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PV men and women win at the 61st annual PV relays.

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# The Panther

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Prairie View A&M University

Thursday, April 12, 1990

## Budget meeting held

By Michael Hodgkin  
Staff Writer

For the first time in the recent history of Prairie View, a public meeting was held to discuss next year's university budget.

The unprecedented event was called together by newly-appointed president, General Julius Becton following up on his commitment to openness and candor established at the beginning of his tenure when he first 'gathered the troops together.'

Well attended by students and faculty, the April 9 meeting held in the administration building auditorium, opened

with Gen. Becton describing the need to downscale the university's dependence on the Permanent University Fund. In 1994, Prairie View will no longer receive \$6 million from PUF.

Because of this substantial decrease in income, general planning guidelines require reducing the budget over the next few years. Next year the budget will be reduced 4 percent. The TAMU system, however, has mandated an average 3 percent increase for faculty salaries.

Next, changes were discussed comparing the 1989-90 budget to 1990-91. Some faculty positions will be eliminated

next year, for example, and some positions will receive only a portion of funding from state financing.

State monies provide only 55 to 60 percent of the overall budget. The remainder of the university's expenses are covered by student fees and corporate donations.

The 1990-91 budget for the general university was announced at \$30 million. The library will receive \$1,160,000; university grounds, \$514,000. Security will receive an increase to assist the hiring of additional personnel. The university will use \$75,000 for research.

Other university services were proposed allocations of the following: utilities, \$2.1 million; Houston Nursing Center utilities, \$100,000; air conditioning maintenance, \$85,000; trash and garbage disposal, \$101,000; Bookstore, \$1.1 million; campus dining services, \$3 million; KPVC, \$111,000; and, sewage treatment, \$2.5 million.

The College of Arts and Sciences is allotted the largest figure among the seven colleges within the university at \$4.2 million. These figures are subject to final approval.

The fate of certain buildings on campus will be affected by the budget. The old science building, erected in 1924, will be demolished along with the women's gymnasium.

Ground-breaking ceremonies are planned soon for a new building next to Hobart Taylor. Plans to renovate the WR Banks building and the old education building at a combined estimated cost of \$5.2 million are also underway.

## Good Bye, and Good Luck



## Palmer is looking to a fabulous career

Although Mary Ann Palmer recently relinquished her Miss Prairie View A&M University crown to Jolie McKeel, she is looking ahead to new achievements in her singing career.

Her soon-to-be-released album "Lookin' At Me" is in the country music genre, as were the songs she performed at this year's 20th Anniversary Miss PVAMU Scholarship Pageant—"Grandpa" by the Judds and two original songs, "Isn't This Where I Came In" and "Break New Grounds," in tribute to the new queen.

During the past year, Palmer entertained audiences throughout Texas and the nation, including Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta. In addition, she was named 4th Runner-Up in the Miss Black College

Hall of Fame Pageant. She will make her debut performance at Universal Studios in Hollywood, Calif., where she will compete this June in the 1990 Miss Collegiate African American Pageant.

At her farewell as Miss Prairie View A&M University, Palmer received a bouquet of roses from university President Julius W. Becton, Jr., who thanked her for her "excellent representation of the university as Miss Prairie View A&M University." He added, "We wish her the best in her endeavors, and we know she will continue to make us proud."

After completing this semester, Palmer plans to prepare for a summer tour, entertaining audiences with her down-home country-soul singing.

## ACCREDITORS "IMPRESSED"



At a recent dinner, Dr. Wesley C. McClure (left), chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Reaffirmation Committee, greets Dr. Willie Trotty, head of the School Services Department and Chair of the University Self-Study Committee. McClure said to the participants that he was impressed with the support for Prairie View A&M University shown by The Texas A&M University System and Board of Regents, as well as from the university community, alumni and friends. The SACS committee recently completed their accreditation visit to the university, conducted every ten years.

## It's Graduation Time!!!

To all candidates for Spring Graduation, Rehearsal will be Saturday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education Building. Commencement will be in the same building on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The speaker will be the Honorable Greg Laughlin, U.S. House of Reps. 14th Dist.

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## BRIEFLY

### NEWS

Prairie View A&M University's Charles Gilpin Players recently performed in a Black History Month Musical and performed a play, sponsored by the Naval Air Stations' Black Interest Group of Corpus Christi.

According to Donna H. Hoodye, president of the Black Interest Group, the Gilpins were well received.

"The majority of the audience consisted of students who participated in our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Games. After the performance, a number of students asked the performers for autographs. As a result, our lives have been enriched," stated Hoodye.



A systemwide seminar on student leadership development will be held on the campus of Texas A&M University, next Friday and Saturday. This student service-oriented seminar will be called, "The Bottom Line: Student Leadership Development." Prairie View A&M University will be sending seven people: Cleveland Shepard, Judy Jenkins, Jerry Kellum, Saurretta Morris, Kertia Loler, Gwendolyn Jeffery, and Mellanie Ellis.



Prairie View A&M University students enrolled in beginning Radio Production took the silver medal recently in the 1990 Public Relations Society of America Excalibur Awards. The competition was juried by members of the Houston Professional Chapter of PRSA. The student's winning entry was in the Student Wild Card division and featured a public service announcement on AIDS. The public service announcement was designed as part of a radio class research project on AIDS information, message design and media use. The study, under the supervision of communications instructor, Carol Means, incorporated the use of radio station KPVU-FM.

Students receiving awards were: Artistic Director/Lead Performer - Melanie Lacy; Creative Writer - Kimberly Tyrance; Announcer - Jerold Smith; Engineer - Bryan Cutaia; Background performers - Omar Harris, Paula Moore, Michael Scott, Robert Thomas, and Patrick Gaines. See winning PSA on Page 12 of The Panther

## KPVU'S TOP TEN PLAYLIST

Title	Artist
1. Whip Appeal	Baby Face
2. Ready Or Not	After 7
3. Humpty Dance	Digital Underground
4. Poison	Bell, Biv, & DeVoe
5. Addicted to Your Love	Gap Band
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7. Nicety	Michelle
8. Escapade	Janet Jackson
9. All Over You	Freddie Jackson
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days, until the beginning of summer school. Hot fun in the summer time...nahhh!

## PEOPLE



Mary Huggins

Mary Huggins, a graduating senior with a major in accounting at Prairie View A&M University, has been selected by the Texas Society of CPAs to win the 1989-90 Accounting Excellence Award.

With an outstanding GPA, Huggins has also been active in the Leadership Development activities of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems, and she holds the position of vice president for corporate research in that program. Huggins is also treasurer of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), a member of Phi Beta Lambda business organization, All-Faiths Chapel Usher Board, and the Benjamin Banneker Honors College.

With numerous employment offers to consider, Huggins is most interested in Motorola Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona.

"We are proud of Mary," said Dr. Sid H. Credle, chairman of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems. "She is an outstanding model of the end-product of our department's

was also awarded the scholarship to support his study and to provide recognition for outstanding service to the fraternity.

These scholarships, which were established in 1980 by an endowment from Gerald and Vicki Read, are a PDK Educational Foundation Program that subsidizes travel and study.

As one of 50 scholarship winners, Hawkins may use the funds through the summer of 1992.



Vinette Smith, senior social and political science major at Prairie View A&M University, has received a fellowship to pursue graduate studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Edward N. Wilson, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Washington University, said in a letter to Smith, "We are greatly impressed by your previous accomplishments and hope very much that...you may decide to conduct your graduate studies at Washington University."

Full-Delivery System." Credle added that a plaque will be mounted in the department office in her honor.



Dr. Frank Hawkins, associate professor in mathematics education here, was named a Phi Delta Kappa 1990 Gerald Howard Read International Seminar Scholarship recipient. Hawkins is a member of the PVAMU chapter,

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# NEWSWEEK

## Greyhound moves to travel station

By Tracie Woodson  
Newsweek Editor

On March 18, the Prairie View bus station moved to the Travel station located on Highway 290 near city hall.

According to Wayne Webster, owner of the Travel Station, "Prairie View has practically tried to do the impossible by attempting to operate an independent bus station in a small town but the idea has not seemed to work out."

"Most small towns don't have a bus station but only have a gas station or town drug store

### Bunton named Tandy Scholar

University Release

Prairie View A&M University alumna Dorris M. Bunton was one of 12 outstanding high school and middle school math and science teachers in the Ft. Worth Independent School District who were recently named 1990 Tandy Scholar Teachers.

Bunton received her bachelor's degree from PVAMU in 1969 and her master's degree from Texas Woman's University. She has taught at O.D. Wyatt High School for 10 years in physical science and biology and serves as department chair.

She currently teaches physical science using a computer, info-window system and interactive video disc program sponsored by the Texas Learning Technology Group. She serves on a committee selected by TLTG and a national testing service to write the standardized test for the physical science program which she teaches.

The 1990 Tandy Scholar Teachers received a \$2,000 stipend from the Tandy Corp. Bunton plans to use the stipend to help with expenses for the National Science Teachers Conference in Atlanta and for travel expenses if selected for a special summer program at San Diego State University.

at which the bus stops and picks up its passengers. Only a 10 percent commission is received off of bus ticket sales so the station would have had to sell at least 10,000 tickets to see any substantial profit."

Webster added that because of the money spent on renting the building and paying utilities the station was more of a profit loss than a gain. In addition, the recent strike by bus drivers has not seemed to make things any better. The new location provides easy access to campus since it is only located a few minutes away. More importantly, the centralization of bus and air travel agency will acutely reduce scheduling problems. The Travel Station will be able to arrange all your travel plans.

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# NEWSWEEK

## BSM scores at retreat

By William Chapman  
PVAMU English Professor

The Baptist Student Movement of PVAMU came away from the 45th Annual National Baptist Student Union Retreat with a number of accomplishments.

The choir won first place in the large choir division of the competition and won second place in the number of participants attending the retreat.

Roger Allen, a senior drama major, was elected the 1990-91 National

Director. Patrick Jackson, a freshman from Dallas, was selected to be a part of the 1990 Mini-Missions Team and will spend part of the summer with an Arkansas Missions Project. Additionally, the advisor William H. Chapman of the Program Committee for the National Advisors Conference to be held in Nashville, Tenn. in October 1990. Chapman is a member of the English faculty here at the university.

The retreat, held in Atlanta, Ga., was attended by nearly 2,500 students from colleges

and universities throughout the United States. Next year the retreat will be held in Houston and a record number of students is expected to attend.

Kenneth Green, the local BSM president, mentioned that the 81 participants from Prairie View are elated over the many accomplishment of the students. He further stated that the fine, cooperative spirit of many local supporters, including Prairie View faculty, ministers and churches helped to make the achievements possible.

## Torrence is AMCD Pres.

University Release

Linda K. Torrence, President of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD), is currently a Female Area Coordinator in the Department of Student Life. She received her B.A. in Speech and Theatre and her M. Ed. in Counselor Education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. She served three terms as AMCD Newsletter Editor and has held a number of positions

in the organization at the state level. During the last sixteen years she has worked as a Professional Counselor at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA and at the University of New Orleans. She served in numerous capacities with community organizations and agencies while in Louisiana. Ms. Torrence has received numerous awards for services rendered AMCD and other organizations, among her awards are Humanitarian and Caring Person Award and the

Presidential Award both presented during the 1989 AMCD Convention. She is a National Certified Counselor. Ms. Torrence has also successfully proposed, developed and implemented professional development workshops and seminars for persons working with ethnically diversified populations.

Students! Preregistration begins April 16!!

## Comm. faculty cited for various achievements

University Release

Prairie View, Texas—Members of the Prairie View A&M University Department of Communications have been involved in recent professional activities.

Dr. Millard Eiland, head of the Department of Communications, presented a paper on "Teaching Interpretation in a Predominantly Black Classroom: Challenges and Opportunities," at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association in Birmingham, Ala.

Carol Means, Instructor of Communication, participated in the annual meeting of the

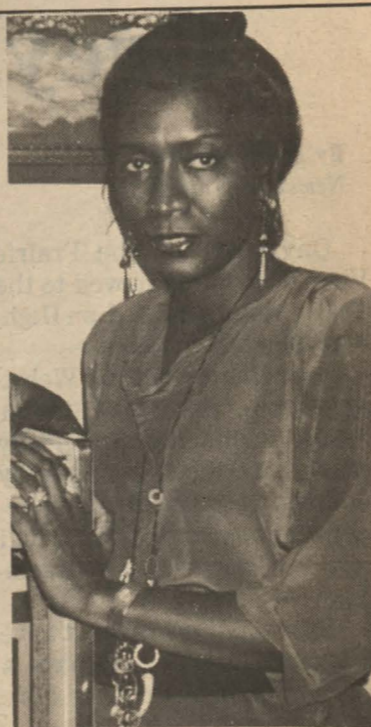
### Hudson-Weems Publishes book

Dr. Clenora Hudson-Weems of the Banneker Honors College, along with Dr. Wilfred Samuels formerly with Banneker and now at the University of Utah, co-authored a literary criticism of famed novelist, Toni Morrison.

The new edition to the Twayne authors' series, released March 9, is an exploration of Morrison's contribution to the literary quest for selfhood and wholeness, a central, recurrent theme in modern and contemporary American works.

All of Morrison's novels including her most recent, *Beloved*, are analyzed by Hudson-Weems and Samuels for her illumination of the multifaceted experience, identity, and psyche of communal black life.

Morrison's use of folklore, magic and mysticism, and her emphasis on the power of friendship and community among women is another thread traced by Professors Hudson-Weems and Samuels.



Clenora Hudson

Dr. Hudson-Weems earned her Ph.D. in American and African-American world studies at the University of Iowa. Before coming to Prairie View, she served as director of black studies and associate professor of English at Delaware State College.

Dr. Samuels earned his doctorate also at the University of Iowa.

## PVAMU helps United Way

University Release

National Association of Broadcasters in Atlanta, Ga. Ms. Means also appeared on Atlanta-Clark College's cable TV program "Town Talk" with former PVAMU professor of sociology and political science Earl Picard, currently director of International Business Development at Clark College.

Penny Williams, Instructor of Communications, received a fully funded fellowship to participate in a week-long seminar at Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Fla. The fellowship is for the teaching of writing in historically black colleges and universities.

## Students petition against new highway

By Tracie Woodson  
Newsweek Editor

Petitions are currently going around for signatures against the new development of Highway 290.

The petition states, "We, the undersigned, are against the newly proposed State Highway Department's adjustments to Highway 290, due to

the omission of east and west-bound frontage (feeder) roads to the city of Prairie View, Prairie View A&M University, and the surrounding areas, which prevents development of a strong infrastructure that is necessary for long-term economic development."

The communications class working on this project, in con-

junction with Mayor Ronald Leverett, plans to send the completed petitions to Congressman Greg Laughlin who is the representative for the 14th Congressional District in which Waller County sits.

The students are asking for the support of the community, faculty, and students in an effort to make their voice

heard. The public relations class, through working with the impact Prairie View and PVAMU does, and could have on tri-city development. Basically, the problem with all of the "problems" associated with the new Highway 290 seems to be a lack of good communication and network-

communication, that supports ing. We are asking that everyone please sign the petition because a good feeder road system will allow for sound development into the area so that when our children attend PVAMU they will not have to travel to Houston just to see a movie or to buy clothes. Who knows? Your signature could make a difference.

## Scouts visit the future

From University Releases

Fifteen Boy Scouts from the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Troop 242 were recently brought to the Prairie View A&M University campus by the Computer Science Department for an in-depth look at the state-of-the-art in computer science.

Headed by J.D. Oliver, the computer science department is one of the university's fastest growing departments with equipment that is among the most modern in the country.

During two six-hour sessions, the scouts were instructed in computer programming and operating systems and analysis. In the second session, they were shown more advanced techniques, such as computer graphics programming. Each scout was encouraged to write a program using software provided by the department, and then the program was evaluated by instructors and students. Instructors included Oliver, Galal Naguib and Yusef Motiwala.

According to Oliver, "The hands-on training on the computer gave the scouts a chance to look at a career of the future and to interact with students from Prairie View." He added that each scout completing the program received a merit badge in computing.

"We were pleased to host the Boy Scouts for our Computer Days," said Oliver. "A part of the university's mission is to reach out into the community. After all, they scouts may be students here someday."

## Supporters of PVAMU

From University Release

At a recent reception and luncheon in Austin, Prairie View A&M University President Julius W. Becton, Jr. talked with friends and supporters concerning the state of the university. Attending the luncheon were representatives of the City of Austin, the Texas Legislature, the Austin alumni chapter, and the corporate community.

Presiding during the program was President of the Prairie View Austin Alumni Chapter, Richard Scott, who noted that there are several hundred Prairie View graduates residing in the City of Austin.

In his remarks, Becton explained that the reason for the

gathering was "to bring together our graduates, corporation representatives, and other friends to support Prairie View A&M University." Saying that Prairie View and its graduates "are more than worthy of your support," Becton gave some recent examples of student, alumni, and faculty accomplishments—including the recent nomination by President Bush of PVAMU alumnus Maj. Gen. Marvin D. Brallsford for appointment to Lieutenant General (3 stars).

City Councilman Dr. Charles Urdu presented a "Key to the City" to President Becton, who commented that he "would not open any unauthorized doors with it." Jordan Whitfield, president of the Capital Cities Chamber of Commerce Board

of Directors, said that Becton had the military and analytical skills to lead Prairie View into the next century.

Roger Kintzel, chairman of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and publisher of the "Austin American Statesman," said

that he believes that predominantly black universities are fundamental to the American system of higher education—as are predominantly white school, Catholic school, or Lutheran schools. Kintzel praised Austin's Huston-Tillotson College as a role model for the city and "a well-spring of black leadership."

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# SPORTSWEEK

## PV men and women capture team title

By Danny Oliveaux  
News-Citizen Editor

The Prairie View men's track team captured the team title, while the Pantherettes tied Southern University for the women's crown at Saturday's 61st Annual Prairie View Relays held at Blackshear Field.

The Panthers had 43 point, followed by second-place Grambling with 32, Southern University-Baton Rouge was third with 29, Blinn Junior College was fourth with 28, Southern University of New Orleans collected 14 points for fifth place, and Texas Southern was sixth with four points.

Prairie View's Cecil Shy was selected as Outstanding Tracker, and teammate Rod Jones was the voted Outstanding Field.

Shy won the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:56.72, and ran anchor on the distance meley relay and 3,200-meter relay. Prairie won the distance meley at 10.43.77 and the 3,200-meters with a time of 7:34.63. Joining Shy on the relay team was Torrance Earle, Christopher Grant, and Anthony Christie.

Jones won the hammer throw with a toss of 148-4 and fourth in the javelin throw (127-2) and sixth in the shot put (39-3).

Other Panthers placing the relays were Philip Andrews in the 10,000-meter run (49:62); Grant (53.54.) and Phillip Sheffield (54.02) took first and second in the 400-meter hurdles; Tony Johnson was eighth in the 400-meter dash (52.00); Aubrey Taylor (11:07.24) and Phillip Andrew (13:31.25) placed second and third in the steeple chase; Calvin Cahee (137-8) and Julius Whitby (136-9) was third and fourth in the discus; Tyson Bryant placed second in the high jump (6-0); and Earle was fifth in the 1,500-meter run (4:13.94)

Prairie View relay teams took sixth in the 400 meters and placed third in the 800 meters event.

The Pantherette's Raquel Andrews was voted as Outstanding in the Field, and Southern's Countess Comodore was selected as the Outstanding Tracker.

Andrews won the high jump (5-6) and long jump (20-7 1/2) events, was third in the triple jump (837-1 3/4), and finished fourth in the 100 meter run (11.62). She was on the 400-meter relay team that placed first (47.09) with Terri Clayton, Chandra Williams, and Marsena Booker.

Rhonda Lampkin (57.56) and Tracey Garrison (58.77) placed second and fifth in the 400-meter dash; Booker was eight (12.02) in the 100 meters; Chandra Williams was third in the long jump (18-10 1/2) and won the triple jump (40-0); Barbara Smith won the 800-meter run (2:12.66); and Celissa Shy was second in the 1,500 meters (4:55.90)

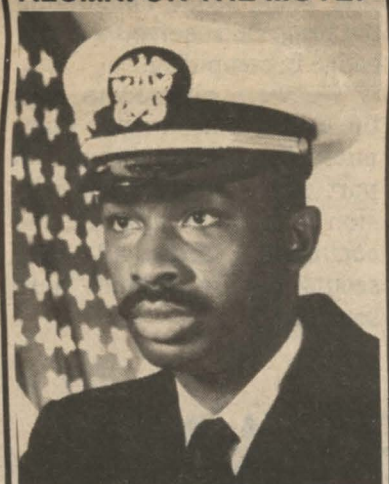
The Pantherettes' relay team placed second in the 1,600-meter relay (3:46.65) and 32,000-meter relay (9:33), and took third in the sprint meley relay (1:50.09).

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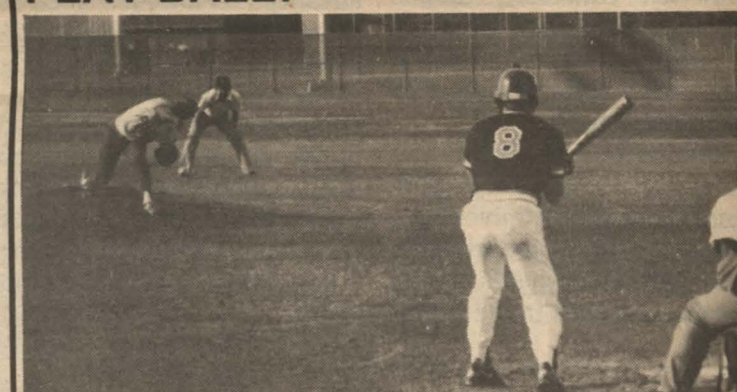
Prairie View's Cecil Shy crosses the finish line after pacing his team to a win in the sprint meley relay at last week's relays at Blackshear Field. Shy was voted as Outstanding Trackers in the men's division. (Photo by Dannie Lee Oliveaux)

### ALUMNI ON THE MOVE:



Elwyn Rucker, a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and the first computer science class of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, has completed the following programs of study: the Division Officers course in the Surface Warfare Officers School and the Steam Engine Officer of the Watch. Rucker was a Midshipman in the Naval ROTC at Prairie View.

### PLAY BALL!



The Panther baseball team will be host the TSU Tigers in a double-header tomorrow. Saturday, both teams will go to Houston for their second double-header.

photo by James Leno

### PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY 1990 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
4-13-90	Texas Southern*	Prairie View, TX	12:30 p.m.
4-14-90	Texas Southern*	Houston, TX	12:30 p.m.
4-20-90	Grambling State*	Prairie View, TX	12:30 p.m.
4-21-90	Grambling State*	Prairie View, TX	12:30 p.m.
4-23-90	Southwestern Univ.	Georgetown, TX	1:00 p.m.
4-25-90	S.W. Louisiana	Lafayette, LA	5:00 p.m.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Ballard encourages excellence at PV

By Johnson Obedi  
Staff Writer

Speaking from behind his work table, Dr. Henry H. Ballard is a man who encourages hardwork and commitment as the sole avenue to achieving productive goals. The Associate professor of chemistry is actively involved in research and has garnered over \$400,000 in outside funding for his scholarly work at Prairie View.

A graduate of G.W. Bradford High School in Rusk, Texas, he recalls not "having been held back with the rest of the class" because he was a hardworker under Mrs. O.E. White as a mentor. This enabled him to advance faster in his courses. He entered Tyler college as a math major but was encouraged later on by Dr. Jesse Jones to pursue a career in Organic

chemistry as a researcher. He graduated in 1965.

Dr. Ballard received his Ph.D from Texas Christian University in 1980 after a brief intermission from his undergraduate studies. During this time, he worked as a researcher for a pharmaceutical company and as teacher in the public school system. He also worked as an Assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff before coming to Prairie View in 1982.

Asked why he chose to teach at predominantly black colleges, he cites a need to "help minority students to get into the upper block of continued scholarly achievements." Since 1982, he has mentored ten students who have gone to achieve their Ph.Ds.

Dr. Ballard enjoys teaching chemistry and cites "interest to learn by students being excit-

ing" and motivating his desire to teach. His classes are characteristically very large and he contends that rarely do students drop-out of his class. He also enjoys to know that a student has been very conscientious about and enthusiastic in the search for knowledge. To his average students, "he encourages them not to be envious of the excellent student but strive to reach a comparable level of achievement" by working hard to butress their minimal abilities and improve their weaknesses.

On the prevailing breakdown in the quality of education, Dr. Ballard sees the decline in pre-college schooling of the 1970s that were carried over to the sensational 1980s as being the cause. Lack of proper school funding and breakdown of the family unit due to pressures to earn money,

disrupted the positive role model link that is characteristic of such units.

The Associate professor is currently involved in research areas of Organic compounds, Reaction mechanisms, Synthesis and Biological activities including the investigation of potential anti-cancer drugs. Some of his work has been published in a premier international journal for organic chemists, The Tetrahedron Letters and has been a contributing editor to the textbook, The Chemistry of Heterogeneous compounds.

The National Science Foundation is one of his benefactors and currently, five of his compounds are being tested as possible anti-cancer and AIDS antiviral drugs by the National Cancer Institute. Previously, Dr. Ballard has involved some of his students in his

research and they have also been able to present papers at the national level. The possible success of his compounds promises to bring an enhanced institutional image resulting from participation in these important international programs. In essence, this means an increased research funding, improvement on the quality of education and inevitably participation of more professors in research. Moreover, the Researcher is willing to let the university to patent his compounds in its name if they are successful.

Dr. Ballard believes that "students have to want to be better by asking for quality education and being earnest in its search." This is a conviction none other than himself symbolizes the best. His desire and ingenuity gracefully provides a model for students to follow.

## University Relations continue progress

By Rebecca Turner  
Chief Copy Editor

The Department of Development and University Relations is an important area at Prairie View A&M University.

The office of University Relations is primarily responsible for coordinating, managing, and implementing public relations and public information programs. The division handles all the media-related information. The division represents the President and the university at public events or ceremonies. The division handles all press luncheons, news conferences, and other special programs. It plays a role in

promoting and overseeing the university's public, off campus events.

There are a wide range of goals in the area of University Publications. The primary goal in publications is to report news and information accurately. This division creates an increased awareness of the excellent research and teaching occurring at Prairie View A&M University. The division strives to create a understanding that the institution is serving the community. It promotes awareness that outstanding scholars and students attend the institution.

There are two primary persons involved in The Department of Development and University Relations. Vicki Minor is the head in the area of Development. This area is primarily responsible for raising funds for the university. The department established the first annual fund at Prairie View A&M University.

John G. Hammond, the university editor, is primarily involved in the area of public relations. Hammond writes the press releases for the university. The purpose of public relations is to communicate the public events happening at the university. Public relations is a support aid by communicating the facts to the communities.

John Hammond has many accomplishments, since his tenure in August 1986. He has a published article on Prairie View A&M University in a minority magazine called the Graduating Engineer. He has also published an article in JET magazine pertaining to Benjamin Banneker Honors College.

The Department of Development and University Relations materials include: Panthers in Progress, Prairie View Today, Fire Prevention Offices, and the institution.

Residence Halls, Faculty Focus, Rev. Clarence Talley Sr., 1989 Homecoming Celebration flyer, The Standard, On The Hill, Resource Directory, Self-Study Update, and The Resource Directory to only name a few.

The Department of Development and University Relations continuously strives to serve the needs of Prairie View A&M University. It is a vital aspect of caution for the institution.

## Scenes of the Secret Garden

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## LIFESTYLES

# What is it that he wants from me?

By Charisse M. Galloway  
LifeStyles Editor

What does he want from me? Well a little bit of a change according to the men and women on PVAMU's campus. Women have often pondered over what they should do, need to do, or can do, in order to get a good man.

Some women go out and spend a thousand dollars on an elaborate wardrobe, spend an arm and a leg on the best hairdo, or try to attain a vocabulary of over three million words?

None of that is really necessary. In order to get something, you have to give in return. So in-

learning what needs to be done and then taking action one should not necessarily consider the changes to be without merit.

What I am really asking here is: What does a woman on the campus of Prairie View need to possess in order to be considered attractive by a male?

The answer to this question varies as I went about the campus collecting several opinions from students.

Women, I am sure that we all want to be respected on this campus and it is surely not something that is just given away. It is something that is to be earned.

Many walk around with

attire that bears all or almost all. Now of course one should be able to dress as she pleases, but with that comes a consequence.

A few days ago as I was coming from Hilliard Hall and a guy made the comment that, "If it was any hotter outside, the girls at PV would get naked."

Now for those of you who say you don't care or it does not matter what he says are the ones who complain that respect is not traded among men and women at Prairie View.

Here are a few opinions of PVAMU men who are concerned about the well-being of women on campus and would like to see a change in the attitudes and physical appearance of women.

Vincent Paige, sophomore Electrical Engineering Tech. major from Dallas, Tx., states that women need to "... look more lady like in their appearance, it has a lot to do with their mental stature. If you dress like a young lady should dress, then that is pretty much the way you are going to carry

yourself. Women need to become more aware of life's situations, they don't believe things can happen to them. They need to stop being so materialistic. Whatever they gain out of life should be earned by themselves and not given to them."

Jimmy Corzine, senior Mathematics major from Dallas, Tx., says that women at PV should "... keep yourselves up - you can do something. Be a woman, an adult." His advice to Prairie View women is "Don't stereotype guys before you meet them."

A sophomore Architectural Engineering major from Baton Rouge, La., says that the women are "... decent as far as dressing is concerned. Women need to be more open to talk to guys instead of hanging around in packs of ten. Girls should stop looking for guys with money."

The last comment was from Lou, a sophomore Art Advertising major from Los Angeles, Ca., who felt that, "Before they (women) need to get respect from other dudes, they have to have respect for themselves. I hate slouching. A woman has to have good voice projection and does not mumble. The finest girls on this campus are the ones with the messed up minds. On this campus, good looks and articulation don't go hand in hand. Girls need to take etiquette classes, where they walk around with books on their heads to walk ladylike and talk to dudes properly."

Women on this campus also have much to say about what they can do to be more mentally and physically attractive.

"In my opinion, I firmly believe that we (women) need to take pride in ourselves, become more independent of men and carry ourselves in a fashion that we would want to be treated. We need to start using our minds instead of our bodies. Respect starts with self. Therefore, we need to respect that which is ours before we can expect it from others," says Monifa A. Thompson, freshman class president and Communications major from Newark, New Jersey.

A sophomore Electrical Engineering major from Detroit, Mi., says that women need to "set some standards for themselves and make themselves more attractive. Women should demand respect from guys here. They should not be so vulnerable, but should be stronger in their beliefs. They should exercise better hygiene habits. PV women need to take speech classes, communication skills need to be sharpened."

These are opinions and ideas from our peers, we must listen to ourselves and determine what measures should be taken to improve the perception of the PVAMU woman.

I will not elaborate any further on what has been said. You have heard the information and now the choice is up to you.

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## LIFESTYLES

# PVAMU scholarship student - future cartoonist

By Charisse M. Galloway  
LifeStyles Editor

Four-year Academic Scholarship recipient, Maurice Terry, Jr., has shown his leadership abilities continuously on the campus of Prairie View A&M.

Maurice Terry, Jr. is a sophomore Advertising Art major and Industrial Technol-

ogy minor from Lovelady, Texas.

Terry's commitment to the field of art reflect in his endeavors around the campus. Maurice is currently President of the Prairie View Art Association, in which he is responsible for organizing student art exhibitions and participating in art exhibits.

He has designed t-shirts for

KPVU FM, the homecoming game '88 and '89, the Miss Prairie View Plus Pageant, t-shirts for the campus t-shirt shop, and a brochure cover for the campus sports department.

Terry also worked as a student teacher, who was responsible for teaching fashion design techniques such as the basic structure of the body.

His willingness to learn and desire to produce work are general. What make Terry an exceptional student.

Terry's goals are to later concentrate in the field of Graphic Design, by doing work in cartoons or graphic art forms.

Presently, Terry's emphasis is on developing a style of cartoon that will appeal to the

young aspiring artist, who will one day hope to create cartoons that will attract a wide variety of people such as: The Simpsons, Fat Albert, The Flintstones, etc.

# KPVU fundraiser

By Charisse M. Galloway  
LifeStyles Editor

During KPVU's one week Radio-Thon 1990, the station raised \$10,227.75. The station is hoping that they will receive a return on at least 50% of the pledges that were made.

Although the greatest participation was during the Jazz and R&B hours, listeners continued to call in and make their pledges. Communities such as Waller, Prairie View, Hempstead, Sealy, Brenham, Houston, Conroe, and The Woodlands contributed to the membership drive.

The money that will be received, will generate the operations budget (the operations budget covers the replacement of equipment and other daily operational material).

Dr. Lori Gray, General Manager at KPVU, is exceptionally pleased with the student support of the station and the business support in the

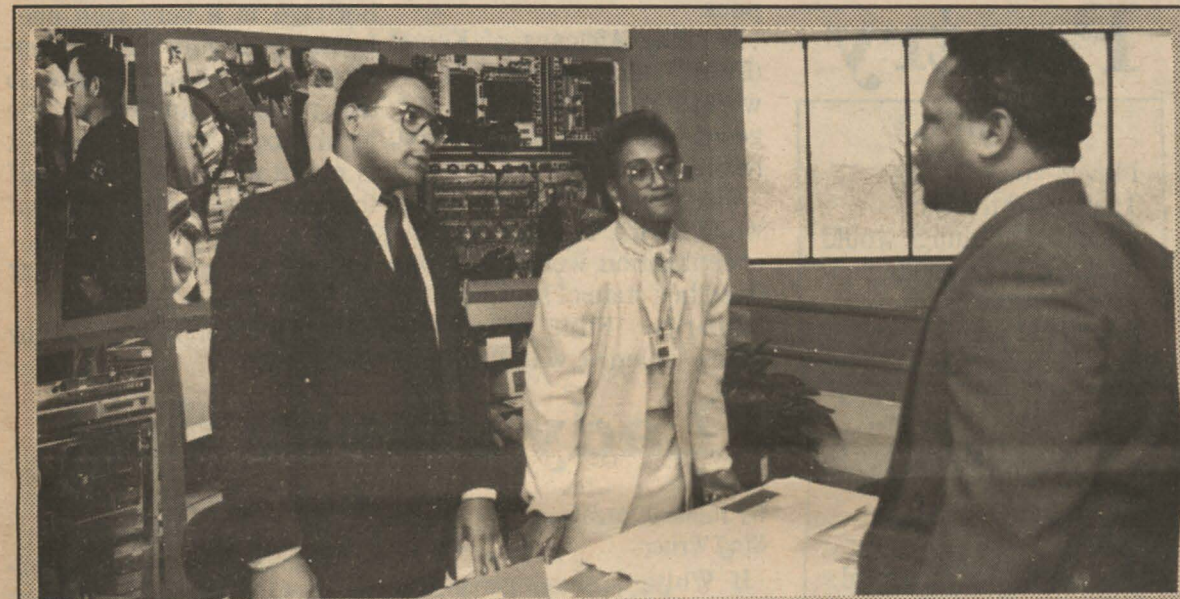
community. KPVU appreciates the support of the students and the businesses that contributed a meal to the volunteers that helped in the drive.

Special Thanks goes to Susie's Donuts, Waller; Dairy Queen, Hempstead; Pizza Hut, Hempstead; Sonic, Waller; Classic Catering, Waller; Brunos, Waller; Walkers, Hempstead; and JR's Chicken, Hempstead.

The station would also like to thank celebrities such as YZ, Kyle Turn-Houston, and The er for their help in encouraging listeners to call in and make a pledge.

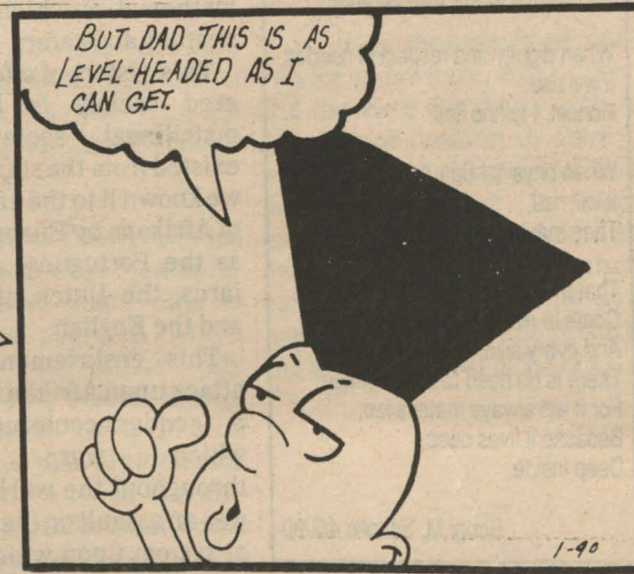
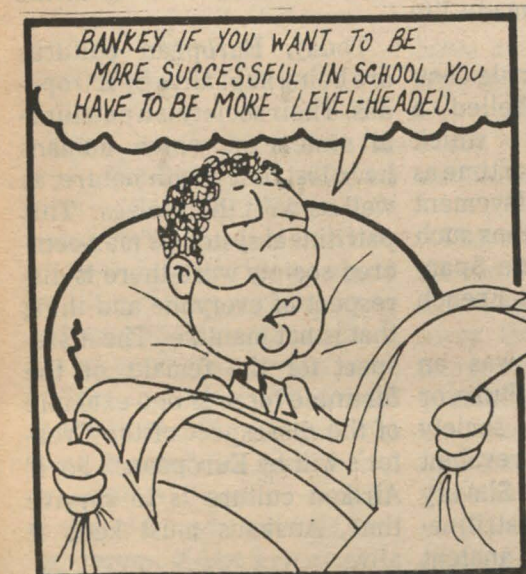
As a token of the station's appreciation to the supporters, a variety of thank you posters, albums, 12-inch records, compact discs, and cassette tapes will be given to students who bring in their pledges of \$2.00 or more.

For more information on this, come by KPVU 91.3 FM, which is located in Hilliard Hall.



Representatives of UNISYS talk with Prairie View A&M University students at the recent Career Day, sponsored by the College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology. Over 45 companies were represented - including Chevron USA, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Contel of Texas, Inc., Northrup Corp., Conoco, Frito Lay and NASA - at the annual event. Dr. Haku Israni, dean of the college, said the number of participants has steadily increased in the last three years.

# the Mansons by Maurice Terry Jr.



## VIEWPOINTS

# Students should take pride in heritage

Even though the famous Black historian, Carter G. Woodson, designated the month of February as Black History Month, we as black students at a Black university should celebrate our rich heritage every month of the year. In an attempt to promote the

Afro-centric knowledge that our society has tried to obscure, here is some pertinent information that all Blacks should know.

1. Blacks were the first people to inhabit the Earth, and thus we were the founders of the first civilization. This

first civilization was developed by a people known as the Sumerians in Mesopotamia.

2. The Africans of Kemet (Egypt) developed arithmetics, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and other mathematical sciences. They utilizing these sciences became the first great architects and engineers in the world, creating such wonders as the Great Lodge of Luxor.

## Poetry

### THE CHOICE

I loved you so much  
That I died for you.  
I died so "all things would  
work for Your good..."  
would be true.  
Satan held you captive  
But I set you free.  
I shed my blood  
on that cross at Calvary  
So all would be free  
that believe in me.  
Satan doesn't love you  
and never will.  
His only desire is to steal,  
destroy, and to kill.  
It is good versus evil,  
you do have a choice  
Just harden not your heart  
when you hear my voice.

Marcia Shorten

### The Powers of a Black Woman

The powers of a Black woman,  
Lie deep within the soul,  
But when ignored and suppressed,  
Even she does not know.

When strength is needed,  
It will rise,  
Sometimes to her own surprise.

When dignity and respect is needed,  
It will rise,  
Honest, I tell no lies.

When physical Beauty is needed,  
It will rise,  
Then maybe she'll realize.

That the powers of a black woman,  
Come in every shade,  
And every size,  
There is no need to compromise,  
For it will always materialize,  
Because it lives deep,  
Deep inside.

Bongi M. Sithole 4/3/90

3. The Mystery System of the Egyptians contains one of the most complex philosophical systems ever created. Today, it is one of the most studied even though the majority of students in this country know the Mysteries by another name, Greek Mythology.

4. The Africans of Kemet (Egypt) created the world's first alphabet, paper, ink, and pens.

5. The Africans of Kemet (Egypt) also produced the world's first physicians, surgeons, medical texts, and hospitals.

6. During ancient times while Africa was the epitome of civilization, western Europe lived in a state of savagery and barbarity. Filth, sexual diseases, violence, war, disorgan-

ization, brutality, paganism, incest, homosexuality, and anarchy were rampant throughout the region. This savage state lasted well into the 15th century.

7. Blacks were the first Hebrews. This means that if the Hebrews are God's chosen people then Blacks are God's chosen people.

As the evidence states, our heritage is a very rich one. Learn and cherish the heritage of the Black people so that you can help to dispel the myths about Blacks because it is only the knowledge of self that can liberate the minds of Black people.

Excerpts from "The Black Students Guide to Positive Education" by Zak Kondo

## Lady's come first

By James T. Madison  
Staff Writer

If White archaeologists and anthropologists are correct, the mother of all is an Afrikan woman who lived some 200 thousand years ago in the Lakes Region of what is now known as Ethopia, Tanzania, and Kenya. From this fact and other historical research of antiquity (ancient times), the woman was the central focus of ancient civilization.

This woman, and the women who followed empowered their sons and daughters with the authority to rule. She created civilization from her discoveries of the sciences and mathematics which made life simpler and safer.

This system of a female centered society is labelled a matrilineal society which existed from the start of time as we know it to the enslavement of Afrikans by Europeans such as the Portuguese, the Spaniards, the Dutch, the French and the English.

This enslavement was an attack upon Afrikan culture, or a goddess-centered society which was prevalent throughout the world. Slavery was an assault on the matrilineal system upon which ancient

cultures were based.

The matrilineal system revolves around the woman since she has the greater influence upon her children who represent the society's future. If a culture is to survive, its children have to be taught values and responsibilities based upon the will of the Creator.

The woman has a natural bond with the child because the first world it knows is her womb. So, in ancient Afrikan cultures, the woman was associated with creation of life. They held life as being sacred therefore the woman, who was responsible for life, was divine

Today, European cultures are being kept alive by Europeans. Their society is a patrilineal system in which humans have lost touch with nature, as well as with themselves. This patrilineal system was man-centered society where there is disrespect of everyone and thing that is not manlike. The disrespect for the female, or the feminine force is one example of the disrespect of the Creator's will by Europeans. So, if Afrikan culture is to survive time, Afrikans must keep it alive.

## VIEWPOINTS

# PV is for education...isn't it



### My View

by Kevin Lyons  
Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever looked at someone on the campus and asked yourself, "What in the world are they down here for?" The person that you are viewing is never in class, but is at every party. They don't have enough money to buy their own books, but he/she is driving a \$20,000 sports car. They have got a super plan to attract, and dominate the opposite sex, but when you ask them what their plan is after (and if) they graduate they respond with "I don't know." Probably the most popular answer that you may get if you ask that question is "Man, I'm not even worried about that right now, I'm just going to stay down here at Prairie View and kick it."

Kick it! I must admit that Prairie View does have its moments as far as fun is

concerned. Homecoming, pretty women, and sunny days sitting in front of Alumni Hall can easily take your mind away from the main purpose that we are all down here for which is an education. Unfortunately, some are not down here for that degree that will stick with them for the last 30 years of their lives. They are down here for the 4-6 years of partying, parentless nights and procrastinating days of fun. As a matter of fact, I am sure that there are some people who have set up their own 7-year degree program so that they can stay down here as long as possible, live off their parents income, and watch the nineties turn into the 21st century.

Let's have a quick math lesson. For most of us, excluding engineering and some music majors, 4 1/2 years is all that we need to graduate with a bachelors degree and get on with the rest of our lives. Now, let's say the average life expectancy for a human being these days is about 65 years. If you spend four years at a major college or university, that is only 6 percent of your

life. Why spend the last 40 years of your life regretting what you didn't do when you were 18-22 years old?

I think that right now, some of us are so busy having fun down here that we think this is the real life. Real life is when you are paying your own bills. Real life is being on time for the job in fear of being fired for being one minute late. Sure, being in college teaches you responsibility, but I have never seen anyone get fired from Prairie View for being late to class.

I'm not saying don't have any fun. Go out to the clubs with your buddies. even have someone that you see on the side. But don't forget why you came to school in the first place - To get an education so that the last 30 or 40 years of your life will be worth living.

Don't waste all of your fun while you are down here. Don't let this be the best four years of your life. Think about it.

# Day Care plans for PV

By Cheryl Malone  
Photo Editor

There is a national cry for good day-care and Prairie View is in need for this care. In an earlier issue I had expressed how Prairie View would benefit socially, economically and educationally throughout the tri-city area. I even went further to survey 100 people and 100 percent agreed that there is a definite need for an on campus day-care center. Eighty-nine percent said that day-care would be a great asset to the over all community.

Some had questions on where the funding would come from and where the best location would be to satisfy the entire community.

There are definite avenues the campus or even an ambitious individual could take to cover these concerns which there are many others. My question is why wait for a large corporation to come in and take care of this problem for the community when the university or an individual could profit for themselves and the community. The government

is granting thousands of dollars for home-care, elder-care, and day-care for those with a little bit of funding to start businesses off the ground and for those without teaching experience the government is even opening up new teacher certification classes. If you want to know more about starting a day-care call 857-3123.

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TAG: FOR MORE ANSWERS ON AIDS CALL: 1 (800) 447-AIDS.

For more details see page 2

### To All Honors Students:

The spring Honors Convocation will be held Wednesday, April 25, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education Building.

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## Communications Workshop!

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Workshops are open to communications students at PVAMU and nearby colleges. All Participants are invited to attend the workshop luncheon at 12:30 p.m. There will be a slight charge for the meal. Media professional who would like to participate should contact:

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# Comply with fire codes

by Michelle Johnson  
Viewpoints Editor

Are you tired of being told to comply with safety codes? Not unlike you, I am tired of that song.

First it was extension cords, adaptors, and hotplates but I wasn't too bothered. Then, they (Fire Chief and constituents) wanted to take away 3 of the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan, gliding through the air for a slam dunk. Being jolted to reality, I then became inquisitive and wanted to know why Michael Jordan must leave my bedroom wall.

I discovered that Prairie View A&M has not passed most of the fire and safety codes. All of the buildings have deficiencies; no smoke detectors, and the fire extinguishers don't work. Unfortunately, these hazards have been around for years and Prairie View is now facing a comply or close the school situation and we, as students, have to pay the consequences.

The real problem is not posters or pictures, but it is potential fire hazards that may cause them to be more hazardous than under normal circumst-

ances. So far the time being posters and pictures must go.

So comply with the safety codes; don't use extension cords or adapters. Remove your wallpaper, pictures, and posters. Our main concern at PV should be getting an education and being alive to receive your degree.

My room looks just as bad as some of yours without decorations and I don't like my jail cell now. The only difference is that I'm willing to put up with it because I want the life I save to be mine.

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