reagan, once during his weekly radio address, said, jokingly "I have just passed legislation outlawing Russia forever. We start bombing forever."

If you remember the last Houston election, Republican Louie Welch said, thinking he was off the air during a news show, "Shoot the queers."

" - Michael Dukakis in the '88

elections.

"Sure, I dare you reporters to hide in the bushes while I invite a bimbo over to my house, completely forgetting you're within 100 feet, while I proceed to **** * out the whole weekend, knowing full well my wife is away." - Gary Hart, who re-entered the 1988 race after this incident, but received only one vote (Seems like there should have been at least one more).

These are just a few but I had

to save the best two for last.

Last but not least is President Bush' error in thinking Pearl Harbor Day was September 7 instead of Dec. 7. Of course, as Johnny Carson later explained, if we had known it was Dec. 7, the attack by the Japs wouldn't have been a surprise.

Before I leave, though, I must include one more parting shot:

(Bush to reporters at Naval Air Station Chase Field in Beeville, Texas, when asked why he was there, said something many people thought he should have said six months ago):

"I'm going to shoot quail."

Prairie View Frustrates Parents, Students with Strange Alumni Practices

By Jeffery Armstrong Managing Editor

I have been attending this university for four years now and during these four years, I have come to expect certain things from this place, especially during the first couple of days back from the summer or winter holidays.

What I don't expect to happen is to be rejected from

eating in Alumni Hall the day before school starts because I don't have a fee receipt or a validated meal card. If you arrive on campus that afternoon, how are you going to get those things done? The campus is basically closed the weekend before school starts, except for the cafeteria. In my case, I had arrived on campus on January 15, 1989, which was a

Sunday, so there was no way in hell for me to get either of those chores done and with the next day (Rejection Day) being a National Holiday honoring Dr. King, I wasn't going to get them done then, either.

So what happens? I go to Alumni for breakfast on Dr. King's holiday with my sister and my father and they tell us that we can't eat unless we deposit three dollars each. My father expected to pay for himself to eat since he was a visitor, but he was highly upset at having to pay for us to eat when he's already paying for our meals in our tuition! To make matters worse, other students were also rejected that Monday whereas on the previous day, all they had to do was sign their names in a book

and go upstairs. What kind of crap is this?? My sister and I preregistered and received our dorm keys on Sunday. I'm sure there were others who did the same. It's obvious that we are enrolled in school. Why can't we eat the food we pay for without giving up extra money?

It seems like this is another tale in the never-ending saga of PV trying to take as much money from the students as they possibly can. This is one reason why many students have ill feelings toward this university. It's amazing to me to hear how many people say that they hate this school. (Are you listening, PV Administration?). Some people actually can't stand being here and it's a damn shame for them to feel that way. As for how I feel, I am just your

average schoolboy-bookworm who happens to like this university.

I hope that in the future the people who are in charge around here give more leeway to the students, especially when they first arrive on campus. It makes no sense to deny students eating privileges because they don't have a meal card or fee receipt and there's no way to get either of them that day. Don't discourage the students. They have just come back from a presumably fun holiday season - they should feel good about being back in school. Students are more important than money. Remember, without students, there wouldn't be any money in the first place.

Letters-to-the-Editor

Counting, Walking Better Ways than Fighting

It's beginning to look a lot like Dodge City around here. Prairie View seems to be returning to the days of the Wild, Wild West. Not a night goes by without the now familiar gunshots.

The end of last semester was concluded with an unknown gunman cutting loose with a revolver by Alumni Hall. His first shot nearly took off my head

On a more personal note are the frequent fights and beatings, most of which are related in some way to girls. I personally have seen many guys get into senseless fights over a girl. Even worse, I have seen and tried to stop some from beating up on their girlfriends.

What is the point, you're probably asking. The point is there is too much violence at

Prairie View. No violence would be nice, but unrealistic. We need to control our emotions and calm down. If you feel like you're going to lose it, then get away as fast as you can. Take out your anger in a more constructive way. Exercise or lift weights. Run or just take a walk. Don't let the anger get down to your fists or your pistol or your rifle.

Gary Smith Class of '89

NEWS

Legislation Effects Education Changes

By Leia Dunn Special to the Panther

The Texas Legislature passed a bill in May 1987 that calls for restructuring of the state's requirements for teacher certification. The bill mandates that after September 1, 1991, for a person applying for a teaching certificate in the state of Texas "must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major other than education."

Students entering Prairie View A&M University for the

first time starting in the fall of 1988 must receive a bachelor's degree in an academic area such as English or a Bachelor's Degree in interdisciplinary studies that include 18 semester hours in an academic specialization and 30 hours in a combination of academic areas.

Students currently seeking a degree in education will be required to complete their degree plan and the ExCET requirements by September 1, 1991 or they must pursue a different degree program.

After Sept. 1, 1991, 18 semester hours of education

courses will be required for the granting of a teaching certificate, except for certification in Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, Early Childhood Education or Special Education. Of the 18 semester hours, 12 hours will be education courses and six hours will be student teaching.

Dr. Paul Mehta, Dean of the College of Education, said the college is working with other colleges at Prairie View to develop degree programs that will combine the education courses and the academic courses. This will enable

students to complete the requirements for teacher certification while they are working on their bachelor's degree.

Because of the new legislation, some administrative changes have been necessary. The Department of Curriculum and Foundations and the Dept. of Elementary Education have been eliminated. The Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, headed by Dr. Daryl Wilcox, has been created to monitor education courses.

Dr. Willie Trotty, Associate

Dean, is the head of the Dept. of School Services that oversees the graduate school. Dr. Marion Henry has replaced Dr. Trotty as Director of Certification.

Dr. Mehta said the bill will not affect the master's degree programs.

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-22, 250 A Potrero Street, P. O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803. The contest remains open until June 30, to allow students ample time to enter during the spring or summer break. Poets who enter early will be invited to win another \$1000 grand prize.

Pastor Gives To Minister Fund

(University Relations) - Rev. A. D. McCraw, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Houston, recently donated \$1000 to the 110th Anniversary Fund of Prairie View A&M University. Rev. S. J. Gilbert, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in

dramatics or debating; 15 percent were leaders of musical groups; two percent were Eagle Scouts; 23 percent, JROTC or JNROTC cadets and two percent were U. S. Naval Sea Cadets.

Forty percent of the students were either president or vice-president of the student body, student government, school class

selected from each category as a winner in *Glamour's* Top Ten College Women Competition.

The 1989 Top Ten College Women will each win a \$2500 cash award and will be featured in *Glamour's* October issue.

For more information, contact: Linda Addlespurger 350 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017 (212) 880-8240

Interested students contact: Dr. Bie-Ching Chen Hobart Taylor Hall, Rm. 2C225 or call 857-4011 for more information.

Freshman Naval ROTC Freshman Class Bright, Varied

Cdr. Taylor D. Kelly of the Prairie View A&M University Naval ROTC unit recently released a profile of the NROTC Class of 1992. The data concerning the 50 freshmen indicates scholarship status, College Board scores, high school class rank, school honors and activities and racial breakdown.

Just over half the freshman class received four-year Naval

ROTC scholarships. Average scores for the freshman on the College Boards were 470 in Verbal and 515 in Math, with scholarship students averaging 543 in Math. Thirty-six percent were in the first fifth of their high school class and 43 percent in the second fifth.

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New Accounting Courses Offered Now

The Accounting and Information Systems Dept. has been restructured and now offers the following curriculums for majors:

- Accounting Major Requirements
- ACCT 3213 Interm. Acct I
- ACCT 3223 Interm. Acct II
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- ACCT 4213 Advanced Acct
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- ACCT 4313 Acct & Info Sys.
- ACCT Electives (6) (CPA Review) (Fund. Acct)

- Administrative Information Systems Majors Requirements:
- ADSY 3413 Datafiles & Database
- ADSY 3323 Adv. Bus. Comm.
- ADSY 3423 Info. Sys. Analysis & Design
- ADSY 4413 Dist. Intelligence & Communications System
- ADSY 4423 Planning & Mgmt.
- ADSY 4443 Adm. Info. Appl.
- ADSY Elective (3)

Attention! Students interested in enhancing their job qualifications should sign up for Datafiles & Database, ADSY 3413. This is the first time this course is being offered at Prairie View A&M University. A course of substance which will prepare you for the vigor of efficient management information procedures.

Datafiles & Database is

Poets, Models Sought for Publication

Prairie View A&M University juniors are invited to participate in *Glamour* magazine's 1989 All New Top Ten College Women Competition. Young women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in *Glamour's* 23rd annual search for ten outstanding students. A panel of *Glamour* editors will select the winners on the basis of their sole records of achievement in academic

offered Spring 1989 and is part of the new program of Accounting & Information Systems in the College of Business.

ADSY 3413 Datafiles & Database. Prerequisite: ADSY 3303. Interested students contact: Dr. Bie-Ching Chen Hobart Taylor Hall, Rm. 2C225 or call 857-4011 for more information.

studies and/or in extra-curricular activities or in the community.

This year, each winner will have the additional honor of being recognized as "Number One" in the following areas of study or interest: Creative Arts, Communications, Science and technology, Health, Public Service, Government and Politics, Business and Economics, Entrepreneurship, and Sports. One outstanding woman will be

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"Students are often winners in our contests, and we would like to see more students' poetry," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association. "We want to find undiscovered poets and give them the recognition they deserve. This year our winners will be published and publicized to the utmost of our power."

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NEWS

Alphas Backup Service with Awards

Service is the key to Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and performing services for the campus and community is what Alpha is all about. A brief summary of our service projects include: 1) working with the summer youth program, counseling youth from the junior high to the beginning college levels; 2) heading a petition against Judge Robert Bork for the Supreme Court; 3) hosting political forums; 4) sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross; 5) presenting a seminar focusing on U. S. Constitutional

provisions directly affecting black people; 6) recognizing top professors in various fields of study at Prairie View; 7) presenting reflections honoring the works of Dr. Martin Luther King; 8) Holding an oratorical scholarship contest honoring the late Brother Joseph York; 9) holding the Miss Black & gold scholarship pageant; 10) sponsoring free sickle cell testing; 11) sponsoring a seminar on rape and self-defense; 12) picking up debris along Highway 290, donating foodstuffs to needy families during Thanksgiving and other worthwhile projects.

Gray Joins State Bar

Lori C. Gray, manager of the Prairie View A&M University campus radio station KPVU-FM (91.3) recently passed the state bar exam and is licensed to practice law in Texas. Gray was officially sworn in by the Supreme Court of Texas last November.

"I know it was not easy for you to achieve this while exercising all your other duties," Millard F. Eiland, head of the Dept. of Communications, said in a congratulatory letter to Gray. "Congratulations on your accomplishment and on the job you are doing for us at KPVU-FM."

NROTC Grad Completes Officer School

(University Relations) - Navy Ensign Torilus O. Ward, a 1987 electrical engineering graduate of Prairie View A&M University, has completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's Course.

During the 18-week course conducted at Surface Warfare Officer Command, Newport, Rhode Island, Ward was taught how to perform as a watch and division officer aboard Navy ships.

He received extensive on the duties of an underway officer of the deck, which included shiphandling and maneuvering in formation under simulated battle conditions. He also studied radar detection, tracking and plotting of enemy aircraft, ships and missiles; communications, damage control and shipboard organization.

A 1982 graduate of Deep Creek High School, Chesapeake, Va, Ward joined the Navy through

This past spring, at the Texas Convention of Alpha Chapters, in Dallas, Eta Gamma won the Texas council of Alpha Chapters Chapter of the Year award. Eta Gamma also won several National Chapter of the Year awards including: the W. E. B. DuBois Academic Awards for the chapter with the highest G. P. A.; the Henry Arthur Callis Academic Award to Brother Darryl Harris for highest G. P. A.; 2nd place to brother Kevin Enders in the oratorical contest; the Outstanding College Brother of the Year Award to Eric Dargan, and 2nd place finishes for the Eta Gamma basketball and

step teams.

At the Southwest Regional convention last April, Eta Gamma captured the Regional Chapter of the Year title. Brother Dargan was named Outstanding College Brother of the Year for the Southwestern Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana), and he was also elected to serve as the assistant regional vice-president.

In August of 1988, Eta Gamma, at the national convention in Kansas City, history repeated itself as Eta Gamma captured the National Chapter of the Year award for

1988-89. We are honored to represent Alpha Phi Alpha as the National Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, and we, the Brothers of Eta Gamma, shall continue our endeavors in service to the community and the university. If there is a need to be addressed, Eta Gamma stands ready to perform to the standards of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Editor's Note: This article was written by members of Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. The Panther supports all organizations at Prairie View A&M University, but does not favor any specific group to the exclusion of all others.

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the Prairie View Navy ROTC in August 1987. He is the son of Herman L. and Ella P. Ward of 3104 Geunever Drive, Chesapeake, Va.

Black History Art Exhibited In Library

An art exhibition titled "Thank You, Dr. King" will be on display at the John B. Coleman library from Jan. 10 to February 6, 1989.

The exhibition honoring Dr. Martin Luther King will feature the work of Prairie View students, faculty and alumni. Artists include two alumni from Houston (Lionel Lofton, David McGee and Tyrone Johnson), four students (Maurice Terry, Russell Stanton, Mark Hartfield and Orlando Cummings) and two members of the faculty (Rev. Clarence Talley and Harold Dorsey).

Adams to Speak In W. Germany

(University Relations) - Dr. Elaine P. Adams, vice-president for Student Affairs at Prairie View A&M University, has been invited to present a paper at the International Conference on Educational Leadership, which will be held in Cologne, West Germany June 27 - July 1.

The conference theme is "The Quest for Excellence in Education

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SPORTS

Proposal 42 is the Death Sentence for Student Athletes

By Kevin Lyons
Sports Editor

Ricky was an excellent high school athlete. He ran the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds, bench pressed more than 300 pounds, and could dunk a basketball from a standstill. He was one of those McDonald's All-Americans who get to play on national television with the college scouts in the stands, and with Billy Packer and Dick Vitale doing the broadcasting. He was offered 12 athletic scholarships in football, and 35 athletic scholarships in basketball. He was on everybody's All-American squad with instant fame and television exposure just a step away. Before attaining all of this, Ricky had one more test to pass. Not a test in agility, quickness, speed or strength. No, this was a test of his mind. A simple SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) was the only thing that stood in the way of Ricky's instant stardom in the college ranks. Ricky made a 650 on his SAT score. 50 points below the minimum Proposition 48 standard score that must be attained in order for Ricky to keep his freshman year of eligibility. Furthermore, although he had a 2.6 G.P.A in high school, a new rule -proposal 42- does not allow a student to receive a scholarship at all if he does not have both a 2.0 and a minimum score of 700 on the SAT. Ricky could not take the fact that he failed. Being from a rural community, Ricky decided to not attend school because he could not afford the skyrocketing prices of a current college education. Because athletics were his whole life, Ricky eventually lost interest in the other aspects of his young life. Eventually, he decided to take the quick way to a fortune that had alluded him at the SAT testing center. The avenue that Ricky took was crime and drugs. Ricky made an enormous sum of money, however, not even a jump shot could rescue him from the last trap of his life. Ricky died from a gunshot wound to the chest in a local drug takeover just a week before his 22nd birthday. Eight days before he would have graduated from college had he attended four years earlier.

Why did all of this happen? A part of the reason can be traced back to Propositions 42 and 48. Many NCAA coaches feel that these proposals are racist toward black athletes. Georgetown University coach John Thompson made a national stand against proposal 42 by walking off the court of a recent Hoya basketball game.

I am in favor of proposition 48 because if a student can not make atleast a 2.0 in high school or attain a 700 SAT score, he/she does not need to be in college. However, it is proposal 42 that I and other college basketball coaches are vehemently against. Most of the students that will be cut down by proposal 42 will be black students whose gpa's are above 2.0, but for some reason their SAT scores are not up to par. Most of the items on the SAT are not learned in the classroom, but in the athletes local and national surroundings. Many of the penalized students could care less about who is the senate pro tempore or the Republican party whips. Many schools teach that, but many do not. So why should the ones who don't know similar information be penalized. Looking at the admissions process, many universities will, for example overlook a poor SAT score if it is offset by good high school grades. However, a proposal 42 student must meet all of the rules standards in order to play ball. This creates a double standard between students and student athletes.

There are two types of God-given talents, mental and physical. Some have the mental, others have the physical, and others have both. Why penalize a person for only having physical talents. As Americans, we can not continue to have this prejudice towards gifted athletes. Each day, the Ricky's of the world will be losing the battle of life because of proposal 42. Think about it!

PV Men Gaining Respect, Despite Losses

By Kevin Lyons
Sports Editor

In it's last two losses, the Prairie View men's basketball team has blown a 14 point lead in losing to Grambling, and shot a dismal .316 from the floor in being blown out by Mississippi Valley. However, despite these two recent setbacks, the Panthers have a respectable 6-8 record, including a 2-2 slate in conference play. Prairie View has fought valiantly in each game this season, and their relentless hustle was never more evident than in a recent game against Jackson State University. Hopelessly down by three points with :01 remaining, senior-guard Lamar Holt banked in a miraculous three-point shot to send the game into overtime. Leonard Gant's trey with :06 remaining in overtime iced a 94-90 victory.

Balanced scoring has also contributed to Prairie View's record. Michael Ervin, Steve Stevenson, Terry Bryant, and Leonard Gant

have all averaged double figures in points in the four conference games played so far. Six different players have led the team in scoring, while five different players have led the team in rebounding up to this juncture in the season. The victory total of six is already one game more than the team won all of last year.

Things can only get better for the Panthers as they are recently mired in a horrid shooting slump. They have only made half of their shots in only two games this season (both wins), while they have allowed their opponents to average 50 percent shooting.

Despite their shooting failures, Prairie View has defended the home court very well. The Baby Dome has provided excellent crowd support as a 4-1 home record has the Panthers sitting pretty. The only blemish came in a five-point loss to Nicholls State in the season opener.

Incredibly, the Prairie View Panthers have done all of this

Jacket Sees Room for Improvement After Women's Meet at McNeese State

By Sonya Haynes
Sports Writer

PV's women's indoor track and field team traveled to McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA for an invitational meet Saturday, January 21.

Coach Berbera Jacket said she was pleased on some points, but saw room for improvement.

The women's team fared well at the invitational meet which was not for points.

In the 3200 meter relay, PV came in second place with a time of 9:40.1. Rhonda Rogers came in first place in the shot put competition with a 43-0.

PV held three positions in the long jump competition. Raquel Andrews placed second with a 19-4; Marsena Booker

came in third leaping 19-4; and jumper Chandra Williams conquered sixth place with 17-11.

In the 55 meter dash, Wanda Clay came in forth with a time of 7.18. Barbara Smith placed second and Celisa Shy placed forth in the 800 meters with times 2:18.8 and 2:21.11 respectively.

Third place in the women's 400 meters belonged to Rhonda Lumpkin who was timed at 1:00.78. High jumper Raquel Andrews placed forth jumping to the height of 5-2.

Prairie View placed first in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 3:55.20 which broke the record set i 1988 of 3:53.51.

In the triple jump, Chandra Williams placed first with 37-4; Marsena Booker placed second with 36-6 1/2; and Tracy

without junior-forward Chris Thomas who did not come back to school because of personal problems. Thomas played in nine games, and was the teams leading scorer averaging 14 points a game. He was also the teams leading rebounder averaging 7.7 boards a game. Prairie View has definitely missed his inside presence, as the team has been outbounded by an average of four and a half boards a contest. However, center Steve Stevenson and forward Terry Bryant have combined to average over 15 boards a game and compensate for the loss of Chris Thomas.

With more home games coming up, and an expected rise in shooting percentages, Prairie View should continue to improve and be competitive in SWAC competition.

Garrison placed fifth with 35-0.

"We don't have any stars on our team," stated Coach Jacket. "We are a team consisting of a lot of talent which has yet to be developed totally. We can run with the best of them as soon as we get our act together."

Coach Jacket stated that, "At this point, the most promising ladies for PV's women's track are 800 meter runner Barbara Smith, long jumpers Raquel Andrews and Marsena Booker, and sprinters Wanda Clay and Teresa Ford." She stressed that there is "a lot of room for improvement."

Panther Player of the Month:

Cydney Pennie - Led team in rebounds 5 of last 6 games

SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	HIGH SCORER	REBOUNDER
Nicholls State	71-76 L	Ervin (12)	Thomas (10)
Huston-Tillotson	94-73 W	Hubbard (17)	Thomas (10)
Univ. of New Mexico	75-100 L	Thomas (20)	Multiple
UTEP	54-72 L	Thomas (16)	Thomas (8)
Texas College	107-89 W	Ervin (28)	Thomas (7)
Western Kentucky	72-85 L	Thomas (15)	Thomas (10)
Youngstown State	84-74 W	Dunlap (16)	Stevenson (10)
Coppin State College	70-72 L	Thomas (23)	Thomas (10)
Xavier	71-87 L	Gant (14)	Junigan (7)
Southeastern La.	84-66 W	Multiple	Stevenson (8)
Jackson State	94-90 W	Ervin (23)	Bryant (12)
Alabama State	80-79 W	Ervin (17)	Stevenson (11)
Grambling State	76-85 L	Stevenson (17)	Bryant (7)
Mississippi Valley	65-97 L	Multiple	Dunlap (8)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	HIGH SCORER	REBOUNDER
Sam Houston	58-70 L	Bell (10)	Multiple
Texas-San Antonio	40-62 L	Bennett (16)	Snell (7)
Huston-Tillotson	93-80 W	Burnice (21)	Ferrell (14)
Texas Tech	49-95 L	Ferrell (21)	Snell (12)
Penn State	64-87 L	Moore (16)	Moore (11)
Southeastern La.	53-95 L	Burnice (12)	Multiple
Nicholls State	68-81 L	Burnice (17)	Pennie (9)
Rice	66-80 L	Ferrell (26)	Ferrell (10)
Southwestern La.	58-70 L	Ferrell (15)	Pennie (10)
Jackson State	48-49 L	Snell (15)	Burnice (7)
Alabama State	63-62 W	Pennie (18)	Pennie (13)
Southeastern La.	71-55 W	Ferrell (19)	Pennie (9)
Grambling State	69-76 L	Snell (16)	Pennie (9)
Mississippi Valley	73-88 L	Bell (18)	Pennie (14)

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL
 01/28 Alcorn State University vs Prairie View 7:30
 01/30 Southern University at Prairie View.....7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 01/28 Alcorn State University at Prairie View.....5:30
 01/30 Southern University at Prairie View.....5:30
 02/04 at Texas Southern University.....5:30
 02/09 Paul Quinn College.....7:00

WOMENS INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
 01/28 Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge
 02/11 University of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City

MENS INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
 01/28 Houston Chronicle Invitation at Houston
 02/04 at Jackson State University
 02/11 University of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City

BASEBALL
 02/03 Pan American University at Edinberg, Texas
 02/04 Pan American University at Edinberg, Texas
 02/05 Southwest University at San Marcos, Texas



Photo By Jeffery Armstrong
 Diann Moore shoots a free throw during Prairie View's win over the Lady Hornets of Alabama State.

FEATURE

Carter Learned, Lived and now Teaches Spanish

By Kimetris Baltrip
 Staff Writer

Some experts say that in order to learn Spanish, one must live it. One professor at Prairie View learned it and lived it. In fact, she was awarded trips to places like Costa Rica, Mexico and Spain for mastering the language.

Dr. June Carter, who joined the Prairie View A&M University staff last September, will teach students Spanish by drawing from her broad knowledge of the Spanish language and culture.

Dr. Carter said that the Spanish culture had always interested her, and as an undergraduate, the sociopolitical struggles of the Latin American underdogs, or "los de a bajo" furthered her interests.

Her realization of the conflict in Latin America came through its literature. She first read Latin American literature in Spain while studying at the University of Valencia in Valencia, Spain.

She was awarded the trip to Spain for one year to further her studies while she was a junior at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia.

While studying abroad in the early 1970's, Dr. Carter said she noticed that Spaniards had had very little contact with American blacks.

"They were unaware that blacks came in all shades and types," she said.

Dr. Carter's knowledge and experiences in Spain, Costa Rica and Mexico led her to write and publish a book and several articles and lectures on various Latin American literary texts. More recently she has taken an interest in deconstructive criticism and the "rereading" of literary texts written by Carlos

Fuentes, Garcia Marquez, Jose Agustin, and other writers of what she calls the Latin American "boom".

Dr. Carter's works are also a product of the "publish or perish" standard of the main stream schools that she has been affiliated with.

"While teaching at main stream schools, one has to do research and publish," Dr. Carter said.

Dr. Carter said that she wants her students at Prairie View to study hard.

She said students that work to their fullest potential inspire her.

"Do not short change yourself, and do not let anyone else short change you," she stressed.

Dr. Carter, who is originally from Mobile, Alabama, taught mostly graduate students at the University of Denver, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Oklahoma.

Presently, Dr. Carter is translating her book into Spanish and working on articles that are to be read at upcoming conventions on Latin American literature at Texas A&I University in Kingston, Texas and in San Antonio.

Sci-Fi Series Packs Action-, Mystery-, Sex-, Suspense-Packed Punches

By Gregory Smith
 Editor-in-Chief

Science Fiction (known as Sci-fi to many) has been on the rise lately, with many occupying the top places of the New York Times Bestseller list. In fact, the majority of the book sales in the last year or two have been for science fiction, with films like *Aliens*, *The Fly*, *Ghostbusters*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and *Star Trek* movies taking the top spots in grosses.

Mission Earth certainly follows this trend. Written by L. Ron Hubbard (who also wrote *Battlefield Earth* and *Dianetics*), it is a dekalogy of pure science fiction fun. The ten-book series basically tells how an alien empire attempts to quietly save Earth from its own destructive devices so it can come back decades later and use it as a supply base for further planetary invasions.

He blends action, adventure, romance, mystery, suspense, humor and sex into one spellbinding novel after another. Many of today's problems, such as drug abuse, murder, crime, and corruption are noticeable present.

The first book of the series, *The Invaders Plan*, starts the whole affair rolling. It is a first person narrative from Soltan Gris, an Apparatus man in solitary confinement in a prison in one of the Voltarian Empire's 110 planets. The Apparatus is almost accurately patterned after the CIA and Gris is made out to be a

thoroughly despicable man who uses people, then disposes of them with blackmail, deceit, corruption and, many times, with outright murder.

He explains how the Voltarian Empire finds out its invasion timetable is about to be thrown off (at the cost of zillions of credits and millions of lives) because Earth is going to destroy itself soon with pollution, crime and nuclear war. Rather than attack early and lose footholds on other worlds, not to mention all that money and all those lives, they are persuaded by the Apparatus to send a man to Earth to quietly slip some technology in that will save the planet.

The book is quite comical. It spends most of the time, telling how Gris and our hero Jettero Heller (a fleet engineer kidnaped by the Apparatus for breaking up the secrecy they had around Earth) prepare for the mission. Gris, it seems, is in for, among other things, sleepless nights, bankruptcy, illness, attacks by motorcycle gangs, a trek through high mountains, hypnotism, terrifying meetings with his boss (who could pass for J. Edgar Hoover), disloyalty, treason, and the nasty business of having to murder half the empire to get the mission started.

I was so caught up with the action, humor and romance, I couldn't put it down, reading all 615 pages in one day!

Not to be bland, the book has a shocking ending, revealing the

real reason for the mission to Earth, a reason deeply rooted in today's society, right before our eyes, but still unnoticeable.

Mission Earth #2: Black Genesis

Black Genesis is the second book of the *Mission Earth* series. It picks up just after *The Invaders Plan* where Soltan Gris and Jettero Heller have taken off and are racing for Earth at time warp-breaking speed.

This one explains how Heller, set up on Earth, but meant to fail, thanks to Gris' Apparatus boss, humorously and daringly fouls up all of Gris' traps. Gris doesn't have it easy either. If he doesn't make Heller fail, he will be killed. But if Heller is killed, the Voltarian Empire will attack and he'll be killed anyway.

Along the way in his mission, Jet saves a man from a burning building, brutalizes cops, kills IRS agents (wouldn't we all like to), takes 100 hours worth of college (wouldn't we all like to), and falls in with the Mafia. Just be innocently helping out besieged people (if killing half a Mafia family is being innocent), he gets a suite, an endless line of girls, hundreds of thousands of dollars (from hitmen he knocks off) and a lot of fun.

Black Genesis has all the traits of the first book -- action replete with gunfights, muggings, bombings and murders, suspense wondering if Heller will succeed, mystery as Heller plans to trick the Mafia, the government and

Gris, and sex (no explanation needed).

Black Genesis flows at just as fast a pace as the first book. The 477 pages will seem like nothing as the plot takes firm hold and keeps the reader's interest firmly in its pages. **MISSION EARTH COULD BE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME**

Bridge Publications has launched an action-packed *Mission Earth* Adventure of Your Life contest as part of the fun and excitement surrounding the release of the paperback editions of *The Invaders Plan* and *Black Genesis*. The books are the first two volumes in the best-selling ten-volume *Mission Earth* series written by Master Storyteller L. Ron Hubbard.

Contestants are invited to choose intriguing locations and the Grand Prize winner will create

his or her own adventure by selecting three action-packed trips from several that are offered. Cash awards of \$500 will also be given to the Grand Prize winner upon completion of special assignments in each of the three travel destinations. The trips are for two.

The Grand Prize winner can take all three trips consecutively or they can be spread out. Some of the possible locations include a four-day Bahamas cruise, a \$1000 shopping spree in London, a week in Monte Carlo or Denali (Mt. McKinley) Alaska, even astronaut training at the U. S. Space Camp.

In addition, two second place four day trips will be awarded, from a selection of vacation spots. Five contestants will receive third place prizes of Sony International multi-band shortwave radios, five will win fourth place prizes of

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NEWS

Pierre Resigns

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percent, increasing the Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for entering by approximately 120 points, and founding the Benjamin Banneker Honors College. The Banneker College, now a national model for other predominantly black universities, recruits high school scholars and prepares them to try for Masters degrees in such majors as electrical engineering and computer science. It is the only program of its kind at on the campus of a historically black university campus.

Pierre implemented an aggressive \$65 million construction program, provided by

revenue from the Permanent University Fund, which Prairie View was voted into via a special Texas Constitutional ballot in 1984. The PUF gets its money from interest on land in West Texas and is supposed to be divided among Texas land grant colleges -- Texas, Texas A&M and Prairie View.

The construction program added six major buildings to the campus including a new classroom building, a gym, a new engineering technology building and the John B. Coleman Library that is now a PVAMU landmark.

Pierre expressed gratitude for

the faculty and students for the progress Prairie View has made during the last six years.

"One person does not make the difference," Pierre said. "What has occurred is a product of faculty and students."

"What went right is because of all of us, but I am willing to take the blame for what went wrong," he added, smiling.

An interim president will serve after Pierre leaves office in May until the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents chooses his successor.

Before coming to Prairie View, Pierre served as president of

a consulting firm, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition, dean of the School of Engineering at Howard University, program officer of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, research engineer with the RAND Corp. and a White House fellow in the Executive Office of the President. He also has over 25 published works.

TASP

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continuous remedial education courses in the areas not passed.

Matthews pointed to several factors that led to TASP, including the relatively poor ability of American students compared to their Japanese and Russian peers; the growing sense that institutions must be accountable to the state to receive funding; the fact that employees are spending too much money on training employees -- one-third of which involves basic skills, and the evidence that remediation, advisement and placement work.

"The need for remediation cuts across all educational and social levels," Matthews said, pointing to the \$10 million remediation center at the prestigious University of California at Berkeley and a similar one at Stanford.

She predicted that people will be shocked at the TASP failure rate, but that dimensions of the problems must be understood before something can be done about it.

In response to charges that TASP would keep blacks out of college, Matthews said the program would have the effect of keeping blacks in college by providing needed help rather than screening them out. One faculty member said that college and non-college "tracks" in the public schools are not flexible enough, and that students may be ruled out of college as early as the eighth grade.

Matthews noted that New Jersey schools create more flexibility by giving their students more time, if needed, for foundation courses so that they

will be ready for college if they choose that direction.

Who's Who

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Fisher, Shawn E. Freeman, Kirk Gilpin, Janine Gonzalez, Teresa Haskins and Hakeema Henry.

Also, Marilyn Hodges, Keith A. Holcombe, Mindy A. Holm, Carla L. Holman, Gregory Hunt, Jennifer Johnson, Karen M. Kerr, Jimmie E. Lewis, Tameka D. Lewis, Kuldip Mann, Mark Martin, Jacqueline A. McCalla, Jorge M. Medina, Jennifer L. Moore, Carla A. Murray, Sandra Nikirk, Richard E. Patterson Jr., Mia A. Romar, Heather A. Reid, Jaime G. Rios, Camille Rodriguez, Maria Salinas, Deneen L. Scott, Mary C. Sims and Alvin Smith.

Also, Gregory M. Smith, David A. Stevens, Audrey N. Turner, Regina Turner, David L. Waldrop, Vanessa Watkins, Frances White, Darrell Williams, Donald Williams and Sheila B. Williams.

ADAMS

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-- German and American Perspectives." Adams' presentation will address efforts to recruit and serve academically talented students at PVAMU while retaining a commitment to the development of educationally disadvantaged students.

Educational and cultural site visits in Germany and the Netherlands will follow the conference.

Contest

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Canon 35-mm cameras and ten will get fifth places awards of trips by limousine to a movie of their choice.

Contestants can pick up entry forms at bookstores across the country, wherever Mission Earth is available. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28, 1989. No purchase is necessary. Winners will be selected by drawings from among entries with three questions, located on the entry form, answered correctly.

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