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Ring in the \$'s
AT&T donates more money to Prairie View A&M.

NEWSWEEK

Gilpin's #1

Gilpins are the critic's choice in awards selection.

LIFESTYLES



Lady Cadet

Nicole Caldwell shows what a lady can do.

NEWSWEEK

The Panther

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Prairie View A&M University

Friday, December 1, 1989

Jacket elected Olympic coach



Barbara Jacket

FROM UNIVERSITY RELEASES

Prairie View A&M University Women's Track Coach Barbara Jacket was elected coach of the United States Women's Track and Field team for the 1992 Olympic Games to be held in Barcelona, Spain.

The election was held last Sunday by the International Competition Committee of The Athletics Congress (TAC) the day before the congress' annual convention in Washington, D.C. While this will be the first time Jacket has coached an Olympic team, she has many previous international coach-

ing positions.

These include 1973 International Coach of the U.S. Junior A.A.U. Track and Field team touring West Germany, Poland and Russia; 1975 Assistant Coach for U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. dual meet in Leningrad, Russia; 1977 Assistant Coach for the University World Games in Sofia, Bulgaria; 1979 Pan American Games coaching staff; 1981 Head Manager and Coach for the University World Games in Romania; 1985 Head Coach for the U.S. World University Games in Kobe, Japan; and 1986 Head Coach for the U.S. in the 1987 World Championship in Rome, Italy.

In 1987, Jacket was inducted into the Tuskegee Hall of Fame. Some of her other awards include Honorable Mention, "Sports Women Magazine," Coach of the Year Award, and 1987 Coach of the Year Cross Country Southwestern Athletic Conference.

In addition to coaching the Lady Panthers to the last eight NAIA outdoor championships, Jacket has coached many outstanding athletes to Olympic and other international victories. In the 1979 Pan American Games, Essie Kelly-Washington (Jacket's assistant coach today) won two gold medals (1600 meter relay and

800 meter race), and Patricia Jackson won gold and bronze medals (1600 relay and 400 yard dash). In the 1976 Montreal Olympics, Debra Sapenter won the silver medal in the 1600 meter relay. In the 1977 University World Games in Sofia, Bulgaria, Mary Ayers set the American record in the 400 meter hurdles, and Atherine Gainer who later broke Ayer's record, was an alternate in her freshman year in the 1976 Olympics. Many other athletes under Jacket's direction have competed in international meets, and many have won in national competitions.

ARA: We are confident

Food company feels that they can regain contract despite stiff competition from other contractors

By KEVIN LYONS
Editor-in-Chief

Despite competition from other food service contractors, and low survey scores from disgruntled students, at least one ARA official feels that it will be able to retain the rights to serve food at Prairie View next semester.

"We feel very confident about maintaining this food service contract for the next semester," said Osborne Clark, director of board operations.

"We have had a lot of positive responses from some of the students, however, there are a lot of things that the students don't know that could help them."

While there are some things that ARA can do to make the dining situation better, Clark believes that if the students would put up their trays, and

take a little pride in Alumni Hall, the eating conditions could get better.

spend too much money hiring them, then the quality, and quantity of the students plate

ARA could help themselves keep the contract if their bid, (which goes out today), can impress Prairie View officials enough to award them another chance.

However, some of the changes that will be made regardless of who the food service contractor is include: a five-week meal plan that replaces the current three-week meal cycle, and a program that allows the student to use his i.d. card anywhere on the campus. So, the food will have the same quality in the 'Purple P' as well as in Alumni Hall.

ARA's contract officially ended with Prairie View A&M University on Nov. 11. The new food service contract will be awarded on Dec 18, and the contractor will start serving food Jan 15, during the first day of the spring semester.

Jackson is unimpressed with other ARA vendors

Frank Jackson, director of auxiliary services here, visited the campuses of University of Houston and Texas Southern on Monday and came away unimpressed with the way that ARA runs its food services there.

"On a scale of one to ten, I would give UH and TSU a five. At UH, the food didn't even look appealing, the kids here wouldn't touch that food."

In contrast however, Jackson did like what he saw at

Southwest Texas State University whose food service is run by Professional Food Management.

"The quality of the food was very nice," stated Jackson. "There seemed to be some direction and continuity with the way that PFM runs the food service."

Despite his comments, Jackson said that there are no frontrunners for the contract, and the competition is "up in the air."

"We have hired some tray technicians to help keep the dining area sanitized, but if we would decrease. So, in effect, the students would be helping us to help them."

Final exam schedule

Prairie View's final exam schedule is as follows: On Monday December 11 will be final examination for classes which meet from 9:00-9:30 on T-Th to test at 8:00-9:50. Classes meeting from 8:00-8:30 T-Th will test from 10:10-12 noon. Classes from 10:00-10:30 MWF are testing from 12:20-2:10. And classes on T-Th meeting from 4:00-4:30 are testing at 2:30-4:20.

Tuesday, December 12 will host exams. For classes meeting from 4:00-4:30 MWF, testing time will be from 8:00-9:50. MWF classes meeting at 1:00-1:30 will test from 10:10-12:00. T-Th, 12:00-12:30, will test from 12:20-2:10. And the T-Th classes

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BRIEFLY

NEWS

The American Poetry Association is sponsoring a poetry writing contest. The deadline for all applicants is December 31. 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-90, 250-A Potrero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, Ca 95061.

Each poem is considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of today's poems.

During eight years of sponsorship, the American Poetry Association has run 34 contests and awarded \$165,000 in prizes to 3,100 winning poets.

"Every student who writes poetry should enter this contest," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association. "December break should give students the chance to enter before the deadline."

ENTERTAINMENT

The Prairie View A&M University marching band will be the halftime entertainment for a college all-star game honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The game will be played on January 15, 1990, on the birthday of Dr. King in San Jose, California. The game will feature division I and small college All-American football players. It has been certified by the NCAA and will be televised nationally on the Pro Am Independent Sports Network.

Ronnie Lott, All-Pro safety for the San Francisco 49ers has been named the honorary chairman. James Brown, and former New York Giant linebacker Harry Carson will be doing the commentary on the game that is expected to be broadcasted to 85% of the Black television audience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STUDENT EVENTS

12/1-12/3 MOVIE: Mississippi Burning, Harrington, 8:00 pm, \$1

12/2 Pee's and Vee's, Alumni Hall, "Marquee and the Band" \$2

12/8 Campus Christmas Party

MEN'S BASKETBALL

12/02 U.T.-Arlington, here, 7:30, Baby Dome

12/04 Texas College, here, 7:30, Baby Dome

12/07 Huston-Tillotson, here, 7:30, Baby Dome

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

12/01-02 at Florida A&M Tournament, 6:00

12/07 Huston-Tillotson, here, 5:30, Baby Dome

Countdown

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Days until the next Miss Prairie View Pageant is held in the Baby Dome.

Hours, beginning Saturday, until the end of the 1980's, and the start of 1990.

PEOPLE

Mary Ann Palmer (Miss Prairie View A&M University) will be appearing in the nation's capital, Washington D.C., on December 1, 1989, at a special dinner held in honor of Prairie View A&M's newly appointed president, General Julius W. Becton, Jr. The invitation was extended by P.V. National Alumni Association president Calvin Rolarke.

Ms. Palmer's appearance in Washington D.C. is the first of several December engagements for the reigning Miss Prairie View A&M. On December 6th, Ms. Palmer returns to Texas to be featured in a pre-Christmas dinner and fashion extravaganza at the Houston Westin Galleria Hotel-THE ROOF. The event (officially titled Santa's Follies), sponsored by Houston's Geni International Network Incorporated, will feature an afternoon of song and fashion modeling by the 'Panther Queen'. On December 15th, Ms. Palmer travels west to



Mary Ann Palmer

Los Angeles, California, to perform at the Los Angeles Area Alumni's annual Christmas Scholarship Ball.

In addition to the busy schedule the current Miss Prairie View is maintaining, Director of Student Affairs, Frederick Roberts, has revealed that negotiations are currently in progress to launch Ms. Palmer's career in the recording industry.

Dr. George Hill, director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., presented a seminar at Prairie View on the "Biomedical Basis of Differentiation in Trypanosomas," last Monday. Hill spoke with the Benjamin Banneker honors students enrolled in the honors general microbiology course and to other biology majors.

Hill has advanced degrees from Howard and New York University, and currently specializes in molecular parasitology at Meharry Medical College.

Hill's appearance was sponsored by the Prairie View biology department, the American Society for Microbiology's Minority Student Science Careers Support Program, and the Sigma Xi Club.

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The Panther reserves the right to editorial discretion concerning publication of submitted items and photographs.

NEWSWEEK

TASP test requirements tighten at PVA&MU

By KIMBERLY TYRANCE
NewsWeek Editor

The Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) was mandated and passed in the Spring of

1987 by House Bill 2182. HB 2182 is to ensure that students have basic reading, mathematics, and writing skills necessary for college level courses. The Texas Higher Educa-

tion Coordinating Board indicates that the requirements for taking the TASP test apply to students who are entering or are enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher educa-

tion, and to teacher education students in both public and private institutions in Texas.

If you are a full-time or part-time student, who has not earned at least three semester col-

lege credit hours prior to fall 1989, you must take the test. You must also take the test if any one of the conditions listed below applies to you:

* you are enrolling in a college-level degree program;

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* you are a student transferring from outside Texas or from a private Texas college or university;

* you are a student seeking admission to a Texas upper-level institution or program that requires the TASP Test as a condition of admission.

You are exempt from taking the TASP Test if:

* You are entering or are currently in a certificate program that contains fewer than nine semester credit hours, or the equivalent, of general education courses as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and/or

* you have earned at least three semester credit hours of college-level work prior to Fall 1989.

According to a survey conducted after March, TASP testing by Texas Education Agency, the performance of all examinees by test indicated that blacks had low passing rates. In mathematics 64.2% passed out of 360; writing 71.2% passed out of 337 and in reading 87.1% passed out of 348.

The results from the TASP Test held on November 18 are forthcoming according to Dr. Marilyn Hamilton, counselor and testing coordinator.

In the past, Prairie View students have been known for their low passing rates of the TASP test. However, Dr. Hamilton anticipates a higher rate of passing from those that took the TASP test on November 18. "With this group of students, I feel confident that they will do well because the majority of these students have gone through the remediation process," said Dr. Hamilton.

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



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NEWSWEEK

Cadet Nicole Caldwell: Leader of the future

FROM UNIVERSITY RELEASES

Senior Cadet First Lieutenant Nicole M. Caldwell, an electrical engineering major at Prairie View A&M University, has maintained a consistently high level of academic excellence within the College of Engineering and the Army ROTC Program (Panther Battalion).

A 1986 recipient of the Army's Quality Enrichment Program Scholarship, Cadet Caldwell has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 in the challenging engineering curriculum and a 3.65 grade point average in Military Science. These academic benchmarks have been achieved through much dedication, discipline, and a burning desire to excel.

The Albuquerque, New Mexico native attributes most of her success to a strong sense of family and responsibility instilled in her by her mother, Mrs. Judy Oduogu. "My mother has been a constant source of inspiration and support for me, both in high school and in college."

Cadet Caldwell plans to pursue a career as an officer in the Signal Corps, while concurrently working towards a masters degree in electrical engineering. To assist in preparation for accomplishment of these goals, she recently participated in the Cooperative Education Program sponsored by the College of Engineering. She was employed by the R.J. Reynold's Corporation, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as a Co-op Engineer responsible for computer aided drafting and design projects. Cadet Caldwell states, "I felt that the experience gained while employed at the R.J. Reynold's Corporation, and the various leadership positions held on campus and within the community at large have significantly enhanced my academic abilities and will assist in the further development of my leadership potential."

the High School for Engineering Professionals, in Houston, Texas, has always approached leadership from an academic perspective. In addition to the four-year University Scholars Award, the Engineering Concepts Institute Algebra Award, the Engineering Concepts Institute Trigonometry Award, and the Engineering Concepts Institute Graphics Award, she is currently a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and has been on the Deans List for five successive semesters.

Currently the Assistant Battalion Logistics and Supply Officer, charged with providing logistical support and coordination for the 155 man Cadet Battalion, Cadet Caldwell has been able to keep in perspective the role of an Advanced Course leader, while aggressively pursuing her academics. Her explanation of how she prioritizes and maintains her equilibrium is simple, "I feel that academic excellence is important as a future leader of men and women. The demands of our fast paced, high tech Army will require quality officers. I fully expect to be prepared to meet those challenges head on."

the Youth Opportunities Unlimited Program (YOU) which is a summer program designed to assist minority youth. She has also served as Residence Hall Assistant and is enthusiastically involved as a mentor in the University's tutorial program.

Cadet Caldwell is a leader in the university community as she is currently the newsletter chairperson for the International Electronics and Electrical Engineering Society. She was the former secretary of the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and first runner up for Miss ROTC in 1987. She has also served as a Peer Counselor in

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Interim Business dean feels that there are many sides to success

By KERRI MARSHALL
Of The Panther

Barbara Jones is Interim Dean of the College of Business. This is her third year at Prairie View A&M University. The question was asked to her, "What characteristics do you find in students who have successfully made it?" Basically this means students who have proceeded to the next level of education and are now working on a professional level. Mrs. Jones' response to the question is "Students are individuals and there is no one set pattern that you would observe." Mrs. Jones says that she has seen many students come and go but there are also students who surprise you after they graduate.

"There are always exceptions to the general pattern

and there are traits that one can develop or enrich while a part of a university," Jones explain. In terms of making it she puts emphasis on discipline, determination, and confidence. As an example, she cited, "One can be a first class scientist but if he cannot reach people then his point will be invalid and he will not have accomplished anything."

These characteristics tend to make a person successful Jones believes; however, the absence of these characteristics will not keep a person from being able to progress professionally. She states, "It is not always the one with the best grade point average that makes it and there isn't any one thing that will ensure anyone of making it. Some students may be successful in passing exams but if the exams have

not required them to develop their analytical skills and be creative then they could find themselves in a challenging situation on the job. School is a structured situation. When one gets out of school and excels to the professional level, he should take the initiative to do what needs to be done." When asked what promotes failure in those who don't make it, Jones reply was, "The absence of the characteristics that I mentioned earlier." Jones feels that the problem is socially controlled but not totally; otherwise, there would be no explanation for the exceptions.

Another important view that Jones stresses is "Just because one comes from a single parent home does not mean that this is

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NEWSWEEK

AT&T rings in the money with PVAMU

FROM UNIVERSITY RELEASES

Prairie View, Texas-- AT&T Foundation representatives recently gave Prairie View A&M University the first installment of \$150,000 named Professorships in College of Engineering and Architecture, which will be matched by The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) for a total of \$300,000. Executive Director of AT&T Bell Laboratories, Jack J. Deg-an, Jr., said "The grant is in support of the named Professor for the enhancement of faculty and student development, primarily at the graduate level."

The grant presentation was made by Degan to Interim President, Milton R. Bryant and Dean of the College of Engineering and Agriculture, Dr. Wayne D. Perry. Also representing AT&T was Campus Manager, Terry A. Jones, and Media and Marketing Communications Manager, Philip W. Bode, III.

"Prairie View is deeply indebted to AT&T's generosity over the years," said Interim President Dr. Milton R. Bryant. "Their commitment to our university, and to minority higher education nationwide, has provided an invaluable resource for our students and faculty,

positioning them for national leadership in engineering and technology fields," he said.

In 1986, the AT&T foundation gave PVAMU the first endowed professorship in the university's history, totaling \$150,000 and matched by TAMUS to equal \$300,000.

Dean Perry added, "This new grant from the AT&T Foundation is a major contribution to our academic program." He said, "AT&T has consistently enhanced our college with endowments, co-op opportunities, visiting professors, faculty and student intern-

ships, scholarships, and state-of-the art equipment in our AT&T Solid State and Computer Labs."

The foundation also gave the computer science program \$264,000 worth of computer equipment last month in addition to over \$21,000 that the foundation had previously given to both mathematic and computer science programs. Other AT&T Foundation's contributions to PVAMU in 1989 include \$5,000 grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant for humanities, acquisitions for the library and for the Business Advantages for Scholastically Inclined Student

(BASIC) program. PVAMU officials recognized AT&T last fall during the university's 110th anniversary celebration for the company's many contributions. In addition to the recent grants to engineering and computer science, AT&T has provided, through its Foundation, Bell Labs, Information Systems, and Technologies, a variety of support. This has included \$450,000 a year for visiting engineering professors, a \$500,000 AT&T Solid State Lab, a \$100,000 Engineering Computer Lab, and scholarships through the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering.

SGA voices concerns over student life

By TRACIE WOODSON
Ad Layout

The Student Government Association met in an open emergency meeting on November 28, 1989, with a group of approximately 200 students, to discuss important problems here at the university. President Kail Austin stated "This is the most important meeting that I have called to order because Prairie View and Texas Southern University are at stake." Austin stated that he felt that Interim President Dr. Milton Bryant represented the university well and he personally endorsed Bryant for the presidency. "The new president, General Becton, will officially take office on December 15, and we, as Prairie View students must unite with each other and take a stand. I am not here to kiss butt but if we criticize the new president let's do it with facts, otherwise let's support him," Austin said.

Austin moved on from the issue of the presidency of the university to entertain students concerns about ARA Food Service. He stated that ARA Food Service has been

seen at Baylor, Southwest Texas, and Texas A&M and their service here at Prairie View MUST improve. He added that ARA is under serious negotiations and in the spring a new contract will more than likely be here.

Next on Austin's agenda was the issue of conservatorship. The state of Texas' 72nd Legislature, now in special session, states that "if Prairie View can not get adequate fiscal business management the state will come in and take over." As far as a name change for Prairie View is concerned, Austin says he feels it will not happen because of people such as Craig Washington, Wilhemina Delco, and other blacks (in Congress) who have to vote on it. If Prairie View does not have its fiscal affairs in order by October 1990, conservatorship will definitely take over. Austin states, "We are not at the top of the list in bad fiscal affairs, as many of you may think, there are others. If we students don't take a stand our tuition matters will be taken out of the hands of 435 Texas representatives and put into the hands of 12 Board of Regents members."

most serious problem here at Prairie View which is housing, Holly and Fuller Halls, the two worse dorms on campus as far as fire safety is concerned, are in jeopardy of being permanently closed on December 15 because they simply do not meet fire code standards and

are not safe. This leaves male students wondering whether they'll have a place to reside next semester when they return. Before Homecoming, the school, at this point no one knows whether the dorms will be open again next semester, since they have been destroyed. The we will just have to wait and find out when we return.

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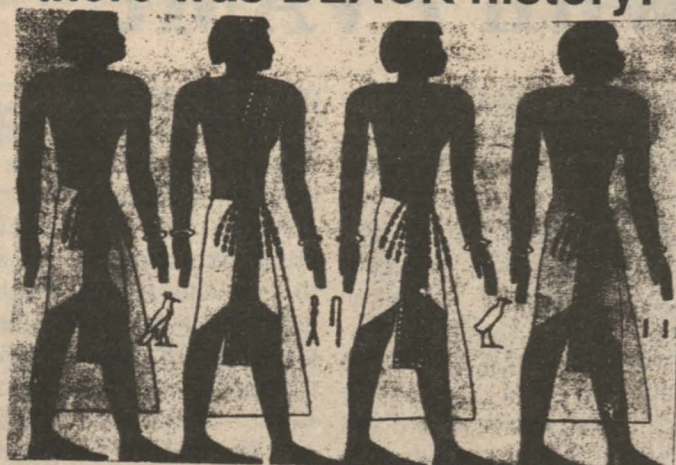
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SPORTSWEEK

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Shawn Lawson named outstanding freshman

By REGINALD HOLIDAY
Production Manager

Shawn Lawson was named freshman of the year in the Southwestern Athletic Conference media vote last Tuesday. Lawson, who is 6 ft., 180 lbs. and from Longview, Tx played cornerback in the Panther's defensive backfield. In other picks, Grambling State's Eddie Robinson was named coach of the year, and Grambling quarterback Clemente Gordon was named offensive player of the year. Jackson State's Darion

Conner was named defensive player of the year. Jackson State's Ike Ayozie won newcomer of the year, and Greg Harris was named return specialist.

Grambling(8) and Jackson State(7) dominated the polls as their players combined for 15 of the 24 players selected. Alcorn State followed with four, Texas Southern and Alabama State tied for sixth with two player selections. Southern University had one player selections.

Men's next 14 games

Dec 2	U. of TX at Arlington	7:30
Dec 4	Texas College	7:30
Dec 7	Huston-Tillotson	7:30
Dec 21	at Rice University	7:30
Dec 28	at Texas Christian Univ.	7:30
Dec 30	at Baylor Univ.	7:30
Jan 2	at Drake Univ.	7:30
Jan 4	Jarvis Christian	7:30
Jan 8	Southern Univ., N.O.	7:30
Jan 11	at U. of SW, LA	7:30
Jan 13	at Alabama St. Univ.*	7:30
Jan 15	at Jackson St. Univ.*	7:30
Jan 20	Miss. Valley St. Univ.*	7:30
Jan 22	Grambling St. Univ.*	7:30

Women's next 11 games

Dec 1-2	at Florida A&M U. Trmt	6:00
Dec 7	Huston-Tillotson	5:30
Dec 9	Sam Houston St. U.	7:00
Jan 8	at Southern U., N.O.	5:30
Jan 13	at Alabama St. Univ.*	5:30
Jan 15	at Jackson St. Univ.*	5:30
Jan 17	at U. of Texas S.A.	7:30
Jan 20	Miss. Valley St. U.*	5:30
Jan 22	Grambling St. Univ.*	5:30
Jan 25	at Paul Quinn College	8:00
Jan 27	at Southern Univ.*	5:30

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A TRIBUTE TO THE 1980'S, AND A LOOK TOWARDS THE 1990'S

LIFESTYLES

Gilpin Players perform "Ladies of the Corridor"

By KERRI MARSHALL
Of The Panther

"Ladies of the Corridor" was the second major production of the school year and the second play commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Gilpin Players. "Ladies of the Corridor", by Dorthy Parker and Arnold D'Usseau, was directed by Dr. Ted Shine. Dr. Shine says he chose this production for one reason: "It had a fairly large cast, which enabled me to use a number of students."

Dr. Shine feels that the play might have been too sophisticated for some students, because it dealt with issues of the "Lonely Widow."

The play focused on four ladies, one of which was Mrs. Lulu, whose husband had recently died, portrayed by Jill White. The play featured four stories and, among the four, there were four protagonists. Mrs. Gordon was brought to

life by Anyika McMillian, Agnes Sauls played the role of Mrs. Lauterback, Monique Ridge was Mrs. Nichols, Dildred Freeman characterized Mildred Tynan.

Besides what is seen on the outside, a lot of hard work had been done on the inside, said many involved with the production. These chores were done by a designer, deemed exquisite, by the name of Tyrone Dargins Crew. Dargins says, "It took a week and a half to successfully finish the set." The designer received a scholarship from the Prairie View Links Chapter in Prairie View, Texas.

Technician Adan Fuentes, with his 'unique' style for lights, together with Marcus Turner, the sound coordinator, added the finishing touches. The play would not have been complete without Fred Phillips, stage manager, added the actresses.

Cast of Characters for "Ladies of the Corridor"

Mrs. Gordon...Anyika McMillian
Mr. Humphries...Czar Salazar
Mrs. Lauterbach...Agnes Sauls
Mrs. Nichols...Monique Ridge
Charles Nichols...Troy Hogan, Walter Lane
Harry...Terence Leonard, Fred Phillips
Casey...Harry Haynes
Lulu Ames...Jill White
Sassy...Diane
Mildred Tynan...Dildred Freeman
Robert Ames...Donis Leonard
Betsy Ames...Erica Ball
Constance Mercer...Theresa Manuel
Irma...Kecia Joseph
Paul Osgood...Marcus Turner
Tomm Linscott...Adan Fuentes
Mary Linscott...Mischa Mayfield

SET DESIGN
Tyrone Dargins
COSTUMES
Monique Ridge
Theresa Manuel
LIGHTS
Adan Fuentes
Brent Conley
PROPERTIES
Dildred Freeman
Kecia Joseph
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LIFESTYLES

Gilpin Players win critic's choice award

By KERRI MARSHALL
Of The Panther

ers captured the award for Best Lighting Design.

The Gilpin Players will be performing at the Texas Educational Theatre Association to be held at the Downtown Hyatt Regency in Houston, Texas during the months of January and February. The Gilpin Players were born in the Fall of 1929 under the direction of Dr. Earl Sasser who is still alive. The group was named after Charles Gilpin renowned for his fabulous portrayals of Emperor Jones and Othello at the beginning of the century.

The Gilpin Players captured the top awards at the annual festival and are looking forward to competing at the next level of competition to be held in Lubbock, Texas at Texas Tech University during the month of February.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas--Prairie View A&M University's much honored Charles Gilpin Players recently won the Critic's Choice Award for their production of "To Be Young and Gifted and Black" at the Twenty-First Annual American College Theatre Festival held at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

The Gilpin Players received awards in three areas: The prestigious Irene Ryan Scholarship Award for outstanding performances were given to Kathy Freeman, Henry Edwards and Karen McClain. Karen McClain also received an award for excellence in acting. In addition, C. Lee Turner, director of the Gilpin Play-



Actors in the award winning play "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," directed by C. Lee Turner for the American College Theatre Festival. The play won the critic's choice award for best play.

Determination, perseverance, keys to success in life

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an account of failure." She says, "That type of thinking is a sign of immaturity and ignor-

ance on one's behalf." She states with enthusiasm "Those students who have kept a positive image within themselves have kept on going."

In addition to Mrs. Barbara

Jones, Ms. Penny Williams, an instructor in the Communications Department also has some responses to what it takes to be successful in life.

"Perseverance, determination, having a dream, hope, setting priorities, and never giving up, are keys to being what you want to be," stated Williams.

"One reason why people are not successful has to do in part, with their social climate: a climate where people accept less than the best or use the

desire for unity as a cloak to hide behind can stifle anyone's growth."

Williams explained what she felt were the reasons why some people do not make it.

"Accepting someone else's definition of who we are and what we can do is one problem. We must always refine our definition of ourselves. If someone says we can't accomplish what we set our mind to, then we should take it as a personal challenge to confirm our own reality."

Final exam schedule

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meeting at 10:00-10:30 will test from 2:30-4:20.

Wednesday December 13 is testing day for MWF classes meeting at 3:00-3:30 will test at 8:00-9:50. Classes meeting from 2:00-2:30 MWF will test at 10:10-12:00. Classes meeting from 3:00-3:30 T-Th will test from 12:20-2:10. And 1:00-1:30 T-Th classes are testing from 2:30-4:20.

Classes meeting on MWF

at 8:00-8:30 will test at 8:00-9:50. MWF, 11:00-11:30 classes will test at 10:10-12:00. And the 2:00-2:30 T-Th classes will test from 12:20-2:10. All classes will test on Thursday the 14th. Friday, December 15. Classes meeting MWF from 9:00-9:30 will test at 8:00-9:50. T-TH, 11:00-11:30, classes will test at 10:10-12:00. And MWF, 12:00-12:30 classes are testing from 12:20-12:30.

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VIEWPOINTS

Don't give up, nobody said life was easy



My View

by Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

So, your financial aid came in late, and the admissions office is threatening to kick you out of the computer, you lost your wallet - or it was stolen - while you were hanging out with your friends, and to top it all off, you did not have a ride from Prairie View to Houston Intercontinental, so...you were stuck here for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Like the song says, "Don't Worry, Be

Happy" things could be worse. You mean something is worse than your parents getting your 0.6 midterm grades, or losing your job because the company went bankrupt? Sure there is! Why? Because tough times don't last, but tough people do. A man is judged not by the misfortune that befalls him, but the way he handles himself during the tribulations that all people go through. What's worse, biting an apple and finding a worm in it, or biting that same apple and finding half a worm. That's the way that life should be looked at. Be thankful that you broke both of your arms in the car accident on 290, you could have lost your life. And, just because you are having some major problems here at

Prairie View A&M University doesn't mean you drop out of school. Stick with it! Fight the good fight: **At least your in college!** You are lucky to be here, but no one ever said that college would be easy. You've just got to keep trudging along, and one day your time will come. If it's his glorious will, God didn't bring you here to leave you 'hangin'.

Here's my point of view. A lot of people think that I have been working with newspapers all of my life. Well, that is not true. I didn't work for my highschool newspaper, and I didn't write my first article here until the Fall of '87, (for anyone wishing to know how I wrote then, check the front page of the October 2, 1987 issue). I began writing sports

for The Panther during the Spring of '88. I did not actually get involved with the paper until the Fall of 1988. Exactly one year ago today, I didn't know much about any of the computers that we use today. However, I *wanted* to advance on the newspaper, and that is the key concept. If you are in a bad situation, or you don't have that job that you want to have, don't give up; don't feel bad because for one thing, there is always someone worse off than you are, and two, you never know what may happen if you quit.

This brings me to the story of a blind man who was running a 26 mile marathon race. Surprisingly, the man got out ahead of the competition, and

was in first place. However, he was fatigued, and as he heard the crowd chanting his name, the pressure got to him and he fell to the earth from exhaustion. Later that night while he rested in the hospital, one of the attendants who watched the race on television asked him why he gave up.

"I was tired and could not see," replied the blind man.

The attendant sadly answered, "You should not have given up, you were only two feet from the finish line."

Don't be like Hewlett Packard, wondering all your life...What if? Go out, and do the best that you can in life, but remember, life may be the pits sometimes, but keep searching for that cherry.

What you see is what you get-eat right!

By YOLANDA ARMSTRONG
Of The Panther

Is the body you see when you look into a mirror your personal best—not Debbie Allen's or Eddie Murphy's or Oprah Winfrey's, but your best? The body that is your genetic heritage may have heavy thighs or a thick waist that resists change. But other parts of you;

what jiggles when you jump or the inch(es) you can pinch around your middle; can be trimmed, and not just for fashion but for fitness sake, too.

Like many Americans, you may have dieted away and then regained unwanted pounds a number of times. It's hard to stay motivated, and easy to feel guilty, when you take it off but can't keep it off.

When you diet, your body thinks it's starving and goes into a calorie-saving mode. The more often you diet, the harder it is to get rid of extra fat. By frequent dieting, you can condition yourself to need fewer calories. Many overweight dieters actually eat less calories than normal-weight people.

In spite of what some popu-

lar diet books and programs promise, weight loss is difficult. The following ideas can help you get the diet monkey off your back and achieve the weight that is personally best for you.

Are you ready?—Attaining and maintaining reasonable weight is a long term commitment. The 10 pounds lost for a wedding or reunion seldom

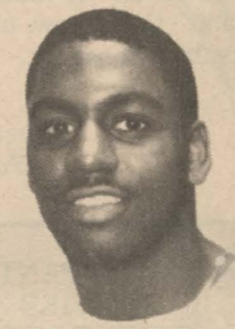
stays off, because commitment ends at the party. To determine your reasonable weight, start with the lowest weight you have kept for at least a year since you have been an adult.

What are you not willing to change?—If you feel deprived, you probably will cheat. It's

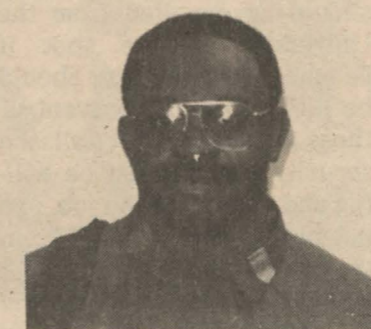
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Student SpeakOut: What are your thoughts on the Berlin Wall

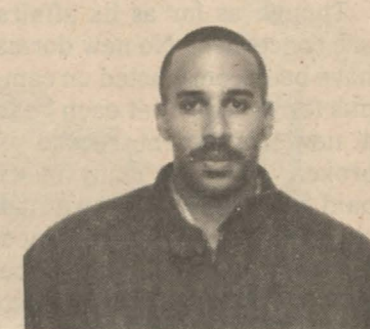
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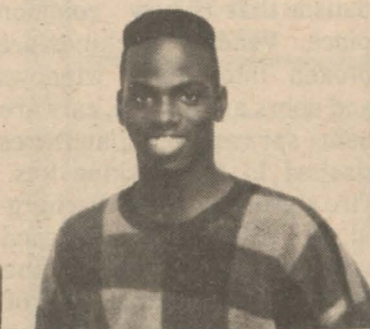
Michael Hodgkin, Fresh. Houston, Tx.: I think the opening of the Berlin Wall was a great step toward world democracy and world peace.



Marvin Watts, Fresh. Houston, Tx.: I feel that this is a good move toward peace for the East Germans in their drive towards freedom.



Dwayne Bennete, Soph. Victoria, Tx.: Tearing down the Berlin Wall symbolizes a glimmer of freedom and hope for those in West Germany and East Germany.



Jerold Smith, Soph. Houston, Tx.: I believe it is a great move towards the idea of individuality. Communism is played out in the 80's.



Charisse Galloway, Jr. Woodlands, Tx.: I think it is good in a way because now some sort of communication can be restored.

VIEWPOINTS

Get Off Your Knees & Stand Up & Walk

By **DON GRAY**
Viewpoints Editor

Well, once again we're about to begin the final countdown to the end of another semester. Many of us are elated with the prospect of finally getting to the end of the tunnel to receive that precious piece of paper after four, five, six, or yes even seven years of struggling. Some of us are simply happy to have made it through another semester after praying for financial aid, starving in our rooms, and seeing a lot of strange going-ons (like Skeezer and the Majic Man!). Then again a lot of us are approaching the semester's end feeling like we're at 'the whipping post'. In other words you have a subterranean grade point average, you're in so much debt that

Fort Knox couldn't solve your woes, you've been dumped by your girlfriend or boyfriend, and to make matters worse you still don't understand what the heck is going on in D.E.II or Fortran. Well once again, I offer my own little demented views and advice on how to handle the situation. Most of you will probably see it as me talking to myself again, but if these words strike only one soul who is hitting the bottle a little too hard or thinking of giving up the quest for a degree, then so be it.

When life knocks you down, please don't give up. Somebody out there loves you even though it seems that you're out of luck. It only takes three little steps to get you out of your doldrums and back out kicking

butt where you're supposed to be. The first thing you need to do is get off your stomach, butt, back or whatever, and rise to your knees. Look, no matter how bad it seems, it will only get worse if you stay down and let life continue to pook on you. While you're down there on your knees, if you can spell religion it may be a good time to pray or chant or play with your beads if that's what turns you on. The key thing to remember with this first step is not to stay on your knees too long because you may find yourself looking at strange obscene objects that seem to like to 'spit' at you.

Now that you've managed to get your sorry self up off your knees, of course the next thing you have to do is stand up.

Well, while you're standing there playing with yourself, you might want to go through a period of self evaluation or something so that you can determine how you got knocked down and have 'off' semesters, but you have to remember that we are all here to improve ourselves and make a positive difference in this world. We really are one big family. No matter how bad you think it is, you probably aren't the only one going through hard times. You've been standing there evaluating for a while now, so I guess it's time to move on to the next step.

You've been on your knees and stood up, so I guess the next logical step is to start

walking. Walk with your head high and don't be ashamed of any of the mistakes you've made whether they be academic or social. Believe it or not, a lot of those 'smarties' in class are taking the course for the third time, and some of these straight and narrow persons you meet used to be the drunkest sluts and gigoles on 'the hill'. Of course, it helps to use a little common sense to walk away from some of the things that may have caused you despair in the first place.

Please don't wait until next semester to get your act together. You have to do it now. It's not over until it's over...if you know what I mean. No matter what anyone tells you; you must believe that you are that special person...really!

What you see is what you get - eat right!

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important way to reduce the fat on your body is to cut the fat in your diet: butter, fried foods, premium ice cream, rich sauces...you decide.

What are your high-risk situations?—By identifying and working out ways to deal with temptations to overeat,

better to learn how to work small amounts of favorite foods into a healthful eating plan.

Where can you cut fat from your diet?—The single most

you are more likely to stay in control.

What kind of exercise will you do?—Exercise forces your body to burn fat. Build more physical activity into your regular schedule. Using the stairs daily is better than frequent crash dieting.

How can you keep up the effort?—For support, join a weight control or exercise group. Set small attainable goals and reward yourself (but not with food) for each goal you achieve.

Whose in control?—Only you put the food into your mouth—

not your mother, your boyfriend/girlfriend, your friends, the cooks at the "Purple P," or the cashiers at McDonald's. Once you assume full responsibility for how you eat, you can also take full credit for a healthier, happier body and spirit.

Letter-to-the-Editor

I first came to Prairie View during the summer of 1986. At that time, I studied in W.R. Banks Library; the New Classroom Building was only 1/3 done; there was a street between Fuller and Banks Halls; there was no Engineering Technology Building; there weren't as many sidewalks around; and Percy Pierre was President of the University. Yet, through it all, there was something here. A sort of unseen meshwork that threaded us all together.

As I look around today, P.V. has changed; we now have the John B. Coleman Library, and the W.R. Banks Classroom Building! There are sidewalks in places where we once had to hurdle mudpuddles on our way to class whenever it rain-

ed. There's even a new Physical Education Building. There is also, though, something here now that I find very disturbing; an unraveling of the finely woven cloth that once held us together.

Perhaps at the heart of the problem is the increased vandalism that is now common place. Vending machines are broken into, dorm windows and doors are broken, cars are being spray-painted, and tires slashed in the parking lots. Fire alarms are being discharged, and extinguishers sprayed under the doors, and in the faces of some people. All of these actions are occurring merely for the amusement of a few students (I pray that there is only a few of them). Not to mention any names, but one student has shown the state

how does a P.V. student really act and was jailed recently for public intoxication. Somewhere along the line, and through the years, the mentality and maturity level of the average P.V. student has decayed.

Though as far as its affairs are concerned. No new dorms have been constructed on campus for decades, yet each year a new enrollment record is broken. Though many of us paid reservation fees, we had no rooms when we returned this semester. Incompetence, poor mannerisms are evident in nearly every office on campus (just step into the Registrars office some day). Though it was no secret that Dr. Pierre was going to resign (nearly a year and a half has passed

since he made his decision to resign), we still have an Interim President.

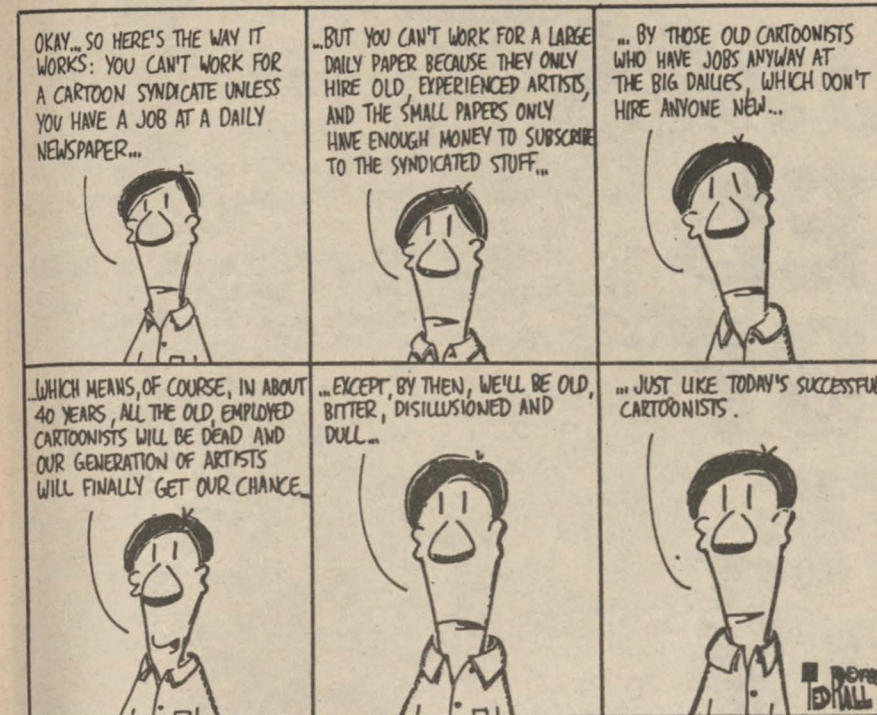
The solution to several of these problems is simple. The Administration needs to come out strong, and heavily enforce its authority. The vandals should be expelled from the University on the spot if caught. New security should be hired who can prevent of these actions. Most of all, the security guards must be willing and able to do the job, and not just sit and watch T.V. in the lobbies.

It will take some effort from the students. Don't be afraid to inform dorm directors or R.A.'s of the students who are jeopardizing your life as they tamper with smoke detectors, fire alarms, and extinguishers.

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Weekly Crossword

"HALLS OF IVY"

By Gerry Frey

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- 5 College near Albany, NY
- 10 Festive occasion
- 14 Box for keeping pins
- 15 In a difficult situation: with "up the"
- 16 Long narrative poem
- 17 Italian mountain
- 18 Fragrant oil
- 19 City in Alaska
- 20 College in New Brunswick, NJ
- 22 "Come _____": SMU invite
- 24 Participated at the dining hall
- 25 Biological classification
- 26 Extra tire
- 29 One of LBJ's dogs
- 30 Is ahead of the pack
- 34 _____ bucks: In the money
- 35 Corp Exec.
- 36 Tone deafness
- 37 She's "Sweet as apple cida"
- 38 Follows "HYPO": Br
- 40 Follows "CAV": Roe
- 41 Patty's alias
- 43 Tooth holder
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- 45 Cum laude eg.
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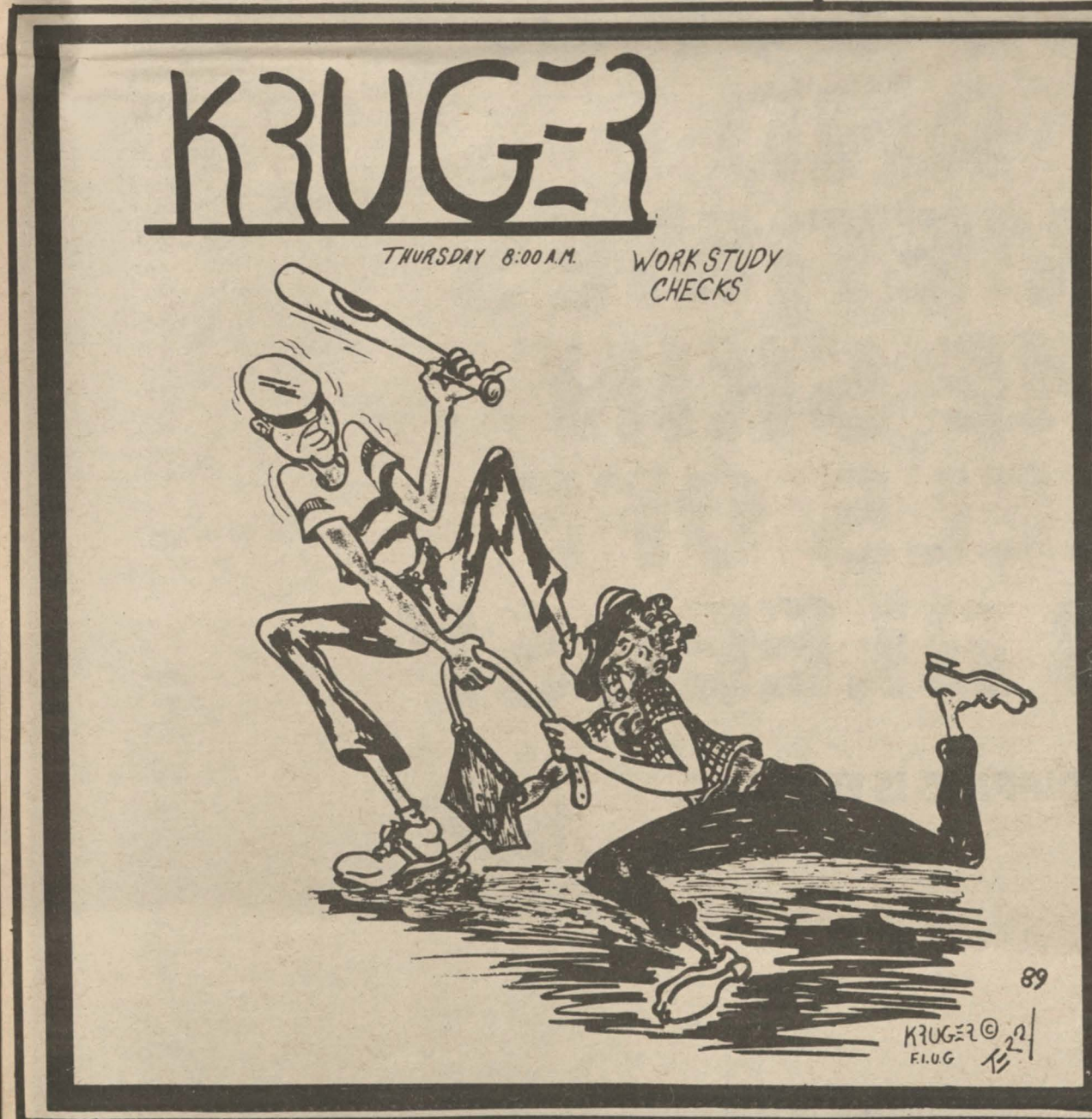
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- 48 Lariat (var.)
- 50 Famous Bruin
- 51 SRO participant
- 54 College in Dublin
- 58 Possess
- 59 Put the top back on
- 61 Set adrift
- 62 Soviet mountain range
- 63 Pimento holder
- 64 Stench
- 65 Wilt Chamberlain, eg
- 66 Break off
- 67 Cub scout groups

13 "Top Guns"

- 21 Juin at the Sorbonne
- 23 College in Oklahoma
- 25 College in Athens, Ga.
- 26 College in Northhampton, Ma.
- 27 Tijuana Peter
- 28 Encore
- 29 Half a bray
- 31 Negatively charged particle
- 32 Ms. Chambers of Cheers
- 33 Ubangi women
- 35 Half a dance
- 36 Goal
- 38 Exhausted
- 39 Police ID Photo
- 42 College high above Cayuga's waters
- 44 College in NYC: Columbia affiliate
- 46 "Kaleidoscope": Author
- 47 Dernier _____: Latest fashion
- 49 Aviation prefixes
- 50 Direct
- 51 Closed
- 52 Scarlet's place
- 53 Grandparental
- 54 Follows "DIREC" and "NARRA"
- 55 Understanding words
- 56 Adolescent
- 57 Matters
- 60 Ms. Ullmann

DOWN

- 1 Bambi
- 2 Ides of March words
- 3 Dad's sister
- 4 College near The Falls
- 5 Frighten
- 6 The BMTs, INDS and _____
- 7 Follows "STR": Thoroughfare
- 8 Cleaner
- 9 College in Ohio
- 10 College near Batavia, NY
- 11 "_____ on you": Witches curse
- 12 City in Peru



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