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### DATING GAME

Why do the women here seem so hard to please?

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### SPEAKOUT

What do you think is best about Prairie View?

VIEWPOINTS



### Amazing Art

The Rev. Clarence Talley has artful talents.

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# The Panther

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Prairie View A&M University

## TAMUS Regents Survey PVAMU

By Kevin Lyons  
Editor-in-Chief

Student housing and health care were highlighted by students and faculty at the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents fact finding visit.

During the TAMUS hearing held here last week, presentations by Prairie View faculty and staff to the Regents focussed on the housing and health care situations. Pleas for more housing funds apparently were emphasized after Prairie View experienced an overwhelming increase in enrollment for the fall semester.

"We have an enrollment figure of about 6100 students, and only room for 2800 on campus residents," stated Dr. Edward Martin, intern V.P. of Academic Affairs. "We must seriously address the situation of limiting the amount of students we admit."

While faculty members such as Martin and University President Dr. Bryant expressed concerns over enrollment limitations, PVAMU students Fredricka Poindexter and

Marcell Thompson made statements regarding their own housing problems.

"Suarez-Collins Hall is only made for two people to live in one room," said Poindexter. "However, in my room and many other rooms there are three beds and only two desks. This type of overcrowding makes it very hard for me to concentrate my efforts towards graduating this spring."

"Since the enrollment figures have steadily risen over the past five years, it is obvious that Prairie View needs a new dormitory," added Thompson.

Along with the housing situation, Thompson also voiced concern with the need for adequate health care services at Owens-Franklin health center on campus.

"If there was a life or death situation involving a student here at PV, the student would have to be transported some 40 miles to Tomball because the local health center is not equipped with emergency services."

The Owens-Franklin health center is staffed with one full time M.D., and two others

whom work on a contractual basis. However, the facility is only equipped to handle minor injuries. Thompson stated that more equipment may have saved the life of Brad Wright.

Wright died of asthma, in Spring 1988, after hospital officials reportedly were not able to provide him with oxygen.

Douglass DeCluitt, Chairman for Academic Campuses in the TAMUS said that along with housing, health care will be a top priority for the Regents when they discuss priorities for Prairie View.

Other needs that were voiced towards the Regents included:

**\*Increased Hispanic Enrollment:** Prairie View Alumna, Viola Ramos said that programs need to be established to increase an hispanic enrollment of less than one hundred here at PV. Amongst them were the implementation of more Hispanic staff, and more financial incentives for Hispanic students.

**\*Increased Number of Graduate Students in Benjamin Banneker Honors College:** Pol-Sci. Prof., Dr. Jewel Pre-

stige lobbied for funds to create more innovative structured programs for the Honors College.

**\*Keep Mission of PV Intact:** Faculty Rep., Dr. Willie Trotty expressed his perception that TAMUS is using Prairie View for its own gain, instead of Prairie View using the TAMUS. Trotty feels that some of the campus beautification perhaps was done to attract students, instead of benefitting students already here. Trotty also voiced con-

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### A SPECIAL REPORT

## Date Rape: A P.V. Epidemic?

By Kimberly Tyrance  
NewsWeek Editor

The Department of Social Work-Sociology focused on Date Rape and Sexuality Thursday, September 14, in the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel.

Information on Date Rape was presented by panelists' Dr. Marilyn Hamilton, Mr. Ken Mask, Ms. Darlene Gilmore and Mrs. Thelma Pierre. Other members involved in the symposium were Mrs. Brenda Lorrick and Dr. Sarah B. Williams.

Despite the cry of "No", 24 percent of male university students are sexually aggressive, according to psychologist Georgia Witkin-Lanoil, PhD. As a result, Date Rape, sex forced upon a unwilling partner who is acquainted with the assailant, has increased rapidly on college campuses.

On our campus alone the female student is subjective to verbal or physical rape every 10 minutes, according to Mrs. Pierre. One third of all the males committing sexual abuse have

consumed alcohol or drugs.

She also stated that less than half of the date raped victims will ever report the crime because they fear humiliation, peer rejection, and public disbelief.

*"The female student is subjective to verbal or physical rape every 10 minutes."*

-Thelma Pierre

According to Dr. Hamilton, date rape hurts more because the victims trust is violated by a friend, relative, boyfriend, instructor, etc. The victim suffers a tremendous amount of guilt afterwards. She blames herself for the tragic incident. As a result she feels helpless and alone.

The victim doesn't have to feel that way anymore. As Mrs. Pierre emphasized, it's important to realize that you're not the first victim nor the last.

Ms. Gilmore explains some procedures to follow if you become a victim of date rape.

\*Get to a safe place as soon as

possible.

\*Call the police immediately.

\*File a report first and then decide later if you want to prosecute.

\*Call a friend or relative for support.

\*Do not shower, douche or change clothes before you undergo a rape test because you might damage prosecuting evidence.

\*Seek therapy from a Rape Crisis Center.

No one is guaranteed safety from date rape occurrence but there are ways to avoid it.

\*Trust your instincts. If you get bad vibes from a male don't go out with him.

\*Drink in moderation.

\*Enjoy first few dates in public places.

\*Don't play around with 'NO'. No means No...It's just that cut and dry.

Date Rape is a crime that must not prevail at PVAMU or other universities. As the panelists indicated, the only way to eliminate such a crime is by educating the student body on Date Rape issues.



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## BRIEFLY

### NEWS

In cooperation with PVAMU, the U.S. Department of Agriculture presented a Careers in Agriculture exhibit Wednesday, September 20. The display was located in Alumni Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit consisted of individual displays by eighteen USDA agencies. In addition to special appearances by the Forest Service's Smokey the Bear, representatives of the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Beagle Brigade demonstrated the techniques used to uncover contraband agricultural products being transported into this country illegally.

There was an additional demonstration by specialists from the Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) on grading various commodities such as eggs, cotton, fruits and vegetables. Representatives of the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted demonstrations showing the techniques used in identifying contaminated and diseased food products.

### FISCAL AFFAIRS

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents recently approved Prairie View A&M University's budget for fiscal year (FY) 1990, in addition to budgets for the other system universities, agencies and offices. The PVAMU budget for FY 1990 is \$57,772,231. This represents an increase of 9.2% over last year.

The largest individual budget item is \$12,610,882 for Resident Instruction. Faculty and staff increases averaged 5 percent. Among budgeted special items include \$1,940,000 for academic scholarships, (as well as an additional \$427,543 for scholarships, \$221,400 for student nurse stipends, and \$136,820 for scholarships and recruitment of non-black students). In addition, the Benjamin Banneker Honors College was funded for the first time from state appropriations, for \$50,000. The amount of \$267,986 was allotted for library acquisition.

In another first, the legislature is funding the university's Cooperative Extension and its public service programs, providing \$100,000 for that purpose.

## PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jenkins will save \$1700 this semester in student fees because of a few friendly Fort Worth people. That's right, the Prairie View A&M University Alumni Chapter of Fort Worth, Texas has awarded Guy and Monte Jenkins scholarship money for the 1989-90 school year. Guy, a Junior communications major, will have \$1500 applied to his fees. Monte, a freshman engineering student is the recipient of a \$200 book scholarship.

The Jenkins' are from Fort Worth, Texas.



Guy (l.), Monte (r.)

During homecoming, look for Esther Lewis. Lewis, a junior education major, will be representing the Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta here on campus. You'll see her smiling face in both the Homecoming Parade and the Coronation. Pageantry is nothing new to Lewis, who has participated in similar activities such as; reigning queen of the Ms. Fashion Affairs Teen Contest. She also competed in the 1988 Ms. Black Houston Pageant. The Deltas will support Lewis, Miss Delta Sigma Theta and Mary Ann Palmer, Miss Prairie View by serving as hostesses at the Coronation Ball.

Now showing at a theatre near you... "Malcolm X: Struggle for Freedom" and Spike Lee's first film, "Joe's Bed-Stuy Barber-shop: We Cut Heads". The Kuumba House Theatre's black film festival is in progress. The Kuumba House is working towards becoming the first full-service black movie cinema in Houston. Stop by the theatre on La Branch at Main to see what's

showing in the upcoming months...and while you're in the neighborhood, check out the Amistad Bookplace next door. Amistad is a bookstore designed with Afro-American culture in mind.

Hey stupid! Having trouble in the classroom? Then you need to get to know Ms. Lora Williams Ms. Williams currently serves as coordinator of the Tutoring/Study/Test Skills Laboratory. She has the responsibility of designing and implementing the ALRC's University wide tutorial program.



If the sum of all starlight that falls on the Earth could be concentrated in one object, it would equal a 100-watt bulb seen from a distance of 613 feet, or the length of two football fields.

### MILESTONES

September 28, 1980: Dr. Danny Roy Kelly, professor of music at PV, made his debut at New York City's Carnegie Hall. In his 60 minute performance, Dr. Kelley performed works by Hayden, Beethoven, Chopin, and Schoenberg.

September 1986: Classes located in Hilliard Hall were relocated for the fall term due to an August campus fire. One-half million dollars worth of damage was done by PV student Reynauld Washington. Washington, who was reportedly irritated by what he believed to be an undeserved grade, decided that Hilliard Hall was the best place to vent his frustrations.

### CAMPUS CRIME

September 12, Complainant reported that he had been robbed by unknown subject(s) while he was delivering pizza on campus

September 17, Subject was observed making a U turn in Physical Plant parking lot and failed to at stop sign. Subject was issued a citation.

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#### THE PANTHER

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# NEWSWEEK

## Prairie View Will Benefit from Super Collider

By Angela Wilson-McGrath  
Copy Editor

The future is at hand. Prairie View A&M University is now the first choice site for a Particle Detector Research Center (PDRC), the first in the south and the second in the United States. The project is an \$8 million facility that will provide much needed research for the superconducting super collider (SSC) scheduled for placement at Waxahachie, Texas. For the first phase of the project, the center will be housed in existing university facilities, says Dr. Dennis J. Judd, head of the PVAMU High Energy Physics Group. "But," he adds, "the

long term project will require further physical expansion."

"The center is needed because accelerator technology has surpassed detector capability," says Dr. Judd. The PDRC is a facility needed to provide key research into invisible, primordial particles and for the development of technical equipment for the experimentation needed to detect such particles. Further research into these particles, such as quarks, photinos and the elusive Higgs Boson, a particle named for British physicist Peter Higgs that exists only in theory, is needed to complete what scientists call the Standard Model of elementary particles and forces.

Dr. Judd has said that PVAMU is best suited for the center because of its on-going elementary particles research, supplemented by a \$200,000 federal grant. PVAMU and Rice University are the only two universities in the state that conduct such studies.

The PDRC brings increased funding with it to PVAMU. This money will, of course, help the physics, math and science departments, but it will also benefit the university as a whole, says a variety of faculty and administrators. The national esteem paid to Prairie View will aid in increasing the funds contributed to the university. The new place Prairie View will

hold in the technological world will draw additional top-notch staff members and students, and will cause the expansion of post-graduate, undergraduate and scholars programs at the university, adds Dr. Judd. The educational and physical aspects will both benefit from increased and new funding sources due to the PDRC, say university officials.

Dr. Judd, supported by several key elected and non-elected officials, is currently communicating with a committee in Dallas that was tasked with the distribution of the \$1 billion dollars that the Texas voters allocated for the SSC project, \$50 million of which has been earmarked for related research. Dr. Judd, with

the support of others, including the late Congressman Mickey Leland, has been proposing that Prairie View, as the principal research institution, be awarded a large part of that funding. The decision on this is pending and a press conference will be scheduled by the City of Prairie View, in cooperation with the PVAMU High Energy Group, in the very near future.

The PDRC will bring national attention to Prairie View A&M through technological advances due to the research, as well as, through the advances in education throughout the south. A cooperative program that includes grades K-12 in the

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## Engineering Excellence

By Rebecca Turner  
Staff Writer

Excellence-The continuous pursuit to be the best. This is the motto of the College of Engineering and Architecture. It has the largest Black Engineering enrollment of any university, and continues to be one of the largest producers of Black American Engineers in the nation.

What makes this college one of the most highly respected in the nation?

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This report is one in a series. The College of Business will be analyzed in the October 6 issue.

# NEWSWEEK

## The Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr.; Amazing Art

The past academic year has been a full one for Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr. His year began in September with a promotion to Professor of Art at Prairie View A&M University and ended in August with a group exhibition at the Arlington Art Museum called "Multi-cultural Visions." Along the way, Talley's year included several honors, a TV appearance, publication of an article, and numerous exhibitions throughout the state. He shows no sign of slowing down.

Talley, who is primarily known for his vivid acrylic paintings, was named one of the top 10 artists of 1988 by the Dallas Weekly newspaper. He was also listed in Art in America magazine's 1988-89 annual guide to galleries, museums and artists for his exhibition at the Centenary College Magale Library Gallery in Shreveport, La. Talley's work has also been accepted in the Corpus Christi Visual Arts Slide Registry. In addition, an upcoming 1989 issue of American Artist magazine will include Talley in its "Illustrated Survey of Leading Contemporaries." He recently won Honorable Mention in the 7th Annual Juried Black Artists; Exhibit at the Carver Museum in Austin, Texas.

In October, Talley's article "Three Dimensional Montages" was accepted for

publication by School Art magazine, and in July, he was featured on Lord Gite's "Black Voice" on Channel 26 TV.

He was selected to be a juror for the 6th Annual Black Artist Exhibition in Austin, sponsored by the Black Art Alliance. An alliance spokesman said that Talley, "is one of the strongest and most interesting black painters in Texas. He has combined an easily flowing painting style with realistic images to project the black struggle and the essential nature of his people."

Commenting on Talley's use of Biblical and African motifs and stylized human forms, he added "His painting is an art of affirmation: of creating abstract art from observations; affirmation of faith; affirmation of the continuity of the family."

During the past academic year, Talley has had his work exhibited by PVAMU as well as by the Forest Green Library and the Ann Taylor Gallery in Dallas, the Benz Gallery of Floral Art at Texas A&M University, the Art League of Houston, the John B. Cade Library at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., The Texas A&M University System office in Houston, the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, the Hockley Community Center, and in Houston Diverse



Clarence Talley, Sr.

Works and Treebeards Galleries.

Talley has received considerable critical praise for his work. Wichita Falls Times Record News reporter Lynn Hoggard said, "His messages tend to be religious and/or political. They are expressed in mellifluous layerings of acrylic forms that emphasize both the message of the work and its purely visual impact." The curator of the Dallas Museum of African-American Life and Culture has called his work "both visually stimulating and mentally challeng-

ing." Bryan Eagle reviewer Mary Saslow was also impressed with his technique: "The sense of risk and energy give these works vitality."

Vitality also describes Clarence Talley's career—pursuing his objectives with enthusiasm, openness to new experiences, and determination. Several pivotal moments in Talley's career illustrate these qualities.

Probably the first occurred in a third grade class in his hometown of Alexandria, La. A student sat next to him drawing stick figures. "I remember being fascinated by what I saw, because he could make his figures come alive and look real. So I asked him to show me how it was done. It was a lesson I never forgot."

He later drew Batman and Superman pictures and began producing backdrops for school plays. By the ninth grade, he was winning district and state competitions.

Later he received degrees in art for Southern University in 1973 and from Louisiana State University in 1975, when he joined the PVAMU faculty. His primary media are painting in acrylics, which he prefers over oils; watercolors; wood sculpture; and assemblage pieces.

Another pivotal time was his participation in a Caribbean-American Exchange Pro-

gram when he gave a traveling exhibition in the West Indies and Caribbean Islands. He was impressed with African influences on the culture and language, and he incorporated these influences into his work. The Caribbean tour also impressed Talley with his own good fortune. "The tour emphasized for me how blessed I was to live in good conditions, when there was so much poverty in the world."

The recipient of numerous awards during his career, Talley has appeared in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Outstanding Young Men of America, American Artists of Renown, and Men of Achievement.

As a teacher, Talley stresses to his students the need to develop a professional attitude about their art and to build a reputation. While most of his students get degrees in art education and teach school, he has had a number of pupils who ventured successfully into the art world. These include Lionel Lofton, who went on to receive his MFA from the University of Houston at Clear Lake; David McGee, employed by the Contemporary Art Museum in Houston; and Kenneth Carter, former head of graphics for the City of Gary, Ind. and now display coordinator for Fingers Furniture Store.

who've "got what it takes."

The six Intern and Co-op programs are each unique and all offer an opportunity for a rewarding and fulfilling summer. The programs vary, but they also offer professional, personal and social growth.

There are programs for the undergraduate, the scholar, the student trainee, the minority undergraduate, the student who needs financial assistance (who doesn't need financial help?) and the bookworm.

If selected to work for the Agency under the Tuition Assistance Program during the summer, the student's last year of tuition could be covered by the Agency.

If the above fact alone doesn't interest you, I take it that you enjoy fighting with the Financial Aid Department here on campus. But, if you are interested and would like to receive more information on the CIA, contact: Mrs. Glenda Ford in the Anderson Building and discover what the CIA has to offer you!

## Career Day Festival Kicks off Recruiting at PV

By Valjean Shaw  
Staff Writer

The recruitment season for Co-op and Intern students begins this week, kicking off with the 19th Annual Counseling and Career Festival in the Baby Dome, Wednesday, September 20th.

In the Anderson Building where recruitment and interviewing takes place under the direction and assistance of Mrs. Brenda Lorick, Mr. Lathia Duhnam and Mrs. Glenda

Ford, students have begun to fill the halls to update resumes, review interview films and to receive present information on the company they hope will employ them during the summer.

Students, I know that when you think of Co-op or Intern, companies such as General Motors, Ford or Exxon automatically comes to mind. I am aware that these are THE companies to work for, but have you ever considered working for the CIA? Yes, the

CIA, The Central Intelligence Agency. The Agency which "serves the United States as an invaluable source of information on trends and current events abroad."

The CIA offers as many opportunities as any other major company and the experience you would receive is just as good. More importantly, aside from focusing primarily on education, the agency concentrates also on future employment for those Interns and Co-op students

# NEWSWEEK

## Are PV Women Winning The Dating Game?

By Ancheska English  
Staff Writer

The dating game on this campus is a competition with no rules yielding both surprises and rewards. Women say enormous patience is needed to deal with the men here while the men say all that's needed is a car and some cash. Coming to Prairie View means going from prince to pauper for some. A freshman male business major explains.

"When I was in high school, I had access to a car and a job.

I had money to go out every weekend. When I meet a girl here, the first thing she wants to find out is if I have a car on campus and if I have access to a lot of money. When I say no, she acts uninterested. I've figured out it's cheaper to hang out with the fellas."

A junior female biology major disagrees, "I'm not materialistic, I just hate to be bored. Of course I'd rather be with a guy who has a car so we can at least go to McDonald's sometimes."

Her best friend, a junior female business major de-

clares, "Dating on this campus is null and void. About all you can do is walk around campus with your guy, go to his room or he can come to yours. It's the same routine semester after semester."

It doesn't have to be that way!

Ken turned his room in Holley Hall into the Spaghetti Warehouse when he prepared pasta and french bread for his girl. Craig prepared a picnic lunch, picked a shade tree and had the perfect date.

Both guys say cash and a car are not vital to a good date but

they do agree: Students without cars have to be creative. Ken and Craig also say it takes a quality lady to appreciate home-made outings instead of evenings with high price tags.

"It's not that I don't want to wine and dine my girlfriend or that she doesn't deserve it," says Ken, "I just don't have the funds. The only income I have is what my parents and grandparents send me."

There are plenty of shade trees on campus and making a special dinner for a special person is an excellent yet econ-

omical idea. There are also other events on campus that could prove to be perfect outings such as talent shows, plays and musicals. These usually cost less than five dollars and they're all in walking distance. Besides, hanging with the fellas is taking the easy way out.

In the long run, being rich in personality and creativity will be better than having a fat wallet and a 'live' ride. It's not that women at Prairie View are hard to please...maybe you're just trying to please the wrong ones.

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community, as well as, a system of knowledge sharing through tutorial programs and workshops connected with other historically minority universities, including

Texas Southern, Texas A&I, Texas El Paso, North Carolina A&T, Alabama A&M, Florida A&M, Atlanta Clark, and Southern University, has been initiated, according to a study done by Gold Line Management Company.

Some concern by elected

officials and minority organizations over the ignoring of the minority community and the significant contributions it could make in respect to these types of projects, was expressed during the site selection for the SSC and related research facilities. The major concern for the nation as a whole lies in the fact that by the year 2015, one third of the population of the United States will be made of minority groups. With concern over the country's global competitive position in mind, several aspects of society are being examined, including education and the opportunities for minorities in the technical world of the future.

As a result, the SSC Site Committee of the Department of Energy requested an interview with Dr. Judd, one of only five black physicists in the

U.S., and who has been recognized for his extensive and outstanding work in the field. Dr. Judd informed the committee of the superlative qualifications of the PVAMU High Energy Group and of the university, as well as delineating some other Texas programs aimed at equalizing education and career opportunities in this country.

Along with creating improved opportunities in education and careers, the PDRC brings in fantastic economic benefits to PVAMU, the City of Prairie View, the surrounding communities, Waller and Harris Counties, and the Houston metropolitan area. The PDRC will require the import of technical staff, who will need housing. The center will draw visitors and researchers from

around the world, who will need accommodations, restaurants, transportation and even entertainment. Over the long term the PDRC will require further construction, non-technical employees and other services from the community.

"We are very excited about the program, I guess you could say it is a dream come true," said Mayor Ron Leverett of Prairie View. The economic repercussions of the project will be far reaching and will help solve so many problems in the area, he said. The lagging economy in the area has greatly hurt the development of Prairie View as a small rural community. The benefits are obvious and exciting, he added.

This is one report in a series on the Super Collider.

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cern over the lack of funds for teacher salaries. "These salaries," he stated, "do not provide incentives for quality teachers."

\*Housing for the President: Pres. Alumni Assoc., Milton Whitting questioned the need to spend \$150,000 to renovate the President's Guest House. He said that the president needs more privacy, and the

guest house is too close to campus. The Regents said that that cost for renovating the guest house is under review, and subject to change.

\*Particle Detector Research Center: Physics Prof., Dr. Judd lobbied for \$1 million each for initiation of the PDRC at Prairie View, an academic computing center, and an enhancement of academic recruitment.

\*New Postal Center: Retired chairman of Engl. Dept., Dr. Ann Campbell said that there is a need for more parking space behind Prairie View post office. She also said that with increased enrollment, two clerks are not enough to handle the postal duties at PV. The TAMUS Board of Regents has authorized the chancellor to pick site for a new post office.

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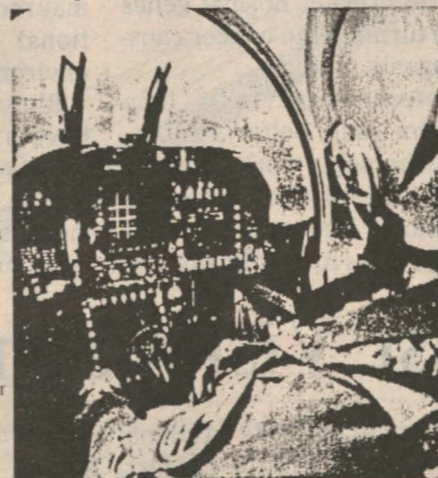
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## SCIENCEWEEK

### PV Gets Chem. Grant

The Lubrizol Foundation gave Prairie View A&M University a grant of \$4,000 for scholarships in chemical engineering. The Lubrizol Petroleum Chemical Company also donated \$500 for the purchase of the "Safety in the Chemical Industry" film series.

According to foundation President Douglas W. Richardson, "The full amount of each scholarship is to be credited to the account of a deserving sophomore, junior or senior studying the designated subject and applied only to tuition." Richardson added, "Selection is to be made solely by the college or university in accordance with its customary procedure and is to be based primarily on scholastic achievement. Good citizenship is expected and leadership qualities are also important."

Dr. Kamel H. Fotouh, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, said, "We are very pleased to accept this scholarship grant and the safety film series from Lubrizol Foundation, and we appreciate this initiative to help our

### PV to Host Seminar

Dr. David N. McMurry, of the Department of Medical Microbiology & Immunology at Texas A&M University, will present a seminar entitled "Stress and Disease Resistance." The seminar will be held Monday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. in room 102, Harrington Science Building. The general public is welcome.

Dr. McMurray is a participating scientist with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

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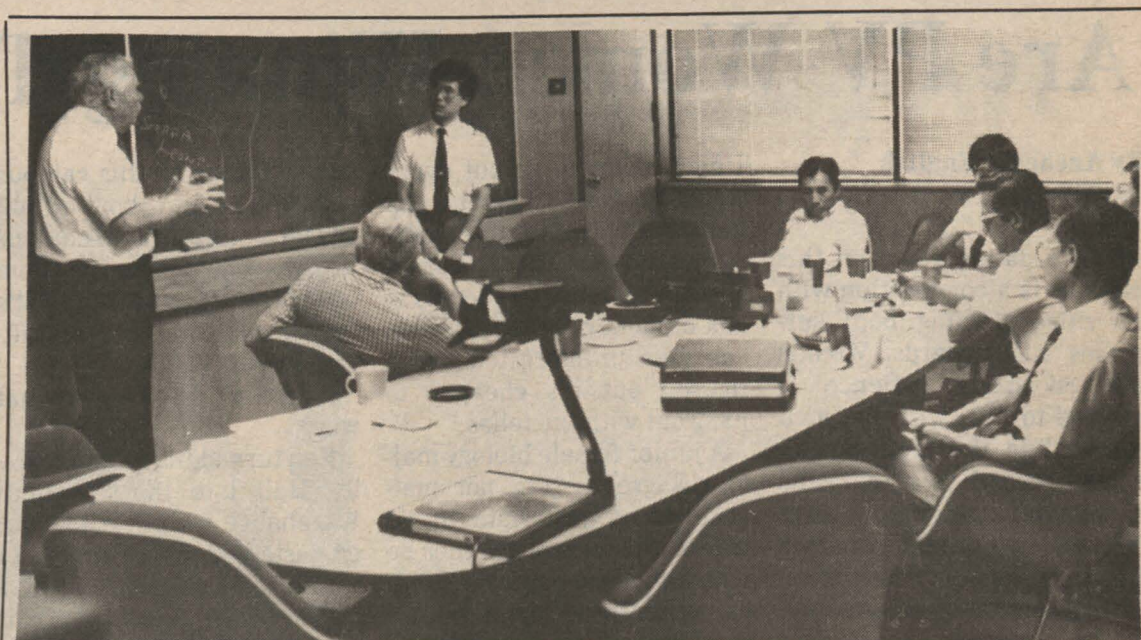
program." Lubrizol representatives made a presentation to pre-college freshmen attending the Engineering Concepts Institute (ECI) Foundation this summer, and the foundation supported the Minority Introduction to Engineering (MITE) program last year on the PVAMU campus. The ECI program provides beginning students an opportunity to discover the profession of engineering and enroll in introductory courses. The MITE program gives talented high school students an overview of the engineering professions and exposure to university life.

Dr. Wayne D. Perry, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, commented, "We look forward to developing a long-term corporate-educational partnership with Lubrizol."

Richard Miller, Lubrizol personnel administrator, stated, "We trust the film series will contribute to the successful accreditation of your chemical engineering program."

(FASEB). FASEB is a new program designed to increase the number of well-trained minority scientists in biomedical disciplines. FASEB is funded by the National Institute of General Medical Science, National Institutes of Health, as a part of the Minority Access to Research Careers program. This program brings outstanding scientists from other institutions to aid in strengthening research and teaching capabilities at minority institutions.

The Biology Department at Prairie View has scheduled three days (September 25th-27th) of planned activities for McMurray, who will meet with faculty and students of the Natural Science Departments (Biology, Chemistry, Physics). He will also be speaking to graduate students on research consulting.



Dr. Eugene Brams (left) explains his research projects to a visiting delegation of Chinese scientists from Beijing Agricultural University, Inner Mongolia College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, and the National Commission of Science and Rural Technology Development. The delegation's recent visit is part of a series of scientific exchanges between China and Prairie View A&M University's Cooperative Agricultural Research Center.

### Biotechniques Produce Proteins

Advances in biotechnology may mean more health and wealth for all Americans. Its usefulness to medicine and agriculture seems to be increasing all the time.

Biotechnology means using microorganisms, cells or parts of cells to make useful substances. It's generally accepted that the first successes in biotechnology will be in producing proteins for human disease therapy. Future application for use in man include growth hormones and clot-dissolving factors to prevent heart attacks. Proteins produced by the brain affect pain, anger and other behavior. It's hoped that research and pro-

duction of these proteins will lead us to an understanding of the causes and cures for many crippling mental illnesses.

Biotechnology is developing vaccines for infectious diseases. Progress has been made on a malaria vaccine and there is a near-promise of vaccines against AIDS and hepatitis. There's hope for cancer too. We're learning how to prevent normal genes from turning into cancer causing agents.

Biotechnology may help farmers reap better results. Biotechnology works toward more feed efficiency, disease resistance and other desirable qualities for cattle, poultry

and swine. One protein Monsanto is researching was tested on dairy cows and their milk yield increased. This may allow cows to give 10 to 25 percent more milk on 15 percent less feed. Biotechnology makes it possible to accelerate plant breeding and offers new ways to protect crops and enhance yields. Pest resistant crops in the future may reduce the load of conventional insecticides in the environment.

Biotechnology is likely to have a significant impact on society in the years ahead. It's hoped that these developments will give us a healthier, more profitable future.

### Microbiologist Visits Scholars

The Biology Department sponsored a visit earlier this week from microbiologist, Dr. Donna R. Fontana, assistant professor of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Minnesota.

Fontana brought her expertise to Prairie View's Benjamin Banneker College and biology department in hopes of helping students to better understand the day-to-day operations of a scientist and to

encourage minority students to pursue scientific careers. Her visit was in conjunction with the American Society for Microbiology and its Visiting Scientist Program.

Fontana received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Illinois, 1976, a master's degree in biophysics from Michigan State University, 1980, and a doctorate in biophysics from Michigan State University, 1982.

Upcoming seminar presentations will be given by PVAMU senior biology students, Terry Fitzgerald and Kevin E. Jefferson.

Other seminars this fall will be presented by PVAMU graduates, Velda and Dalton McWhinney, and Black Executive Exchange Program members, Dr. Willie Mae Coram, Dr. Phillip Merchant, Jr. and Dr. Earl L. White. Contact Dr. Humphrey in the biology department for further details.

## SPORTSWEEK

### Catchings Remains Optimistic Despite Losses

By Kevin Lyons  
Editor-in-Chief

Despite losing 66-0 to Jackson State, head football coach Haney Catchings is enthused. Despite an offense that has not scored a point since the first quarter of the first game, Catchings is still enthused. His optimism is flowing because, as he maintains, the football team is not playing up to its potential.

"There is no way that we can win if we do not execute the basics such as blocking, tackling, or catching. I feel that when we start to get these fundamentals down, then we can start winning."

First, the Panthers need to do the things to be competi-

Being outscored by an average of 50-2 in the last three games is the fault of both the offense and defense.

However, there have been some bright spots in the early going. George Glaze's endzone catch against TSU in the first quarter of the season opener shows that Prairie View can be exciting. Also, players such as Kevin Peterson, Wendell Smith, George Payne, Cornelius Conley, and Sean Lawson have, according to Catchings, stood out in the first three games.

During the game with Southern University tomorrow, Prairie View will need more players to stand out against a team that many SWAC officials predict will

finish seventh in the conference. Catchings believes that Southern is better than many people give them credit for.

"Southern University is not a seventh place team, just like we are not an eighth place team," stated Catchings. "They have a lot of talent as evidenced in their victory over Alcorn State whom many pick to finish third in the conference. They also have a quarterback who was the best at his position coming out of high school in Louisiana. So we will really need to be prepared when we play them in College Station."

In the Panthers defense, it is hard to be prepared when the off-season is marred by a players strike that hinders recruit-

ment. It is even harder when the first string quarterback (Kevin Phillips) is lost for the season with a broken ankle.

However, Catchings remains optimistic that the Panthers will be able to salvage the season.

"Yes, the strike has depleted our level of talent, but I have not noticed any of the players not giving there all in practice or in the games," stated Catchings. "I don't think any of the players would intentionally play bad in front of their friends or families in order to make a point. As far as the quarterback situation is concerned, Danny (Danny Hull) is the starting quarterback with the injuries to Kevin Phillips and Michael

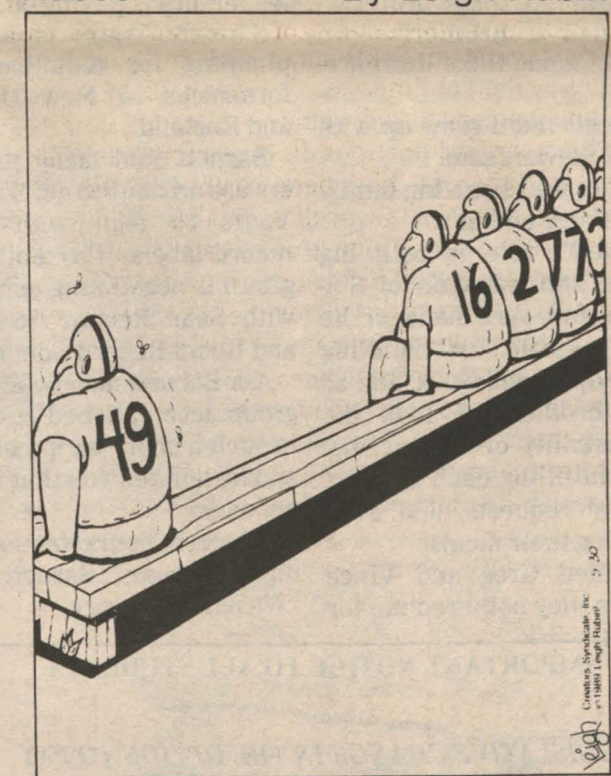
McDade) is playing well considering he was thrown into a pressure situation being fresh out of high school."

Prairie View will need to post a 5-2 record during the remainder of the season in order to match last season's 5-5 record. With three straight blowouts, that feat seems unlikely. However, four of those games will be against teams that the Panthers defeated last year. Nevertheless, Catchings refuses to predict a finishing standing.

"I will not put added pressure on my team by trying to be a forecaster. I will say this... We will not finish with an 0-10 record."

That remains to be seen.

Rubes® By Leigh Rubin



Poor personal hygiene earned him the reputation as the league's most offensive lineman.

### 1989 PVAMU FOOTBALL RESULTS

DATE	PV	Opp.	PTS	REC.
09/02	07	Texas Southern Univ.	45	0-1 (0-1)
09/09	00	Southwest Texas State	41	0-2 (0-2)
09/16	00	Jackson State Univ.	66	0-3 (0-3)
09/23		Southern University		College Station
09/30		Grambling State Univ.		Dallas, TX.
10/07		U. of Ark/Pine Bluff		Little Rock, Ark.
10/14		OPEN		
10/21		Alabama State Univ.		Montgomery, Al.
10/28		Mississippi Valley St.		HOME
11/04		Langston University		Langston, Okl.
11/11		Alcorn State Univ.		Lorman, Ms.

Sept. 9, 1989 Football Box  
SWT 41, Prairie View 0

Prairie View	00 00 00 00
SWT	07 07 00 27

SWT--Collins 42 punt return (Howe kick)  
SWT--Washington 10 run (Howe kick)  
SWT--Rivers 68 run (Howe kick)  
SWT--Murphy 49 pass from Smith (Howe kick)  
SWT--Washington 4 run (Howe kick)  
SWT--Parrs 6 pass from Walker (kick blocked)

PVU	SWT
11	FIRST DOWNS 17
3	rushing 11
7	passing 6
1	penalty 0
29	RUSHING ATT. 50
29	net yards 181
35	PASSING ATT. 24
169	net yards 212
64	TOTAL PLAYS 74
198	net yards 393

Sept. 16, 1989 Football Box  
JSU 66, Prairie View 0

Prairie View	00 00 00 00
JSU	21 10 28 07

JSU--Dixon 6 run (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Gregory 24 run (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Johnson 7 run (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Hall 31 run (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Ayozie 32 field goal  
JSU--Wells 77 interception return (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Barnett from Gregory 75 pass (Ayozie kick)  
JSU--Johnson 7 run (Ayozie kick)

PVU	JSU
11	FIRST DOWNS 21
2	rushing 9
3	passing 11
6	penalty 1
39	RUSHING ATT. 35
5	net yards 292
26	PASSING ATT. 24
77	net yards 272
65	TOTAL PLAYS 59
82	net yards 569

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# LIFESTYLES

## Fabulous Success Story Signed 'S'ncerly Yours'

By Kimetris Baltrip  
Copy Editor

A musical phenomenon is subtly rising out of Prairie View, and if you pay close attention, you will see that it is signed and sealed, 'S'ncerly Yours'.

Indeed a hot, new group, entitled S'ncerly Yours, plans on stamping its mark on Texas and the world of music. Founded on December 2, 1988, this unique group of songsters got their start right here on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

The four young men responsible for sending out the sounds of S'ncerly Yours are lead singer, James Ross of Houston, Tx, singer/song writer, Greg O. Stewart of Oakland, Ca, singer/choreographer, Vincent Paige of Dallas, Tx, and bass guitarist/ keyboard player, Napoleon Milton of Liberia.

S'ncerly Yours has gained exposure by performing at a Peabo Bryson and Regina Bell concert as VIP's, the Blue Ice Nite Club In Houston, the Texas Youth Convention, and other places, as well as for

various organizations and activities on Prairie View's campus.

The group recently added Jimmy Braggs and John Bell as the 'SY-Tricky Phi Dancers', and Darrell Harris as rapper. There are also many faculty members and others working to carry S'ncerly Yours to the top.

S'ncerly Yours is only months away from releasing its first album entitled "Several Good Reasons", and hopefully, this group will give you 'several good reasons' to check them out.

With no prior experience working with recording companies and song artists, Adam Barnett, the group's manager, is carrying S'ncerly Yours through the stardom system step by step.

The first step was overcoming conflicting personalities. Barnett felt nothing could be accomplished if they could not work together as brothers.

Vincent Paige pointed out there were conflicts even before they became an official group. Paige said he frowned on the idea of working with James Ross.

"I didn't want to be in it with him (Ross) because of basketball," Paige explained.

"James used to always talk noise on the basketball court when he couldn't even play basketball."

Barnett said what he finds fascinating about Paige is his vocal range.

"Yeah, sometimes I don't think he (Paige) has any male parts," Ross interjected. Paige grinned.

After differences were settled, the serious planning and training began.

The group started training with the only resources they had. They rehearsed their vocals and harmony for hours daily in their dormitory rooms. Eventually, they made many weekly trips to recording studios in Houston.

The trips to the recording studios would not have been complete if they did not have background music. Napoleon Milton was the ace in this category.

Milton, who has been in America for only three years, started writing and producing music before becoming a part of S'ncerly Yours. In fact,

S'ncerly Yours sings to some of Milton's original music.

Barnett was anxious to use Milton's talent.

"I heard this African dude could play his butt off so I went to talk to the African dude," Barnett giggled.

"At first, I thought he (Barnett) was just talking crazy and just had this crazy dream," Milton said of being asked to join the group.

After agreeing to join, Milton could be found in his room leaning with a cool, mellowness over his keyboard, a toothpick sticking out of the side of his mouth. Greg O. Stewart might be sitting close by singing fine tunes and song lyrics that he wrote as Milton practiced on the keyboard.

After hours of practicing and much frustration, S'ncerly Yours not only produced well over 20 songs, but also developed a brotherly love that has made them inseparable.

"It feels like I grew up with them," Stewart said.

"Yeah, we're one big family now," Paige added.

Barnett's role is both big brother and manager for S'ncerly Yours. As a manager, he is responsible for handling the group's legal work, and as a big brother, he took the responsibility of settling disputes, fulfilling each of their personal requests, and even providing their meals.

"I hated Greg and Vince because they bothered me for

such frivolous things," Barnett joked. "They thought I was eating and not feeding them."

Barnett spoke of all the calling card expenses, Discover card expenses, and other expenses he paid.

He does not regret any of the investments he made, but he is feeling the pressures of financial obligations, time obligations, and obligations to the families of S'ncerly Yours.

"The guys' parents entrusted them to me and I'm under a lot of pressure," Barnett stressed. "I mean if they don't make it, their parents are going to look at me and say, 'my son doesn't have an education; my son doesn't have anything.'"

Although the group calls him 'Jaw Muscle' because he talks so much, Barnett's strong leadership is paying off.

S'ncerly Yours is already planning for tentative performances in New Orleans and England.

Barnett said many producers are anxious to get S'ncerly Yours to sign with their record labels. Currently, the group is negotiating contracts with Soar Record Company and Rebel Record Company.

Ask Barnett how he and the group accomplished so much in such a short period of time and he will tell you that it was not easy.

"S'ncerly Yours was no overnight success," Barnett said. "We paid our price."

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# LIFESTYLES

## Fashion Doesn't "Faze" Prairie View Student

By Charisse Galloway  
LifeStyles Editor

How do you spell George H. Smith? Try Cosi L'uomo, Perry Ellis, and Giorgio Armani.

George Smith, a junior majoring in marketing, is an incoming entrepreneur in the world of fashion.

George entered the world of fashion with knowledge that he acquired from reading about the industry, experience in the profession, the production of fashion shows and the desire in his heart and mind to achieve his goals in this career.

He has developed a style and used it to format George H. Smith Productions, which

is a company focusing on the production of a wide variety of shows in the fashion arena.

George is synonymous with the word art in the fashion world. His perfectly shined shoes and belt to match, tailored pants and tapered shirt, and precision haircut constitute the unified style of George Smith.

George did not dream this concept into existence. He put forth an effort and now one of his dreams has become a reality.

George plans to increase his knowledge in fashion and acquire more knowledge in the area of business and marketing. Later, he would

like to own his own men's clothing store specializing in seductive clothing for men.

According to George, there are three types of dressers here on campus. There are those who care about what they wear, those who do not care about what they wear, and those who are afraid to express themselves through the medium of fashion.

"Women on campus generally do not have a problem expressing their style through their wardrobes, but men do.

Men tend to be afraid of the stereotypes that come along with fashion. In wanting to be accepted as the average guy, they fear that in expressing

themselves, others will consider them as gay," stated George.

Men can dress fashionably and carry themselves in such a manner that people will not perceive them as gays.

When asked what advice he wanted to give to the fashion conscious people here at Prairie View, George said, "Be self-secure, not conceited. Daring, different and most of all take pride in yourselves. After all, fashion is simply an expression who you are."

Here are a few tips that may help someone to become a more effective dresser.

George's Fashion Advice:  
Scuffed-up shoes - A man's shoes must always be polish-

ed. Shoes and belt must match. Thin men must always have pleats in their pants to give the appearance of more weight.

Heavier men should wear more tapered clothing.

Men's hair should always be kept to perfection.

Women should never overdo make-up or half-do their make-up.

Finger nails and toenails must be kept clean and polished.

Women's hair should always be styled and neat.

Women who wear weaves should keep them up well.

Men and Women should express simplicity in jewelry.

Overcrowding defeats the purpose.

## Pee's and Vee's Debuts Successfully 2nd Year

By Valjean Shaw  
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, September 16, 1989, Pee's and Vee's celebrated its second year with a overwhelming turnout and with good reviews from students and staff alike.

In addition to the music played by the dynamic Terrance Holliday, the audience was also entertained by the music of Miss Prairie View, Mary Ann Palmer and the 'Just

Us' Band. Director of Entertainment, James Johnson says "The live entertainment gives Pee's and Vee's a different atmosphere and allows students a chance to showcase hidden talent.

Pee's and Vee's which also serves non-alcoholic beverages provides the students with a different type of social scene during the weekend. Johnson states, "Most parties on campus have alcohol, so we want to provide the student

with a social setting without the effects of too much alcohol consumption." Although the dress code is strictly semi-formal, there were students whose dress attire included shorts. "This Pee's and Vee's was more laid back, but the next Pee's and Vee's will be strictly semi-formal - NO EXCEPTIONS" stated Johnson.

Kerrie Berry enjoyed the opportunity to 'get out and

shake her pants' "Pee's and Vee's was an excellent source of weekend entertainment. I enjoyed the dancing, even though the dance floor should have been bigger. The live entertainment was a nice change of pace." Another student commented that "Pee's and Vee's offered the students the chance to intermingle with other students on a social basis."

Many students really enjoy-

ed themselves at the on-campus 'Nite Club Scene'

Pee's and Vee's takes place the third Saturday in every Month, the next 'Club Scene' will be the weekend before Homecoming. Johnson and

his committee will open the next Pee's and Vee's to the tunes of M.C. Hammer. "The theme will be, 'Let's Get It Started,' we're going to start this year's Homecoming with a bang!"

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# VIEWPOINTS

## University Life is Bound to Get Better... Soon



By Kevin Lyons  
Editor-in-Chief

Freshmen. Transfer students. Welcome to Prairie View A&M University. Okay, I know it is late September, but welcome anyway. Feeling overcrowded? Nauseated? Upset that the Panther basketball team gave up 66 points in a

loss to Jackson State last week. Well whatever you do, don't transfer. Why? Because things can, and eventually will get better around the yard. However, they will only get better if you make things happen. Don't let "little" things like registration or housing get you down. If, and when, you graduate from here, little things will always be in your way; bills, job rejections, financial instabilities. So, what you are experiencing now is peanuts compared to the trials that you are bound to go through in your later years. How will things get better

here at Prairie View. For starters, and I hate to be honest, but approximately 25 percent of you will not be here for the spring semester. Gumption, "Greenbacks," or Grades will not be good enough for you to return a month after Christmas. This shrinkage will allow the other 75% of you to stay in less crowded quarters, and work towards a degree that will probably take you 4 1/2 to 5 years to attain. Okay, so now you have a place to stay, but it's still a strain on your pocketbook to pay the \$2.50 for a bottle of Pepto Bismol after a bout with

the chicken at Alumni Hall. Personally, during the years that I have spent down here, I have gotten used to the food. As you stay down here longer, the horse meat will begin to taste like hamburger. The silkweed will begin to taste like spaghetti, and yes, the mildew will begin to taste like meatloaf. So stop spending all of your money at McDonalds and Pizza Hut, because you are going to have to get used to the food sooner or later. So now the football team. How can being outscored 152-7 in the last three games be looked at on the bright side.

Think of it like this, what else can go wrong. An off-season plagued by a player's strike, and a broken ankle suffered by the starting quarterback should leave you thinking that sports here at PV can only get better. It usually does! PV plays Southern tomorrow, they beat them last year, 20-14. The women's track team is the best in SWAC. The men's basketball team is coming off a year in which they lose no starters. So stick around. Enjoy some of the finer things at PV. Things are bound to get better!

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## Who's to Blame for Prairie View Mishaps

By Kimberly Tyrance  
NewsWeek Editor

This semester we all have done our share of complaining about the housing problem and the registration process. Most of us blame PVAMU and the hard working staff we come in contact with during such frustrating times. Well, my brothers/sisters and other fellow colleagues, I feel obligated to defend the two.

Prairie View A&M University is an excellent institution that deserves more credit than it is given. As for the staff, they do their best considering what they are given to work with. Not to mention the many frustrated not-so-kind personalities they assist on a daily basis.

So, if it's not PVAMU nor the immediate staff: WHO IS IT?

Who should we blame for being packed in a room like a can of sardines?

Who should we blame for the marathon registration process?

Who should we blame for the computer foul-ups and the long lines we all had to stand in?

Who should we blame for the high prices and poor qual-

ity of food available to the student body and faculty.

To answer these questions, we must focus on the Administration at PVAMU. The top officials who are responsible for the management and for the appropriate distribution of funds.

High-paying positions in the fiscal affairs department headed up by Jerry Neef have been filled by Mr. Louis Rodriguez and Mr. Bob Roberts.

Are they competent officials? Do these men care about the welfare of student body at PVAMU or are they just here to collect their top salaries?

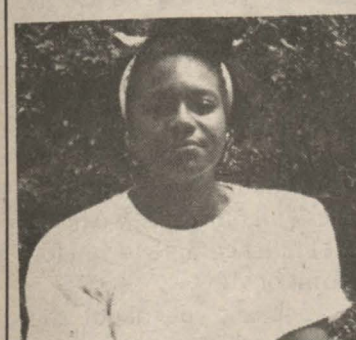
Colleagues if we must complain or blame someone for the irritating problems at PVAMU...then surely we must take it to the TOP!!

Let's contact state legislators, Black Caucus members, the local assistant District Attorney (Mr. A. M. 'Buddy' McCaig, Jr. at 826-3357), the Texas Attorney General (Jim Mattox), etc. and demand that they do something.

The students, staff, and faculty at PVAMU deserve the same treatment and opportunities as those at our sister university TAMU. Don't you agree?

# VIEWPOINTS

## What is Best About PVAMU



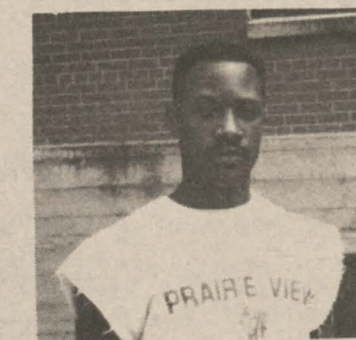
LaTonya Cameron, Fr., English, Dallas, Tx: "Prairie View gives blacks a chance to achieve a goal that otherwise may not be achieved at a more expensive school."



Karen Jinks, Sr., Education, Waller, Tx: "The size of the university allows for small classes and a good rapport between student and teacher."



George Johnson, Fr., Poli-Sci., Houston, Tx: "The musical program here as one of the better marching bands and drum sections in the nation."



Paul Sloan, Sr., Radio-TV, Dallas, Tx: "PV is a growing Black college on the move. It gives Blacks a chance to be in control of their future."



Brian White, Jr., Speech-Comm., Dallas, Tx: "Students are able to learn how to advance politically, economically, and socially in the real world."

## Reach Down... Brick By Brick, Let's Rebuild

By Don Gray  
ViewPoints Editor

Alas, faculty, staff, and students, you are not "just one voice crying out in the wilderness." I personally apologize for the delay, but as you know, it takes time to verify the information you have so graciously provided. Thank you...now let the throwdown begin!

Those of you who actually read the papers know that the Texas A&M University Administrative budget increased by 48%. Prairie View's budget allotment is based on 'formula funding' determined by student enrollment. Prairie View A & M has the largest increase in the number of students enrolled, yet only a 0.5% increase per student managed to trickle down through the Aggie pipeline compared to their own 7.1% increase. The Panther (PVAMU) budget increased a whopping 9.2% and the Aggie budget increased by a tiny 12.4%. Oh dear, how damn sad! Since I'm not a math major (and currently having trouble with trigonometry!) it took me a while to figure all of this out, but yes the figures are correct. If each of us recieved the same amount of money per student as each of them, according to 'the formula' our budget would be 79.4 million dollars. For those of us still buzzing from last night's forty ounce,

damn. I can however assure you that this is only the beginning of important messages to the people. There is much more to come concerning the people and going ons in the upper echelons of our beloved

Prairie View. I can only pray that a few of you out there have the ability to read between the lines (the immature language, etc) and take the initiative to truly rebuild "The Hill" brick by brick. Take heed, it's time to jack and slam the house. Semper Fidelis M.P. always faithful. N.W.A.

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## Ms. Armstrong Should Be More Sensitive

Dear Ms. Armstong,

Was there a lack of "important" issues for you to write about? Couldn't you have put that space to a better use? If you had to write about obesity, why couldn't you have written something like obese women have a hard enough time trying to get their bodies in shape without people laughing or making wise cracks. You, being a former obese sister, should be able to associate with this. Most of us have heard "lose weight, exercise, think of the health advantages" all our lives, we don't need you to remind us once again. But I must commend you for presenting a sensitive and sensible point of view.

Ms. Armstrong, in all fairness, I must ask you about the number of obese men on campus. Although the number of women outnumbers the men, there are quite a few men with beer bellies walking around. Do these men not have the same responsibility to their bodies as we obese women?

I must agree with you that there are quite a few obese women on campus. Some of which are quite happy, while others are not. I just don't understand why you feel as though you should be the one to tell me to take responsibility for my body. Surely there were better topics to write about.

YOUR SLOWLY BUT SURELY THIN SISTER

P.S. The food services could help out by replacing the self-service salad bars. Thank you for allowing me to "exercise" my opinions.

## Don Gray Needs to Watch His Word Usage

Dear Mr. Gray,

I just had to sit down and write that I find your language printed in your article "Registration Could Be Better if We All Cooperate," very offensive and shouldn't be printed in your paper or any other.

I believe anything that needs to be said can be said without resorting to foul language. I heard once, that persons that resort to cursing and foul language, for lack of anything else to say, have empty minds.

In this case, it must be true. In the future, would you please try to word your sentences in such a way that gets the point across, but said in a diplomatic manner?

My eyes would appreciate it.

Shirley Nixon  
Employee/Staff  
Prairie View A & M University

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