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ARA to PFM

New food service is bringing in some new changes.

NEWSWEEK

Black History

PV Alma Mater is filled with Black History.

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All That Jazz

Modern Dance teacher knows dancing.

LIFESTYLES

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Prairie View A&M University

Fiscal Affairs tightens its grip

By Tracie Woodson
NewsWeek Editor

"Sixteen to eighteen percent of money owed to Prairie View goes uncollected each year and up to \$1,000,000 is lost in tuition, room and board," according to Jerry Neef, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs.

Neef, who has been in the fiscal department for two and a half years, says that Prairie View, as well as other colleges, has its problems when it comes to collecting money from students. Because the university would not be able to sustain

itself with such losses, it has implemented some procedures which exert pressures on the students and helps them to meet their obligations.

One such procedure is 'prior balance.' If a student has an unpaid balance from a prior semester he/she will not be allowed to register until that balance has been paid.

"In the past the university would let students register and the student would be allowed to pay the (prior) balance while attending school," Neef stated.

He added that that soon stopped because there were

still some students who did not pay the prior balance or their fees for the semester in which they were attending, therefore, the university lost money twice with the same student.

Another procedure, automatic withdrawal (AW), is assessed when a student does not pay his or her installment on time. A \$10.00 late fee is automatically added to a student's fees by the computer system if his or her installment is late. Usually students "slip through the system" and are given a small grace period when the fees aren't paid on

time.

"After the installment is late, a grace period has been given, and the fees have still not been paid, the students are taken out or automatically withdrawn from their classes by the computer. Once a student has been automatically withdrawn, he loses his dining privileges and is suspended from his dorm and must pay a \$50 re-enrollment fee before his name can be put back into the computer," Neef added.

Neef also said that the university was given statutory authority to approve this fee by

the board of regents because there are certain services that the school has to pay for.

"If the university isn't paid then someone else doesn't get paid. We're not trying to be cruel or unjust but only trying to show the students that they have obligations which must be met on time," he stated.

Since this procedure has been implemented, he says the students have become more responsible and he's very proud of that.

The third procedure which

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Becton's here!!!

New president gives his "State of the University" address

By Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

"This will not be like some boot camp, and I will not be running this school like the military," stated newly appointed university president General Julius Becton, Jr., to the student body.

Becton, who assumed duties as president of Prairie View A&M University last month, spoke to a crowded university fieldhouse last week about some of the goals that he intends to achieve throughout his reign at Prairie View.

During his hour-long speech to the students, Becton stressed his thoughts on management, his vision for Prairie View, and his observations made during his first 36 days spent on campus.

"Integrity is non-negotiable," stated the three-star General. "If I find a non-truth in something that one of the faculty says, then someone will

have to leave, and I ain't going."

Becton also stated that the key to management deals with the chain of supervision.

"Before you come to me with a complaint, try going to your teacher, or dean. A lot of students have written letters to my boss, (Chancellor Percy Adkisson) about complaints that they have with Prairie View. Give me a chance to handle the problem before you bring in someone else."

Becton also stated his views for Prairie View A&M University

"I am responsible for re-establishing fiscal integrity here at Prairie View," stated the fifth president of Prairie View. "However, while fiscal integrity is my main concern, the students here are very important to the university as well, because without them, there are no jobs for staff or faculty."

General Becton also dispelled myths that Prairie View will

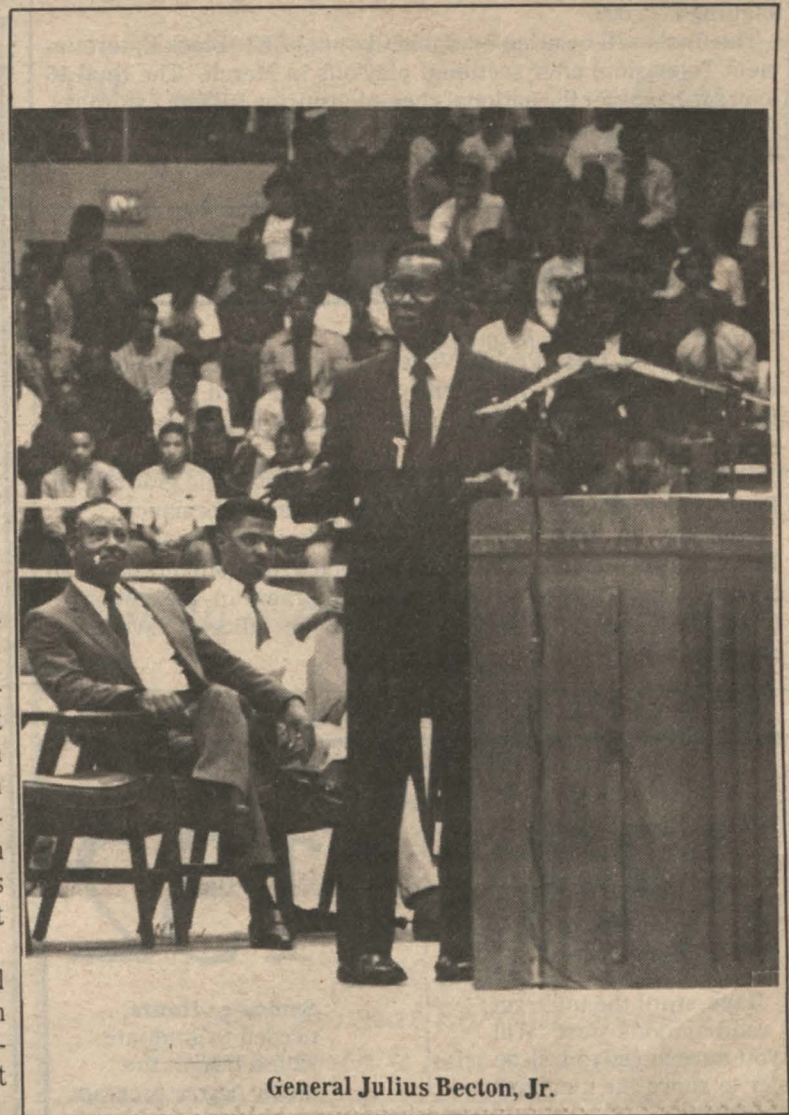
undergo a racial and name change.

"We will remain a multi-ethnic, but predominantly Black University. We will also keep the name of Prairie View A&M University."

During some parts of his speech, Becton talked about what the faculty could do to make Prairie View better. He also talked about what the students could do as well.

"The only way that we can make this university the center for excellence is to have the students to start taking responsibility for their actions. If that means cutting out visitation because of a few violators then that's what will be done," stated Becton, who will be living in the renovated president's guest house across the street from the All-Faiths Chapel.

Becton also said that he will continue to eat upstairs in Alumni Hall, sit in on classroom discussions, and visit monthly with students.



General Julius Becton, Jr.

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BRIEFLY

NEWS

The Coca-Cola Foundation recently gave \$10,000 to support the Scholarship Fund of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College at Prairie View A&M University. This is the second payment of a five-year commitment, for a \$50,000 total grant.

"This grant represents the college's continuing development of partnerships with corporate America," said Dr. Ronald Sheehy, dean of the college. "The Coca-Cola Foundation is one of our most significant corporate sponsors, and we appreciate their support."

Foundation President Donald R. Greene said, "We are delighted that The Coca-Cola Foundation could be of assistance to Prairie View A&M University, and we look forward to our continued involvement with your organization."

The 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 82 students from Prairie View A&M University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Prairie View A&M University is the first of 34 universities in the country to sign up for a new question and answer game, modelled after the College Bowl, for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Sponsored by American Honda Motor Co., Campus All-Star Challenge will offer winning schools grants totalling \$125,000.

The finals will be aired on Cable Channel BET (Black Entertainment Television) after sectional play-offs in March. The final 16 teams will play for the national championship on BET on Saturdays, from April 15 through June 2.

February Milestones

February 24, 1981: Prairie View graduate LT N.L. Allen became aircraft commander. LT Allen's aircraft patrolled the waters of Greenland, Iceland and the United Kingdom in search of Soviet submarines.

February 26, 1987: Barbara Conrad, opera star and graduate of Prairie View A&M University, gave a dynamic performance.

February 26, 1987: A report stated that Prairie View A&M University has commissioned the most black Navy officers out of all Southern universities with NROTC programs in the country's history. A sum of 170 Navy and Marine officers have been commissioned.

Countdown

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Days, until the midterm examinations start. Will you have to get your little sister to guard the mailbox?

Semester Hours, needed to graduate with a B.A. in the music degree program.

PEOPLE

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. of Duke University, and first cousin of KPVM program director - Larry Coleman, will be one of the featured speakers during KPVM's celebration of Black History Month. A portion of this special programming comes from the National Humanities Center in North Carolina. The series is called "Soundings," which features topics on "Black Thinkers" and "Africa to America." These programs will air during the week of February 4th and 11th respectively.



Dr. Gates

many radio and television programs.

Three Prairie View A&M University students have been awarded scholarships for the 1989-90 academic year by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Shannon Y. Martin, Darwin D. Williams, and Worley A. Barker were included in the 469 minority students in accounting selected from throughout the U.S. to receive these awards.

Individuals interested in applying for scholarships should write to Sharon Donahue, Manager, Minority

Dr. Jacquelyn Grant, associate professor in systematic theology at The Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, will visit Prairie View A&M University on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Grant is a native of South Carolina, and received her bachelors degree from Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. and her masters degree from The

Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, her masters in philosophy from Union Theological Seminary, where she also received her doctorate in systematic theology.

Grant has conducted research at Harvard Divinity School and the Dubois Institute of Afro-American Research. She is also an international lecturer and has appeared on

Carl Alexander will be conducting a poetry seminar entitled "Voices From a Deep Heart." The seminar is sponsored by Adapter Publishing Incorporated, and will be on Valentine's Day in the John B. Coleman Library in the Public Events Center from 7:30 to 10:00pm.

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PFM making changes in food service

By Valerie McKee
Staff Writer

Since the replacing of ARA as a food service, Professional Food Management (PFM) has made changes concerning the atmosphere of Alumni Hall. Some of these changes have made a positive and negative impact on the student body.

Doug Koppes (Ka'pus), the manager of PFM stated that their contract is for "one year and a ninety day renewal, and

that it is very innovated." He went on to say that "the specialty night would continue and there wouldn't be an increase in board rates unless something unexpected were to happen in the food market, and the prices were to go crazy, it's possible that there would be a negotiation about that."

Mr. Koppes also feels that there is an increase in the number of students that are now eating in Alumni. He

credits that to the continuous feeding, which is from the time the doors open to Alumni at 7 a.m. in the morning to 7 p.m. at night, and the use of the validine cards on campus at the Purple P with the \$50.00 credit line when the computer shuts down to switch over from breakfast to lunch and lunch to dinner. He also acknowledges the problems with the silverware and glassware stating that "It's a problem having to do with some of the mainten-

ance needs that we have." He went on to say that some of those problems were having to do with continuously maintaining an adequate level of hot water for the rinse cycle of the dish washer, and that it isn't enough to handle some of the needs "like getting lipstick off the glasses."

He also said that they will begin to inspect all of the glassware before it goes out, by pulling it out, looking at it, and

putting it back in if there's anything on it, "although it's sanitary, it's not clean."

Mr. Koppes assured us that the Underground will be opened later this semester, stating "It was closed for two reasons; renovation and sanitation purposes." He went on to explain the sanitation problem saying "If there is no running water in a facility serving food, we can't proclaim that we're running a sanitary operation."

Wagoner to join international delegation of physics educators

From University Releases

Prairie View A&M University physics professor David E. Wagoner has been invited to join an international delegation of professionals in physics education to visit China in September. The visit was requested by the Chinese Physical Society and coordinated by the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People.

Dr. Wagoner is a member of the High Energy Physics Group at PVAMU which is developing a proposal for a particle detector center on the Prairie View campus.

"This invitation recognizes the work we have been doing in physics research and education and reflects well on our group and the university as a whole," Wagoner said.

According to delegation leader Dr. D. K. Nachtigall, a physics professor at the University of Dortmund in Germany, the purpose of the visit is the exchange of ideas and experiences with Chinese professionals in physics education.

"I believe my experiences at Prairie View and my research work in heavy quark physics can prove useful and interesting to our Chinese counterparts," said Wagoner. Not

ing his involvement with Chinese physicists in a high energy physics experiment, Wagoner said that he already has some familiarity with Chinese physics.

In addition to formal presentations and discussions, the delegation will visit key universities. After briefings in Hong Kong, the delegation will visit Beijing, Nanjing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

The two basic areas of physics education will be discussed: physics for future physicists and the education of physics teachers. Particular topics of interest in physics teaching include preconceptions and misconceptions in physics teaching, nonlinear physics in schools, and entropy and its consequences as a school subject.

"The primary objective of the overall program is to strengthen our relationship with Chinese professionals in order to facilitate the future exchange of ideas, publications, and research in our related fields," said Nachtigall.

Dr. Nachtigall emphasized that the visit does not constitute an endorsement of the Chinese government's policies. He said the Chinese scientists realize how important

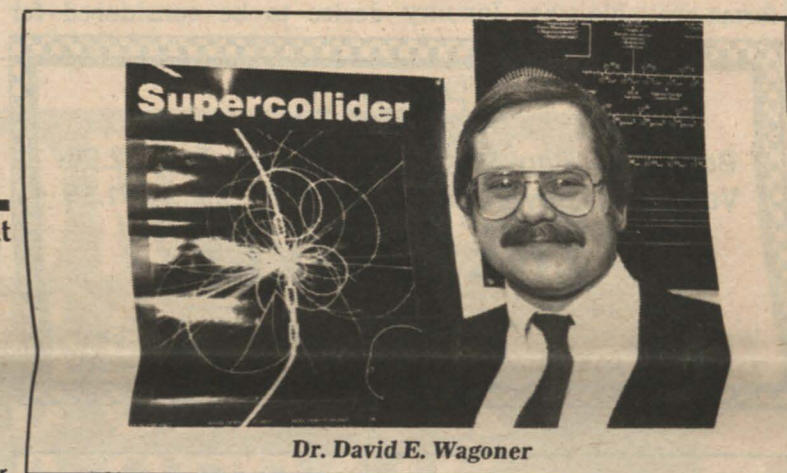
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Dr. David E. Wagoner

Western input is in their pursuit of modernization. "Fearing a return to the dark days of the Cultural Revolution, Chinese scientists and intellectuals believe that without Western support they could again lose their capabilities to contribute to and influence their society."

Wagoner is also concerned about the political direction of China since the events of Tiananmen Square last summer, but he believes the trip will have value, "I myself will learn as much from the Chinese as they will learn from me," he said.

The Citizen Ambassador Program was created and inspired by President Eisenhower's concept of citizen diplomacy. Nachtigall said the program is based on the belief that technical exchanges between professionals, more than just cultural interaction, can be the basis for deeper and more sustained friendships.



Dr. David E. Wagoner

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NEWSWEEK

Financial aid seekers should apply early

From University Releases

Prairie View A&M University students applying for financial aid in September should apply early due to the significant changes in the 1990-91 application form.

The government financial aid application (FAF) has a new design that could cause some problems for students. Unlike the forms used in recent years which clustered federal and state questions according to subject, the new forms available since January

1, 1990, begin with a federally mandated section that seeks information necessary for Federal Financial Aid followed by sections seeking information required by individual states and colleges.

The form now requires that parents and students sign and date the form after completing the federal section could cause some problems. Students and parents must fill out the entire FAF including the Supplementary information if they desire to be considered for

other financial aid besides the Pell Grant.

Students should do the following when applying for aid:

1. Apply for aid. Many students and families think they don't qualify for need-based aid.
2. Read the instructions carefully.
3. If you don't prepare your 1989 income taxes in January, at least work your way through the tax forms so you have accurate numbers for use in completing the need-analysis form.
4. Be aware of filing deadlines and mail the application well in advance. Three or four weeks

are required to process a need analysis form before the information is even sent to colleges.

5. Complete all sections of the need-analysis form, even if you think they may not apply to your situation. Blank items could cause delay . . . and cost you money.

Also students who are receiving a loan (either Stafford or SLS) must attend a Pre-loan counseling session prior to reporting to the Financial Aid Office to sign their check release form. The Loan Collection Supervisor who performs

the pre-loan and exit interview counseling can be found in ROOM B in the Administration Building. Students who are exiting the university through graduation or withdrawal must have the Loan Collection Supervisor's signature on their withdrawal form before reporting to the Financial Aid Office for the director's signature.

IMPORTANT DATES:
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Application for Fall 1990-91: Issued on February 2, 1990

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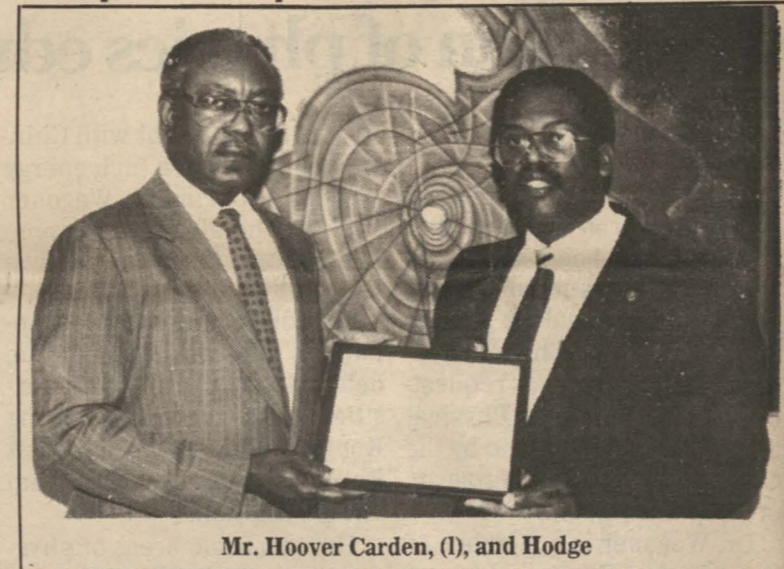
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Hodge to plan Summer work program at PV

From University Releases

Horace Hodge, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Liason Officer for Prairie View A&M University, has been selected to coordinate the "Panther Tracks" USDA Summer Hire Program. Hodge, who is housed at the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View, recently received a Certificate of Merit from USDA for his outstanding efforts in coordinating the first USDA Career Day at Prairie View and his overall performance as the campus Liaison Officer.

According to Hodge, the "Panther Tracks" USDA Summer Hire Program provides opportunities for college students to gain first-hand professional experience in agricul-



Mr. Hoover Carden, (l), and Hodge

ture, home economics, or related professional disciplines. It primarily focuses its attention on stimulating interest in these disciplines among Blacks and other minorities within and throughout the various USDA agencies.

All college students, whether minorities or not, who will have finished their freshman year at the close of the spring semester are eligible to participate in "Panther Tracks." USDA has no minimum grade

point average nor requires special academic disciplines for participation in the program, but G.P.A.'s and certain disciplines are strongly considered. Since the USDA Summer Hire Program is not a co-op or student trainee program, their agency is not required to place students in their college area disciplines.

Students and other interested persons should contact Mr. Horace Hodge, Room 153, New Education Building



A lifetime resident of Waller County, Rev. Walter Pendleton is a graduate of Sam Schwartz High School in Hempstead, Texas. A Prairie View A&M Alumni, he holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Theology and is presently the pastor of New Jerusalem Church in downtown Hempstead, Texas.

Rev. Pendleton is married to Alice Pendleton, a graduate of Prairie View A&M and Rice Universities. He is the grandson of Rev. G.W. Wyatt, one of the original founders of Prairie View A&M University. The first black legislator of Texas in this area from 1868-1900, Wyatt's picture still appears in the state capitol until this day. Rev. Wyatt also founded the First Baptist Church in Prairie View, Texas, which is presently known as Wyatt Chapel Baptist Church.

Rev. Pendleton believes that equal opportunity should mean equal hiring practices, and if he is elected, he plans to correct this ongoing problem that exist in the Waller County Courthouse. With his campaign motto "Under fire But Equal Hire, Do The Right Thing", he believes that this is a season for change. Help make this change by voting for Rev. Walter (Pete) Pendleton for Waller County Clerk on Tuesday, March 13, 1990. You may vote absentee from February 21-March 9, 1990. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

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NEWSWEEK/SPORTSWEEK

Mosbacher to attend PVAMU reception

From University Releases

Rob Mosbacher, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor and Houston businessman, will attend a 3:00 p.m. reception that is being sponsored by "Friends of Rob Mosbacher, Jr." (a group of Republican supporters from Hempstead, Prairie View, Waller, Brookshire, Pine Island and Field Store) on Monday, Feb 5.

At 3:00 p.m. Mosbacher will be at the City Hall in Prairie View with Mayor Ronald Leveritt and will then proceed to Prairie View A&M University

where he will meet with President, Julius W. Becton.

Mosbacher will arrive at the reception at approximately 3:20 p.m. and will discuss his campaign for Lieutenant Governor, the Texas economy, and other issues facing the State in 1990.

Some of the members of "Friends of Rob Mosbacher, Jr." who will attend the reception are: Mayor of Prairie View, Ronald Leveritt; Mayor of Waller, Danny Marburger; Mayor of Hempstead, Leroy Singleton; Mayor of Brookshire; Wayne England; President of Prairie

View A&M University, Julius W. Becton; Waller County Judge, Freddy Zach; District Judge for Precinct 155, Oliver Kitzman; and County Commissioners, Delmar Barry, James R. Muse, Richard Freyr and Eddy Newman.

Mosbacher is the President of Mosbacher Energy Company, an independent oil and gas firm in Houston, and is the Chairman of the Board of Texas Department of Human Services. He is a graduate of SMU Law School and Georgetown University.

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Catchings resigns as PV head football coach

From University Releases

Prairie View A&M President Julius W. Becton, Jr. has announced the resignation of Head Football Coach Haney Catchings, effective immediately. Current football defensive coordinator Coach Ronald Beard, who has served in that position for the past seven years and is a Prairie View alumnus, has been named interim head coach.

"Coach Catchings has done a good job for us, originally as assistant coach and in the past

year and a half that he has served as head coach," said President Becton, "I respect his decision and wish him well."

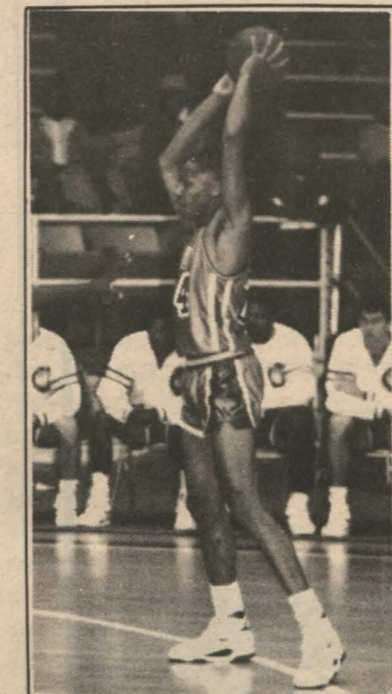
"We will be conducting a national search soon for a permanent head coach," said President Becton, who added that Athletic Director, Dr. George Stafford, will be heading that effort.

"In the meantime, we are asking that alumni and friends continue to support the university," said Becton.

Next 6 home games

1989-90 Men's Basketball Schedule Home Games		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 3	Texas Southern Univ.*	7:30
Feb 10	Alabama St. Univ.*	7:30
Feb 12	Jackson St. Univ.*	7:30
Feb 24	Southern Univ.*	7:30
Feb 26	Alcorn St. Univ.*	7:30
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1989-90 Women's Basketball Schedule Home Games		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 3	Texas Southern. Univ*	5:30
Feb 8	Univ. of TX, S.A.	7:00
Feb 10	Alabama St. Univ.*	5:30
Feb 12	Jackson St. Univ.*	5:30
Feb 24	Southern Univ.*	5:30
Feb 26	Alcorn St. Univ*	5:30
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1990

The legacy of Prairie View A&M Univ.

By Michelle Johnson
Staff Writer

What do you know about Prairie View? The answer for most students is not

much. As we approach black history month let's place Prairie View in the proper prospective, the part in which Prairie View played in the history

books. There is over one hundred years of progress and struggle for excellence through all barriers. Beginning April 11, 1878, a school was opened on a plantation under the name of Alta Vista college for colored youths. The registration was bombarded by eight male youths. Needless to

say, the school did not last long because the young men could not return to school, instead they had to help their families with the "Cotton Pick."

DEAR PRAIRIE VIEW THIS SONG WE RAISE

Rise Prairie View did in 1879 as Prairie View Normal school for the preparation and training of colored teachers. It was opened for the advancement of black people through the work force. In 1886, the 20th legislature added the mechanical and agricultural programs, by 1890 the 26th legislature

changed the name to Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college. Soon afterwards, Prairie View was able to give Diplomas and B.S. degrees.

Now considered a 'Normal' college Prairie View was making history as the institution invested in the future through the faculty and the students. In 1906, the board of directors issued a statement saying, "We believe that it is not higher education, but practical education that the Negro school needs for it's development.

Always pressing for excellence, the biennial report said, "Prairie View graduates had become principles of colored schools in these cities: Angleton, Beaumont, Brenham, Brownwood, Bryan, Caldwell, Calvert, Clarksville, Cleburne, Crockett, Denison, Edna, Gonzales, Haletsville, Hempstead, Hillsboro, Hockley, Houston, Jefferson, Mexia, Mt. Pleasant, Nocogdoches, New Brounfels, Orange, Rockdale, San Angelo, Sherman, Somerville, Taylor and Wharton.

IN GRATITUDE WE SING OUR HYMN OF PRAISE
This institution of higher learning was not only training students for jobs, but they were preparing them for careers as middle class black graduates. Prairie Views' accomplished students were only as good as the leaders, who have passed through leav-

tion to visit George Washington.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1990

Prairie View A&M is Black History

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ing legacies for new generations to carry on.

Someone has to be first and L.W. Minor was the first principal of Prairie View, then Alta Vista college for Colored Youths. Minor enrolled the first eight students; however Alta Vista closed due to lack of funds.

In 1879, when Prairie View reopened Mr. E.H. Anderson became the second principal. He was a minister-teacher of both Memphis and Fisk Universities. Plagued by economic distress and conflicting laws, Mr. Anderson died at the age of thirty-five.

The legacy of Prairie View remained in the Anderson family, when L.C. Anderson, the brother of E.H. Anderson, became the third principal. Anderson with tireless efforts made many improvements. He also founded the Colored Teachers Association in Texas.

In 1895, E.L. Blackshear was elected the fourth principal. During his tenure, his leadership was influenced by Booker T. Washington. Building on a legacy Blackshear made additions to every aspect of Prairie View. He also made Athletics a part of the curriculum.

In 1915 havoc and disorder was known nation wide, but I.M. Terrell brought peace and order with him to lead the student body and staff to higher heights. Despite the World

War, Terrell made physical improvements for the campus. ROTC was first introduced in 1918.

As the seat of leadership came available Dr. J.G. Osborne assumed the position as the sixth principal. He was a medical doctor and he brought strength to the Natural Science department. Dr. Osborne created the Nursing Division and during his leadership Prairie View became a four year college!

Just as there is a beginning, there is always an end to an era. Mr. W.R. Banks was the seventh and last principal. He retired in 1947. He was named Principal Emeritus and during his tenure as principal he witnessed many changes including two title changes.

When Dr. E.B. Evans came to Prairie View his title was principal, but it was soon change to President in 1948.

FOR MEMORIES DEAR FOR FRIENDS AND RECOLLECTIONS

Everything in life must change. Hair turns gray and a brisk run turns into a slow walk. When yesterday turns into yesterday. Fortunately there are persons, who can remember when...

Ms. Joyce Range, a graduate of the class of 1969. she received a B.A. in Music Education. "I remember one of my history teachers, mainly because of his humanitarian deeds. There was a classmate of mine who wore shoes that were damaged

and torn. The teacher was not boastful infact he did not tell anyone. He saw the need and he provided the young man with a pair of new shoes. Then people cared about each other."

The year 1973 not an impressive year, but surely one graduates of Prairie View will never forget. These graduates had attained their goal in receiving a diploma from an aspiring academic legacy known as Prairie View A & M. Mr. Frank Jackson one of many success stories is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is presently the Director of Auxiliary Services at Prairie View.

The general consensus is that Prairie View had a family type atmosphere, that the staff were just mere extensions of the immediate family structure. Mr. Jackson stated, "Here at PV, the staff helped people to help themselves."

First, by receiving a good education. Another graduate of the class of 1973, named Mr. Albert Johnson agreed that PV has all the materials to make a successful person. Mr. Johnson said, "It's not the land, it's the man that makes a difference. Apply yourselves and take what PV is giving, then you to will sing praises unto the old alma mata."

FOR LESSONS LEARNED WHILE HERE WE'VE LIVED THESE

Lessons are just clever words if they are not applied daily. Voices from the past

giving her a sense of pride within her ethnic background. A senior named Sharita Maddox summed it up by saying, "There are no limitations, you can be whatever you want to be. If you listen, work hard, and keep God first."

AS DAYS GO BY OUR HEARTS WILL NOT GROW COLD WE'LL LOVE THY PURPLE ROYAL AND GOLD

Purple is a symbol of courage and perseverance and Prairie View and all the student past and present can proudly say they have survived the war against ignorance, by attending PVAMU. The gold represents the Royal family. The colors purple and gold will forever live on through all of those who have passed through PV's doors.

WE'LL THROUGH OUR LIVES EXEMPLIFY THY TEACHINGS. WE'LL ALWAYS STRIVE A BLESSING TO BE!

The past students have already set the standard for other generations to follow. They exemplify the teachings of pride, respect and success.

THY CHILDREN WE OUR LOVE AND PRIDE CON 'SSING. WE'LL LOVE THESE NOW AND THROUGH ETERNITY

"We hold these truths to be self evident," that PV will live forever within our hearts. As long as there are productive graduates, the story of the struggles and unlimited progress of Prairie View A & M will live on throughout eternity.

What do you know about Black History?

- Q: Jean Baptiste du Sable was the African-American man who first established, in 1772, a small settlement, which later grew to become one of America's greatest cities. The establishment of this midwest juncture opened new doors to the West and North. Name the city.
- Q: Which one of the 13 original New England colonies was the first to legalize slavery?
- Q: What Pennsylvania-based religious group was the first to sign an anti-slavery resolution in 1688, which became the first formal protest against slavery in the Western Hemisphere?
- Q: What is the title of the novel written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, which appeared in 1852? This novel sold over 300,000 copies in one year and won over countless thousands of sympathizers to the abolitionist cause.
- Q: Freedom's Journal was the first African-American newspaper to be published in the U.S., in 1827 in what city? a) New York, b) Philadelphia, c) Boston, d) Chicago
- Q: In 1967, Carl Stokes became the first African-American mayor of a major American city. Name the city.
- Q: Who was the first African American appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1967, by President Johnson?
- Q: In 1963 this prominent civil rights leader was assassinated in the doorway of his home in Jackson, MS.

Black History Answers

1. Chicago
2. Massachusetts, 1641
3. Quakers
4. Uncle Tom's Cabin
5. a) New York
6. Cleveland, Ohio
7. Thurgood Marshall
8. Medgar Evers
9. Phillis Wheatley

LIFESTYLES

Solomon selected for project

From University Releases

Dr. Thomas R. Soloman, retired PV Political Science Professor and administrator was recently selected for inclusion in the American Political Science Association Oral History Project. He was also inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society as a charter member of Rho Nu Chapter at Prairie View. In 1939, Dr. Soloman received the Ph.D. in Political Science from the University

of Michigan and joined the faculty at Prairie View, remaining at Prairie View until his retirement in 1972. Dr. Soloman was the second African-American to receive the Ph.D. in Political Science. The first was world statesman and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dr. Ralph J. Bunche.

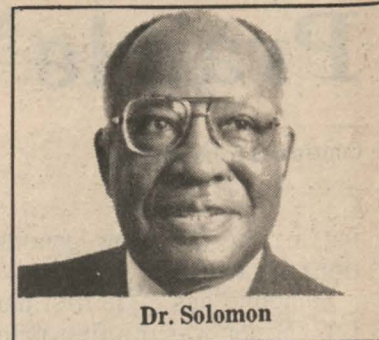
Because of his pioneering status among African-American political scientist, he was asked by the American Political

Science Association to contribute his views on the history of the discipline of Political Science, his experiences en route to the Ph.D. degree, and his professional career with special emphasis on problems and challenges he faced as a result of the trenchant racism which pervaded American life.

At Prairie View, Dr. Solomon served as Professor and Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, as

Registrar and later as Dean of Students. During the 1950's, he was Chief of Party for a Prairie View foreign aid program under the Point Four which built and staffed a technical college in Liberia.

The Political Science students inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha were made aware of Dr. Solomon's work as a political science teacher and researcher and of his contributions as an administrator at the University.



Dr. Solomon

Bo may know sports, but Paula Williams knows Jazz

By Rebecca Turner
Chief Copy Editor

Bo may know football and baseball but Paula Williams knows dance.

Paula Williams has shared her talent as a dance instructor at Prairie View A&M University for the past three years. Paula Williams finds dance as a form of expression and enjoys teaching her skills to the student body.

At the age of four, Paula Williams' dancing career began. Her father, Les Williams, also a dancer, has been the

source of inspiration in her dancing career. She has training in ballet, tap, jazz, modern hula and African-Haitian.

Paula's career highlights include travelling to Japan, as a member of the World Peace Organization, NSA. She also has toured France, Germany, England, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium as a member of the Southern California Youth Corrale. The highpoint in her career was performing professionally in a show called "Dance Between The Lines," which was considered a career challenge.

Paula is actively involved in activities on the campus as the advisor to the Classic Dance Ensemble, which participated in the 8th Black College Dance festival at Fisk University. Paula also provides advice to the Panther Kittens and in the future, she would like to develop a minor in dance in the curriculum.

Paula's love for dancing encourages her students to do their best and will always be a highpoint in her life. Dance is a unique art and Paula displays this uniqueness through her skills and talent.

Rev. Clarence Talley lives by his "artfilled" philosophy

By Charisse Galloway
Staff Writer

Everything is art and art is everything" is the philosophy of the Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr., professor of art here at the university.

This philosophy is evident in his recent art exhibit entitled "From Whence I Have Come". The art exhibit, held in the John B. Coleman Library, represents a retrospective look at Talley's work created in junior high, high school, and undergraduate and graduate studies.

His training is broad and ranges from studies in art history, painting, sculpture, watercolor, drawing and many other forms of art.

Talley is a notorious artist in the field of religious art. His themes are derived from personal revelations, his expansive knowledge of religion, and those things in his environment.

The expressive talents of Talley are not exclusively in the field of Fine Arts, they also encompass gifts in writing poetry, news and magazine articles for national publica-

tions, and in college Talley received a full 4-year Track Scholarship.

Talley uses all the knowledge that he has acquired mixed with expertise, imagination and boldness to motivate students who enroll in his class.

Talley's approach to his studio or classroom teaching is an open one. He encourages students to become aware of their surroundings and most importantly themselves. In knowing who you are, you can

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LIFESTYLES

Turner begins year with award; Gilpins perform act

By Kerri Marshall
LifeStyles Editor

The Gilpin Players are kicking this season off with an award to the director of the group, Mr. C. Lee Turner. Turner has been named 'Texas Teacher of the Year' by the Texas Educational Theater Association.

Mr. Turner is the first black teacher to receive this award. He was the unanimous choice of the panel of college and university theater professionals.

He will be honored, along with other outstanding theater professionals, at the 1990 Texas Educational Theater

Convention to be held Jan. 31 through Feb. 3 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston.

The Gilpins will be highlighted at the convention, performing a cabaret during the three nights of the event. In addition to this accomplishment by Turner, the Gilpin Players were invited to perform at "A Women's Choice Fellowship Breakfast" on Jan. 20 at the Westin Oaks-Galleria. Directed by Turner, the Players performed "Cast your vote for Jesus."

On Feb. 16, The Gilpins will be performing at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas. They will perform at Victoria College on Feb. 24.

Major Cast List
in The Crucifixion of Jesus
Positive Voices...
Erica Ball, Nanette Smith

Negative Boices...
Brent Conley, Monique Ridge, Ray Duncan, Nanette Smith

Preacher...
Marcus Turner

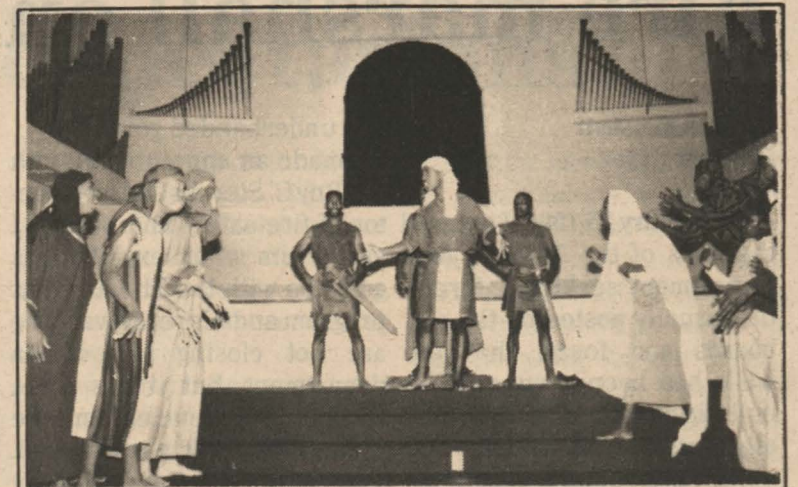
Narrator...
Herman Young

Jesus...
Sinee Daniels

Judas...
Czar Salazar

Pilate...Sinee Daniels

Mary...Camille Smeed, Lydia Mendoz



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Talley an inspiration

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understand your direction in whatever field you wish to achieve. He is a positive Black male role-model, which is what the community needs. His influence is not just in the communities of Prairie View, Waller and Hempstead. Talley is known in such places as Dallas, California, College Station and many other cities and states.

Whether it be in a magazine, news article, or book of poetry, Talley never gives up. He is the epitomy of the Naval slogan, "Be All That You Can Be".

So the next time you see Talley walking down the sidewalk, preaching a sermon at Mount Corinth Baptist Church in Hempstead, or hosting his own art exhibit, do yourself a favor and talk to him.

Fiscal affairs tightens

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the university uses to collect its money is withholding students grades or transcripts, which prohibit students from transferring to or attending other universities.

Neef ended by saying, "There are rules, guidelines, and statutes that we must follow and we're trying to do that here."

As far as the new payment plan for tuition is concerned he says that it was not the university's idea. "Most schools," he added, "such as Texas A&M and the University of Texas don't have many stu-

dents on financial aid and since most aren't receiving any aid, the parents usually pay all the fees up front. Because of this factor, most schools probably feel as if collecting installments is a waste of time. Here at Prairie View 80-90% of the students receive some type of aid, so for those who don't, making installment payments is hard." He said that instead of eliminating installment payments completely, it was decided that one-half payment would be due upon registration with the remainder divided into two equal payments.

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VIEWPOINTS

Fire marshall only trying to help PV

By Kerri Marshall
LifeStyles Editor

On January 25, 1990, I entered the halls of the Theatre Arts Department seeking information usually posted on the call boards and found that the walls had been stripped. The bulletin boards, which are usually posted with notices and news and other announcements critical to theater arts majors, was gone.

For the life of me, I could not figure out what was going on in the department. I asked myself two questions, "Did the fire marshall close the department down or was something odd

and underhanded going on?" I made an appointment with Ell-Roy C. Stevenson, the director of fire safety and health. I asked him what, exactly, was going on with the Theatre Arts program and his reply was "We are not closing the drama department, but it has some serious deficiencies in the areas of fire safety and health. Our job here at the university is to make sure that all is in compliance relating to fire hazards, safety hazards, and health hazards."

Stevenson has met with Mr. Turner, Dr. Shine and Dr. Wyatt who are the three main principals of the Theatre Arts

department and Music department. Stevenson said the reason he met with them was to walk through the building and cite the violations and, at the same time, join hands with them to see what could be done to correct these problems in a timely manner.

I asked Mr. Stevenson why the material on the walls had to come down and he said the state fire marshall visited Prairie View several times and issued a massive report citing different health and safety violations on the campus. One of the violations cited in the Theatre Arts department was combustible items are posted

on the wall. The bulletin boards were a fire hazard, against the state code. We have to correct violations; we have no choice.

While sitting in the office talking with Mr. Stevenson, I pointed out that they have a bulletin board with papers on it-combustible material. He replied "You are right and we will do something about it. Thank you for acknowledging that. Mr. Turner can keep his material on the wall as long as he has non-combustible material to do it with."

As we can see Ell-Roy Stevenson is not trying to get any

department closed down nor is he trying to get anyone fired; he is just trying to do his job and make Prairie View what it should be as far as fire and safety are concerned.

The fact that I thought something underhanded might have been going on should become a thing of the past - we should all be trying to be the best we can be without having to tear others down to look good. I feel it is very important for Prairie View to come together and help one another so this university-the whole university-can become great.

Leverett: PV needs unity

By Cheryl Malone
Photo Editor

"Im for Prairie View the city and Prairie View the university as a workable force." comments Ron Leverett. "There is a place in society like Prairie View the city and the university to develop into a productive city to serve its inhabitants well."

Leverett also stated that his plan calls for people to work together on common goals. "Planning is the major part of achieving these goals combining hard work, sacrifices, and dedication," he continued.

The Mayor acknowledges that people at Prairie View who have the ability to see some of the positive things taking place but because of some prefer to concentrate on past misfortunes many people have lost their will and drive to get involved.

"As a community we should look at the big picture. The question must be asked with all the funds we may be accessible to, because of our historical and geographical background we should take advantage of these resources. We need to continue to receive available support from the outside but much more is needed from within the community," states the Mayor.



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The Campus Activities Board would like to remind all interested students of the Open House on February 8, 1990 in the Memorial Student Ballroom, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

VIEWPOINTS

Will Becton live up to his expectations?



My View

by Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

When a new coach inherits a football team, one of his first orders of business is to let his team know where he is coming from. You know, sort of a rah-rah type of speech to spark his team to rally around each other.

"We will be organized this year, and we will be successful," is usually uttered from every new coach, or owners mouth. Sometimes, a new coach comes right in and does as well, or better as the coach

before him. Like George Seifert of the San Francisco 49ers whose team blasted the Denver Broncos 55-10 in the Super Bowl last Sunday.

On the other hand, some coaches come in and are complete flops. Nothing goes right, and the whole year is spent looking forward to next year. Like Jimmy Johnson of the Dallas Cowboys, whose team he inherited from Tom Landry went an NFL worst 1-15.

Of course now Prairie View A&M University is not the name of a professional football team, and the name Julius Becton certainly does not sound like Art Shell, but doesn't it seem that the situation could certainly be the same? Last week, General Becton came in and gave the students of Prairie View some

much needed inspiration. When he said that their will not be a name or race change while he is president, the Baby Dome audience gave him a standing ovation. As I walked out of the Dome, and into my 11:00 class everyone was raving about Prairie View's newest leader. "He's just what we need," exclaimed one overjoyed student.

Becton also stated some strict changes that he would incorporate into university policy. He made it known that the main reason he was hired was to re-establish the fiscal integrity here. He also stated his views on fire safety, and visitation.

"The only way that we can make this university the center for excellence is to have the students to start taking respon-

sibility for their actions. If that means cutting out visitation because of a few violators then that's what will be done. We will also be sending home people that we catch activating the fire alarms."

Now when Becton stated what he intended to do with the fire alarm violators, the student audience seemed to agree totally with his ideas. However, his intent to cut out visitation incited mixed reactions.

Now I agree that people who pose fire safety hazzards should be kicked out of school. I also feel that guys who go out and harrass girls, and commit some type of date rape should suffer the consequences. But I don't feel that visitation should end.

As a matter of fact, I think that the visitation hours

should be increased. We are all grown adults, we pay our fees, just like we live in our own apartments. Since Prairie View is seemingly going to go ahead and spend its money on hall monitors for the dorms, then those hall monitors should be used to prevent sexual harrassment, and fire hazzards by being attentive while on duty.

Certainly, no one will agree with everything Becton does but I'm sure he is doing what he feels is right for the university. So far, he has done exactly what I feel he is supposed to do he has rallied the staff, students and faculty around him. Let's hope the excitement lasts.

Letter-to-the-Editor

Dear Editor,

First of all, this is not a complaint, gripe, beef, or grievance with anyone or thing, it's merely an observation....

The "Purple P," supposedly a cozy, comfortable and decent eatery, is in dire need of a radical change. For example, On Jan. 22, I entered the "Purple P" at exactly

10:03p.m., very hungry. My order was finally taken at 10:27. I waited for my food a considerable time so I inquired as to how soon my food would be ready. At 10:54p.m. an employee found my ticket and informed me that they ran out of the meat to fill my order. Observation... My unfilled order ticket sat for 27 minutes

without anyone bothering to tell it could not be filled.

My first instinct was to raise some cane, but no. I, being "civilized," asked politely for a refund (since I had paid cash!). The employee then told me they gave no refunds, only other food, which I did not want! After a much heated debate and flying sarcasm, I got the

refund. Again this is not a complaint, I just wish for the "Purple P" to take heed. It's the entire system of operation needs to be analyzed, from the overcrowding to cleanliness of the working area employees and cooking equipment.

With much patience, I calmly contend that the "Purple P" is a poorly managed and disap-

pointing attempt to provide the students a "Comfortable" place to spend their money, or for those who need it plainer, in the words of my six year old baby sister... YOU STINK!

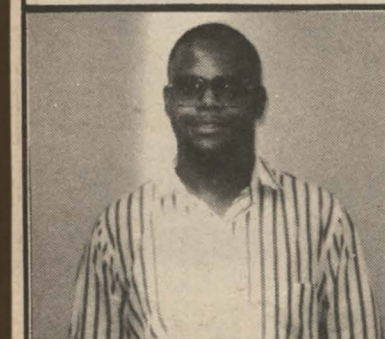
P.S. I'm still going to get all my money's worth of food from my I.D. card.

Lovingly, Charles L. Aycock
Freshman

Student SpeakOut

How do you feel about the new food services?

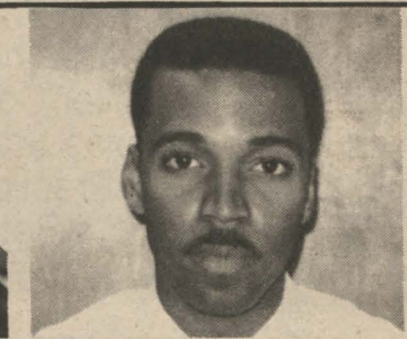
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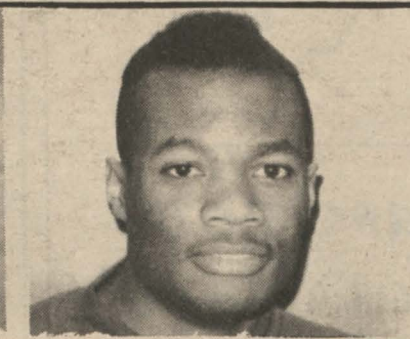
Kurt R. Shannon Jr., Dallas, Tx. Major Engr.
The security has really improved, because it has been keeping off campus status students out of the dining hall.



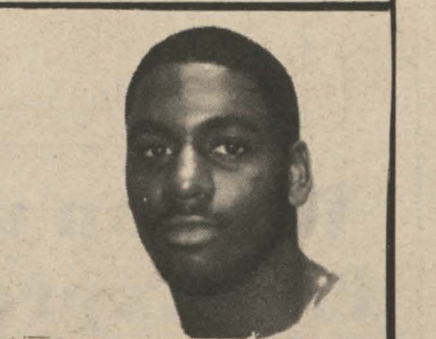
Michael W. Prince, Comm.
I do not see any major changes in the new food service program. Oh Yes, it does lack seasoning.



Bryant Wesley, Marketing
While the food this semester is better in terms of quality at times, it lacks in quantity.



Marrick Myles, Undecided
Service is alright but they do not give you enough to eat.



Michael Hodgkin, Communications Major
I think the new food service is good for the students because they are organized, and the food tastes a little better.

LETTERS/UNIVERSITY POLICY

University gives statement on hazing

Texas State Law requires the University to publish a list of organizations that have been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing on or off the campus during the previous three years (beginning with September 1, 1987). Since the fall semester of 1987 the following organizations received such discipline:

1. WISCONSIN SLEEPERS - 1 Dec. 1989 (Suspension lifted)
2. KARNATION KOURT - 31

August 1989 (Suspension lifted)
3. KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC.- 31 Dec. 1992 (Suspended)

4. ALPHA PHI OMEHGA FRATERNITY - 31 May 1990 (Probation)

5. KAPPA KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY - 1989 - 1990 (Probation)

Texas state law also requires the University to publish a summary of the provisions of the hazing law which follows:

"Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless

act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student of the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

An individual commits a hazing offense if the person

engages in hazing, encourages hazing, knowingly permits hazing to occur, or has firsthand knowledge of the planning or execution of a specific hazing incident and fails to report said knowledge in writing to the University Hearing Officer, Mrs. Vivian Smith, Room No. 317, Evans Hall.

An organization commits a hazing offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members,

pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

Hazing offenses may result in University disciplinary action as well as criminal prosecution. If convicted of a criminal offense, individuals may be subjected to a fine, confinement in a county jail, or both such actions. Organizations may be subjected to fines and other financial liability. A copy of the hazing law may be obtained in the student activities office for full review.

Letter-to-the-Editor

Dear Student: You have plans for your life - goals to reach - a brilliant future.... So did Linda Lancaster, a doctoral candidate at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine. On February 18, 1989, the drunken driver of a pickup truck struck her down as she and her classmate walked along a sidewalk in the campus community. Linda died three hours later.

All her goals and plans for the future were wiped out in one senseless moment of

drunken violence - a violence our legislatures have yet to recognize as murder - and our court of law waiver over justice for the victim.

You have plans for your life - but, take a moment as you walk across campus to ponder on your chances of becoming the random victim of a drunken driver. We all carry the same risk, did Linda. But with your help we can - and must - keep our streets and sidewalks safe. Take a stand. Refuse to ride

with an intoxicated driver. Volunteer to drive a friend who has partied too much. Write your congressman to initiate deterrent legislation against killer drivers: no time off for good behavior - no suspending half a sentence - no plea bargaining.

Do something positive, if not for yourself or for a friend, then for someone who loves you.

Keep your future alive!

Sincerely,

Russel and Eleanor
Nicholson

Parents of Linda Lancaster

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