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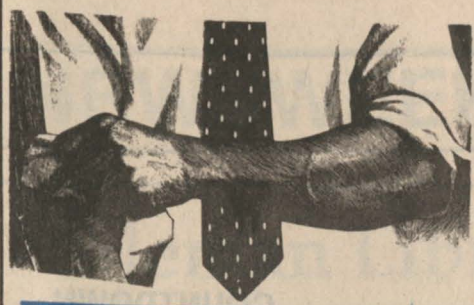
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Doing business

The John B. Coleman library is ready to serve students this year.

NEWSWEEK

Changes

President Becton discusses a few that he will make in his column.

VIEWPOINTS



Running free

Men's and women's cross country previews.

SPORTSWEEK

The Panther

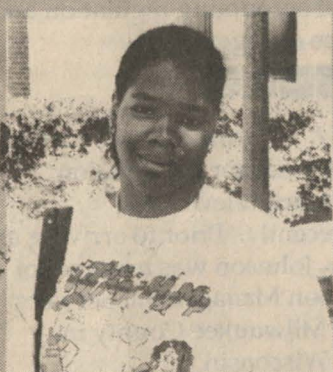
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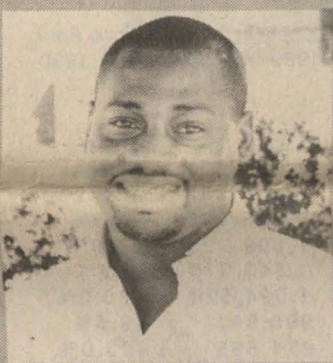
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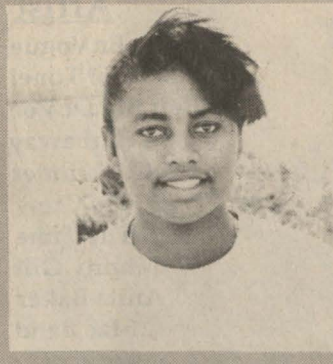
How do you think registration turned out this fall?



Stacey Parker, Sophomore, Washington, DC: "There were a lot of problems. The computers were down too much."



Michael Prince, Senior, St. Louis, MO: "It was dealt with a lot better than in the past. I registered in just about two hours."



Leonette Chenier, Freshman, Houston, TX: "They gave us the run-around. It should be done in one place. The only good part is finishing."



Daryl Carter, Senior, Dallas, TX: "It was good and bad. There were so many places to go and get a stamp, but the people were pretty helpful."



Erika Bush, Freshman, Indianapolis, IN: "It was chaotic. We were here since the 18th and they tried to register all the freshmen in one day."

Over 5,000 register at Prairie View

By Kerri Marshall
NewsWeek Editor

With an improved registration system, over 5,000 students were able to enroll into Prairie View A&M University faster than years past, according to university officials.

Nathaniel J. Johnson, Sr., executive director of information systems, along with Alice Cotton, Robert Snyder and the Information Systems Department staff implemented a new computer format for registration.

On-line screen listings of

closed classes eliminated the problem of someone being placed in a class that was full. "Because of this and other technical changes, registration was more productive this year," states Johnson.

Registration seemed to go well this year, but some students still had unanswered questions:

"Why is it that I can only take 13 hours?" asked one disgruntled student.

"The number of hours a student can take is the responsibility of the advisor not the registrar's office," stated Lin-

da Berry, director of admissions and records. "Advice that I can give to the students who want more hours is to have a good semester so you may take up to 18 the next semester."

"Why is it that I have to pay half of my fees when I register?" asked another student.

Berry stated: "The State says that all students enrolled in universities must pay half of their fees at the time they register. It is through the university that this law is enforced. If students have any suggestions for registra-

tion they can notify my highly trained staff who can take care of their problems."

"Why must I give Prairie View A&M my immunization records and why do I have to take shots I have already taken?"

"Senate Bill 986 as passed by the Texas Legislature requires that students admitted to any institution of higher education be immunized.

Additionally, Education Code 2.09 states that no person may be admitted to any elementary or secondary school or institution of higher

education unless he has been immunized against diphtheria, rubella, rubella, and tetanus. If the student is under 19 years of age, he must also be immunized against poliomyelitis.

Since the immunization requirements are dictated by state law, all students must furnish proof of immunization.

Berry also stated: "If students have not been immunized by September 24, 1990 they will be dropped from the computer."

see 'Registration,' page 8

Brooks wins wrestling tournament

University Release

Miles Brooks, a sophomore political science major at Prairie View A&M University, recently won first place competing in the 125.5 pound class of the Tennessee Sports Fest Wrestling Tournament.

The Brentwood, Tennessee native won the first tournament he entered after suffering a crippling injury to his knee in 1987.

■ Campus All-Star Photo Pg. 3

Brooks had to undergo a combination of orthoscopic and reconstructive surgery, allowing six months for recovery.

"I plan to continue with wrestling," said Brooks, who is interested in trying out for one of the national teams.

Brooks' wrestling career highlights also include winning All Navy 1986-1987, Olympic Trials Quarter Finalist 1984, and the National High School Championship in 1983-1984.

In addition to his wrestling victories, Brooks also was captain of the successful Campus All-Star Challenge Team from Prairie View A&M University. The team reached the national championships, where they defeated Howard University in the quarter finals, and won \$10,000 for the university. Brooks was then chosen to participate in the Western Division All-Star Team.



Brooks

A SPECIAL REPORT: THE PRIDE OF PRAIRIE VIEW

Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady



Palmer



Jones



McKeel

Threesome strives for perfection

By Charisse M. Galloway
LifeStyles Editor

What do these three women have in common? Hard work, dedication, talent and many competitions.

Jolie McKeel, Caroline Jones, and Mary Ann Palmer are all beauty pageant winners. After being successful in the Miss Prairie View Pageant,

each has gone on to compete in even larger competitions in various parts of the country.

Jolie McKeel, a senior from Kansas City, Missouri, was crowned Miss PV on March 3, 1990 and she went on to compete in the Miss Texas Pageant held this summer in Austin.

Caroline Jones, a junior from Texarkana, Texas, was first runner-up in the Miss PV Pageant.

This summer, Caroline competed and won a preliminary pageant (Ms. Black Texarkana) then went on to win the Ms. Black Texas Pageant held in Dallas, Texas.

Caroline won \$500, a gold watch, and a full scholarship to the historically black college or university of her choice.

Over 20 women from all over Texas competed in the Ms.

Black Texas in swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and question and answer competitions.

Mary Ann Palmer, a senior from Belleville, Texas, and former Ms. PV was recently crowned the 1990 Miss Collegiate African-American.

The pageant, held in Hollywood, California, brought together

see 'Threesome,' page 6

Becton inauguration set for November 1

University Release

The inauguration of Prairie View A&M University President Julius W. Becton, Jr. has been scheduled for Thursday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the PVAMU Field House. Following the inaugural ceremony, there will be a presidential luncheon in Alumni Hall West. That evening, a black tie banquet and balls

are planned. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, retirees, spouses and guests will gather for the banquet in Alumni Hall West from 8-10 p.m. They will then attend a ball in the Field House, with a student ball scheduled for the Memorial Center Ballroom.

Becton was unanimously elected PVAMU president by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in

November 1989, and he took office in December. An alumnus of Prairie View A&M University, Becton is the first graduate to attain star rank in the military - rising to the rank of lieutenant general after nearly 40 years of active commissioned service in the U.S. Army. He later served as director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and as director of the Federal

Emergency Management Agency. He currently sits on several boards and is chair of the New Select Group of the Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee of NATO in Brussels, Belgium.

More details on the inauguration of President Becton and related activities will be announced at a later date.

Survey SECRETARIES

How do you rate your job conditions, and job pay, why.

For Anonymous responses, mail to The Panther P.O. Box 156 Prairie View, Tx. 77446

NEWS FRIDAY

FYI

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER 1

Inaugural Ceremony for Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr., University President of P.V.U.

NOVEMBER 24

Men's basketball season opener against Weber State, in Ogden, Utah.

PRIME TIME PALMER

43 stations stretching from New York, to Los Angeles to Honolulu, Hawaii have, or will air Mary Ann Palmer's triumph in the Miss Collegiate African American Pageant.

STILL SPACE LEFT

According to a university housing report dated August 30, there are still 326 (130, females, 196 males) spaces available for fall housing. This total includes 94 spaces in Holley Hall, and 33 spaces in Suarez.

IS IT A BLACK THING

Black athletes are the majority in professional basketball (75%), and football (60%). However, in professional baseball (18%), and hockey (1%), Blacks are still in the minority.

HE SAID IT

President Becton on his presence here: "At first, students looked at me, and said 'who the heck is that.' Now, I see students inside the building, taking their hats off when I'm a mile away."

COUNTDOWN

51

days before Homecoming week '90. The theme is "Linking Visions...Shaping the future."

11

days before the women's volleyball home opener against Texas Southern University

BRIEFLY

NEWS

A committee of Waller County officials and citizens have announced plans for a Waller County Economic Development Workshop on Tuesday, October 23. Leaders of the workshop will include Dr. Dennis Fisher of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Jeffrey Taebel of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC).

According to Benny Lockett, with the Prairie View A&M University Extension Program, the workshop will be designed to increase awareness of economic development opportunities, communicate to leaders the potential and feasibility of local self-help initiatives, and identify initiatives to pursue further.

Joining Taebel and Lockett at the planning meeting, held in the Waller County Extension Office were mayors Linda Mlandenka (Patterson), Herbert Johnson (Hempstead) and Ray Garrett (Pine Island), Waller County Commissioner James Muse, Brookshire Chamber of Commerce member Glenda Dockery, Waller County Extension Agent David McGregor, Sr., and extension office staff.

For more information, contact Benny Lockett at 857-2227, or David McGregor at 826-8533.

Administrators from Prairie View A&M University and the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) recently met to discuss a collaborative educational program to be implemented over a five year period. PVAMU President Julius W. Becton, Jr., UTHSC President M. David Low, and other key administrators participated in the meeting. An interagency agreement is being drafted for signatures.

In the initial phase of the proposed program, PVAMU students will be selected for a "preceptorship program" of part-time summer employment at UTHSC in administrative, professional, or research activities.

Other elements of the collaboration will include a joint seminar program, joint research projects, early admission of PVAMU students to UTHSC professional and graduate schools, and the distribution of health information and the development of outreach clinics for communities served by PVAMU programs.

Other administrators representing UTHSC were the following: Vice President for Minority Affairs, Dr. Judith Craven; professor of physiology and cell biology, Dr. Gilbert Castro; Vice President for Finance and Operations, Bill Muse; Assistant to the Vice President for Minority Affairs, James Heggie.

Social studies textbooks used in the District of Columbia public schools are racist, according to a recently released study co-authored by Prairie View A&M University political science professor Dr. Imari A. Obadele.

The study, titled "A Study of Racial Values in the Curricula for Language Arts and in the Curricula and Textbooks Used in Social Studies by the Public Schools of the District of Columbia," was completed in 1989, based on data compiled in 1987. The other authors of the study are Dr. Kwaku Walker, co-director of D.C.'s African Learning Center and Ms. Abena Walker, an author who holds a masters degree in education and is currently directing a pilot training program for practicing D.C. public school teachers.

In a letter to the D.C. Board of Education Chair Nathaniel Bush, Obadele called on the board to warn publishers that they will no longer purchase textbooks that are racist, based on a scale used in the study.

The study calls D.C. texts "brutally harmful to the intellectual and emotional health of students," and curriculum guides used by teachers "are shockingly racist in certain particulars."

Some of the recommendations are that students not be penalized for speaking "Black English" and students be taught by using some of the techniques for teaching English as a second language. The study also condemns various omissions in the textbooks, including the work by African writers in America, the Egyptian foundations for African culture, and the U.S. Constitution's perpetuation of slavery in the "fugitive slave" provision and in defining a slave as three-fifths a person.

The Prairie View A&M University College of Education has announced two grants have been awarded to the university from the Holmes Group. The group is a national consortium of over 100 deans of education, and is concerned with improvement of education standards and teacher preparation.

A grant of \$2,500 was awarded from General Motors, through the national office of the Holmes Group, to assist North Forest Independent School District to enhance their science curriculum. The funds are primarily for consultant fees to be paid to PVAMU faculty members who will work with North Forest ISD faculty and administrators in their spare time.

Men's Cross Country Track Schedule

September	Time	Location
14	6:00	Willis, Tx/ U of H
15		Le Toumeau Long View
22		Ouchita Baptist TBA
29		U.T.S.A. San Antonio
October		
5		Univ. of North Texas TBA
12		Open Prairie View
13		Open Prairie View
18		Texas A&M TBA
29		SWAC
November		
2		District NAIA Curbyville
9		NCAA TBA

Women's Cross Country Track

September	Time	Location
14	6:00	Willis, Tx/ UofH
15		Texas Southern TBA
29		UT of San Antonio TBA
October		
18	5:00	Texas A&M Univ.
29		SWAC/ Southern U. TBA

■ Men's and Women's Cross Country Track review, pg. 5

For those of you who did not attend summer school, you really missed a treat. On June 12, Miss America 1990, *Debbie Turner* visited Prairie View A&M University, and brought an example of fortitude, intelligence and determination on how she reached her goals to a youthful audience.

Turner spoke to approximately 400 people, comprised mostly of 4-H youth at the 8th Annual Career Awareness and Youth Leadership Laboratory Awards Luncheon sponsored by the University's Cooperative Extension Program.

Turner's message comprised of the trials she faced in her quest to become Miss America. Those trials included her competing for her local title of Miss Arkansas three times.

She said that because of her belief in herself, and the talents God had given her, she knew she could win.

The luncheon also honored Texas Sen-



Turner

Johnson

ator Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dem-Dallas, and Dr. Thomas A. Quarles, assistant general manager of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Dr. Sid H. Credle, chairman of the Prairie View A&M University Depart-

ment of Accounting and Informations Systems, recently presented a paper at the American Accounting Association in Toronto, Canada.

The paper, titled "The Market Reaction to the Repeal of the Domestic International Sales Corporation," is based on Credle's dissertation at the University of Austin. The study investigates the relation between tax and financial accounting regulation and security price changes.

Nathaniel J. Johnson, Sr. was named Executive Director for Information Systems at Prairie View A&M University recently. Prior to arriving at Prairie View, Johnson was manager of the Information Management Services Division for Milwaukee County in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I want the office to be a pro-active, service oriented facility," said Johnson.

COLLEGE STUDENTS BEWARE

According to a study done by the USA TODAY newspaper, there are 20 Texas interstate highways that rank among the nation's deadliest 100. Many of these fatalities happen to college students on their way to and from their respective universities. Included below is the rank, Texas county through which the interstate passes through, and the fatality rate per 100 million miles traveled.

Rank - County	Interstate	Fatality Rate
5. Pecos	I-10	6.677
8. Reeves	I-10	5.959
13. Crockett	I-10	5.031
14. Hale	I-27	4.939
22. Hudspeth	I-10	4.120
34. Webb	I-35	3.594
37. Sutton	I-10	3.554
41. Atascosa	I-37	3.477
42. Kaufman	I-20	3.473
46. Eastland	I-20	3.408
59. Howard	I-20	3.045
67. Harrison	I-20	2.936
69. Reeves	I-20	2.923
70. Kimble	I-10	2.919
71. Nolan	I-20	2.915
81. Chambers	I-10	2.852
93. Frio	I-35	2.693
94. Fayette	I-10	2.689
97. Live Oak	I-37	2.647
99. Madison	I-45	2.644

Files from Prairie View's Past

September 2, 1989

After a 31 yard pass from Michael McDade to George Glaze, the Panthers were in a 7-7 tie against TSU. However, TSU scored the games last 38 points to beat Prairie View 45-7 in the Annual Labor Day Classic.

September 18, 1985

More than 60 companies set up shop on Prairie View's campus to recruit students at the 15th annual career festival which was sponsored by the Office of Career Education and Placement. Some of the companies included: Chase Manhattan Bank, The Peace Corps., Tenneco, Inc., 3M Corporation, and Proctor and Gamble.

August, 1983

A record \$46,943,109 operating budget for Prairie View was approved Monday by The Texas A&M University System board of regents for the new fiscal year. The budget represented a 23.9 percent increase over the previous academic school year.

September 19, 1982

Rev. W. Van Johnson, dean of chapel at Prairie View A&M University was the guest speaker at the Fourth Annual Youth Activities at the Carver High School, in Bryan, Texas.

CAMPUS INCIDENTS

9/2: Complainant reported her trunk was broken into and several of her items taken without permission.

9/2: Subject was in final stages of epileptic episode. Was treated by EMT and transported to Hempstead.

9/2: Officer was dispatched to assist student because an ex-student was harrasing her.

9/1: Complainant reported trash dumpsters in Holley and L.O. Evans were set fire by unknown person(s).

8/31: Complainant reported personal items were taken from his room in Holley Hall without his consent.

Remaining Publication Dates for The Panther

- September 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16
- November 30
- December 7

245,837,683

The 1990 Census has counted 245,837,683 people in the USA since April 1. Here are the top xx cities, with their 1980 and preliminary 1990 population figures.

1990 Rank	1980 Rank	1990	chan.
1. New York	7,071,639 (1)	7,033,179	-0.5%
2. Los Angeles	2,968,528 (3)	3,420,235	+15.2%
3. Chicago	3,005,072 (2)	2,725,979	-9.3%
4. Houston	1,595,138 (5)	1,609,723	+0.9%
5. Philadelphia	1,688,210 (4)	1,543,313	-8.6%
6. San Diego	875,538 (8)	1,094,524	+25.0%
7. Dallas	904,599 (7)	990,957	+9.5%
8. Phoenix	789,704 (9)	971,565	+23.0%
9. Detroit	1,203,369 (6)	970,156	-19.4%
10. San Antonio	785,940 (11)	926,558	+17.9%

KPVU'S TOP TEN PLAYLIST

Title	Artist
1. Lies	En Vogue
2. Feels Good	Tony! Toni! Tone!
3. Do Me	Bell Biv DeVoe
4. Heaven Knows	Lalah Hathaway
5. Have You Seen Her	M.C. Hammer
6. Banned in The USA	Luke/The 2 Live Crew
7. Jerk Out	The Time
8. Fairweather Friend	Johnny Gill
9. Talk To Me	Anita Baker
10. Someone to Love	Mac Band

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NEWSWEEK

Coleman Library ready for semester

University Release

As the new academic year begins, the John B. Coleman Library offers a wide variety of resources and services designed to enhance access to information for all library clients.

The impact of technology is evident with the installation of the online catalog (NOTIS), a multi-component system. This system connects the cataloging and circulation functions of the library. The online catalog is divided into two databases: LIBR, the book and media holdings of the John B. Coleman Library and the Houston Clinical Center Library, and WILS, which simultaneously searches three periodical indexes - the Applied Science and Technology Index, and the Business Agricultural Index, and the Business Periodicals Index - from January 1983 to the present, with monthly updates.

Terminals are located in the catalog area of the main lobby, on each floor of the building, and at every service counter. The Evans Library at Texas A&M can also be accessed from the service counter terminals and from the terminal nearest to room 123A.

NOTIS represents a major effort in providing increased access to the Coleman Library's collection. Coupled with the OCLC, DIALOG, and HARLIC databases already in place, the Coleman Library is linked into an international network of libraries to locate any item in- or out-of-print. Most academic libraries in the nation have already automated or are in the planning stages, and NOTIS, developed by Northwestern University, is the system of choice among top institutions.

There are advantages of using NOTIS over a card or

COM catalog. For example, as soon as an item is processed, a record for it may appear on the public catalog, usually within a week of its arrival from the publisher. In addition, every public terminal will note if an item is checked out, missing, or overdue. Another NOTIS feature, keyword searching, allows the patron to combine search terms or locate specialized topics. Science and business majors will find keyword searching especially useful in the WILS database. Any faculty members who would like demonstrations of products or an orientation tour of the library for themselves or their classes should contact the Reference Department at X2612.

Checking materials in and out of the library will also change, starting in the fall. Every book in the collection will have a barcode label for identification purposes. This label is not a security device, labels should not be tampered with in any way. All library users will be required to obtain a barcoded Prairie View ID card to check-out material, the system will not permit materials to be checked-out any other way. Students, staff and faculty will all need barcoded IDs.

Interlibrary Loan Services (ILL), a part of the Circulation Department, borrows materials or acquires photocopies of materials not available in the Coleman Library. The materials must be relevant to research being done at PVAMU. The services are extended primarily to faculty, staff, and graduate students of PVAMU.

Materials which are borrowed must be returned by the date due, returning materials late jeopardizes our

borrowing privileges. Charges for photocopies and loans which are levied by the lending library are passed on to the user. Some items are free, although some are costly. The user should indicate the most he/she is willing to pay for the materials requested. Also, there is a reserve section which will reserve materials at the request of a faculty member who is currently teaching a course.

Faculty members wishing to place material on reserve should see one of the circulation staff members for details. If you have any questions about ILL or reserving materials please contact the Circulation Department, first floor, room 104A, telephone X2337.

The library is pleased to announce the arrival of archivist, Eric Key, who began work in May. Key holds an M.A. in Museum Studies for Hampton University and comes to us from the Museum of African-American Life and Culture in Fair Park in Dallas. The Museum was associated with the now-closed Bishop College.

As archivist, Key is committed to building on the current holdings housed in Special Collections/Archives on the fifth floor of the Library. He is especially interested in obtaining any papers manuscripts, letters, photos, and genealogical material which relate to PVAMU history and the African-American Heritage of the West Collection. If you or anyone you know has information pertinent to the history of African-American cowboys or the university, please contact Mr. Key at X3119.

A piece of their minds



The Prairie View A&M University Campus All-Star coach and team gather outside the Prairie View Memorial Student Center after their recent victories in Washington, D.C. netted the school \$10,000. The team defeated Savannah College and Howard University in the Campus All-Star Challenge which is a new question and answer game for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. From left to right: Team Coach and Director of Student Activities Frederick Roberts, Gregory Jackson, Team Captain Miles Brooks, Twala Freeman, Joseph Hunt, and Marvin Young. Young is currently being featured in a national ad campaign for the Honda Motor Company. These ads have appeared in Ebony, and Emerge magazines.

Manley urges youth to take control

University Release

"Taking control of your life" was the underlying theme of the presentations made to approximately 200 youth from Harris and 13 surrounding counties by Dexter Manley, former NFL player for the Washington Redskins and Dr. Edith Irby Jones, family health practitioner in Houston, at the annual "Teen Symposium for a Healthy Lifestyle." The symposium, held August 17 at Houston's Marriot Astrodome, was hosted by the Cooperative Extension

Program at Prairie View A&M University and partially funded by the Ford Foundation.

Seminars at the symposium were structured to make youth aware of situations that may face them in life. Seminar subjects included Teen Pregnancy and Prevention, Stress Management, Substance Abuse, Aids Prevention, Nutrition and Physical Fitness, Gangs, Cults and Family Violence.

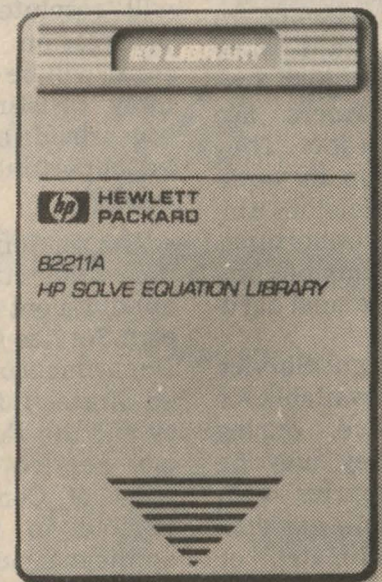
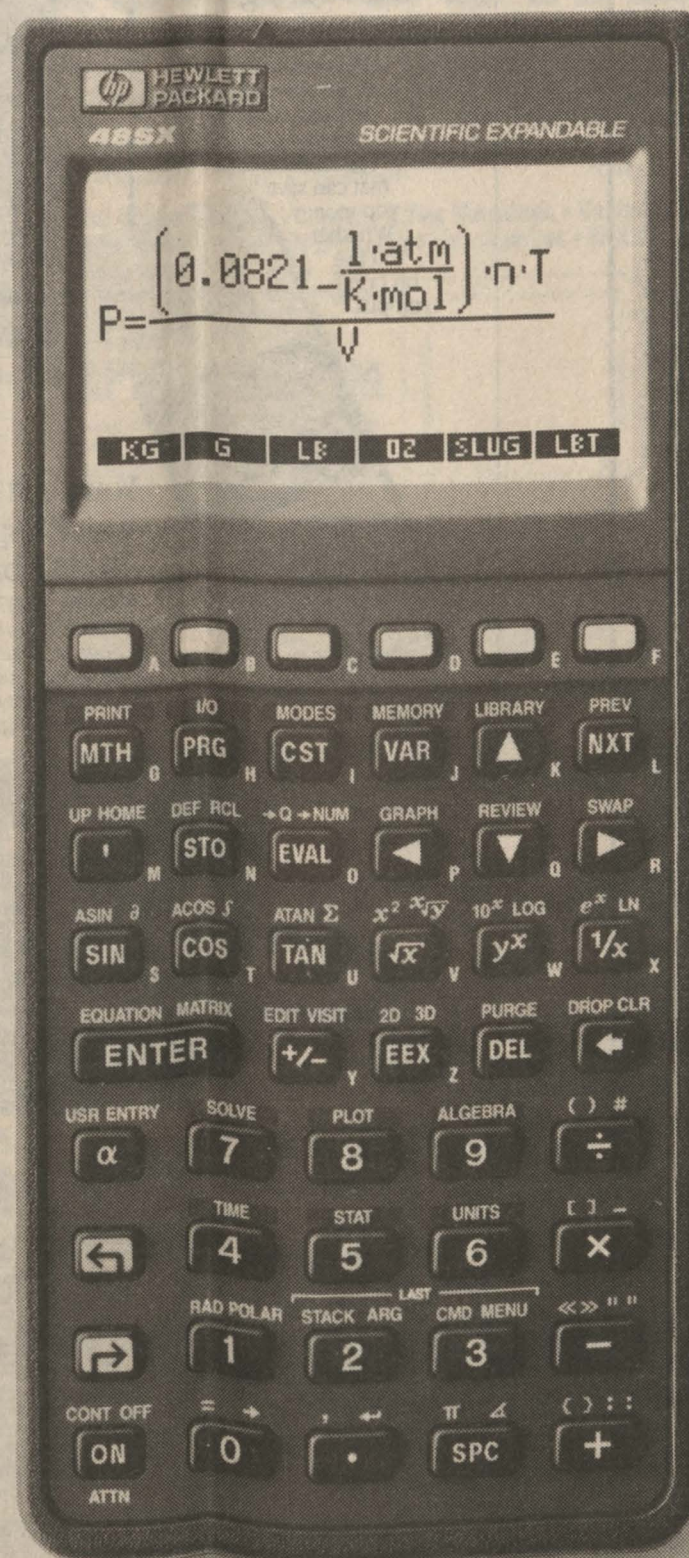
In his address to the youth, Manley said, "I'd had a lot of rejection in my life, but I

didn't give up." He said he became involved in drugs in 1986 while playing for the Washington Redskins. He said he made a "bad choice" and that drugs made him lose his dignity and pride. "I knew if I picked up the drugs again I'd blow \$1 million for \$300 worth of cocaine...tell me it's a smart investment." He told them that it saved his life to get kicked off the National Football League because it helped him to take control of and save his own life. He added that he is on his way to recovery.



Gathering recently in Washington, D.C. are, from left: U.S. Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, from California; U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin, from Texas; Dr. Dennis Judd, head of the High-Energy Physics Group at Prairie View A&M University; and Dr. Calvin Rolark, President of Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association. Judd discussed his proposal for a Particle Detector Research Center at PVAMU with the Congressional Black Caucus and other leaders.

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NEWSWEEK

\$150,000 grant to enhance technology programs

University Release

A three-year, \$150,000 grant by Lockheed Corp. to Prairie View A&M University's College of Engineering and Architecture, which was presented in early June, will help the college's faculty enhance its undergraduate and graduate programs in advanced manufacturing technologies.

"Increased global competition in many industries has created considerable need for more qualified engineers in the manufacturing sector," said Dr. Wayne D. Perry, former dean of the college. "In response to this urgent need, we are making a concerted effort to develop and integrate manufacturing technology into our programs.

"But further enhancement is needed, particularly in the area of computer-integrated design and manufacturing, to achieve the excellent instruction and strong curriculum we desire. The Lockheed grant will help fund curricula development efforts in this critical area."

Lockheed officials presented the first installment of the



Dr. Maurice Miller, vice president and engineering and science program manager for Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Co. (center), presents to Prairie View A&M University President Julius W. Becton, Jr. the first installment of a \$150,000 grant to enhance the College of Engineering and Architecture's advanced manufacturing technologies programs.

grant, \$40,000, to the university recently. The second installment of \$50,000 will go to the university in 1991, and \$60,000 is committed for 1992.

PVAMU has among the largest black engineering enrollment of any U.S. university

and is the largest source of black engineering talent for Lockheed.

"During the past six years, Lockheed has recruited 28 Prairie View graduates, which makes the university the most important historical-

ly black university to Lockheed from a college recruiting standpoint," said Robert B. Young, Jr., president of Lockheed Engineering & Sciences Co.

This grant recognizes the excellence of Prairie View's engineering program and its

needs for funds and reflects the breadth of support for the university among several Lockheed operating companies, as well as our commitment to further minority engineering education in this country," said Young.

The funds will be used to

provide release time to College of Engineering and Architecture faculty to develop new courses in design and solid modeling, computer-integrated manufacturing, and integrated circuit manufacturing. Existing courses in computer-aided manufacturing, robotics engineering, operations research and related disciplines will be enhanced.

Prairie View's College of Engineering and Architecture has consistently been among the top two or three colleges in graduating well trained black engineers in the country.

Headquartered in Houston, Lockheed Engineering & Sciences Co. provides a broad range of support services in engineering, the sciences, data processing, and testing and evaluation to several governmental agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Army. About one half of its 4,700 employees are engineers, scientists, and computer programmers/analysts.

Foreign Service examination test set for October 27

University Release

People interested in taking the once-a-year Foreign Service Examination can do so this year on October 27. In announcing the test, Ambassador Edward J. Perkins, director general of the Foreign Service and director of Personnel for the Department of State, noted that it "will be given in more than 200 locations in the U.S. and at all U.S. embassies and consulates abroad."

The director general noted that "We will recruit the best and brightest; people who have the basic capabilities and adaptability needed to function in a fluid work scene." He added that Foreign Service careers are "more than just a job. They include immersion in working policy level decisions unique rewards and opportunities as well as uncommon commitment and occasional hardships."

Because Foreign Service Officers must be available for worldwide service, during their careers they may be assigned to countries with politically unstable environments, harsh climates or health or security hazards.

This unglamorous side is a unique aspect of being in the Foreign Service, but a very real one.

People considering a career in the Foreign Service must have an unusually strong personal motivation and a firm dedication to advancing the national interests of the United States. To do this, Ambassador Perkins continues, today's Foreign Service needs "highly qualified men and women from a broad range of backgrounds and interests whose diversity reflects the spectrum of the American experience. We will resolutely ensure that progression through the ranks will be conducted equitably, insisting that the system provide everyone unbiased opportunity for advancement."

The written examination is the first step leading to appointment as a career Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State, the United States Information Agency and the Foreign Commercial Service of the Department of Commerce. To be eligible to take the test, applicants must be at least 20 years old on the date of the

test, citizens of the United States, and available for worldwide assignment.

Although no specific education or educational level is required to take the examination, success in the written exam requires a broad knowledge of international

and domestic affairs, U.S. and world history, government and foreign policy, as well as political and cultural sensitivity. Virtually all successful candidates have at least a bachelor's degree and many have advanced degrees in international relations, econ-

omics, business administration, law, and journalism.

For more information, and to receive the examination application, write the Department of State, Recruitment Division, P.O. Box 9317, Arlington, Virginia 22209 or call (703)875-7490. The dead-

line for submitting completed applications to the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, is September 21.

For more information contact Veda Engel, Public Affairs/Recruiting, Department of State, (703)875-7202.

Report says that increase in taxes could stop millions from smoking

University Release

Houston - Dr. Alfred McAlister, associate professor and associate director of the Center for Health Promotion Research and Development at the School of Public Health that declared an increase of 25 cents per pack in cigarette taxes could help millions of people avoid smoking.

McAlister co-authored a report that claims there is adequate public support, even among smokers themselves, for a substantial increase in cigarette taxes.

"Despite the protests organized by paid tobacco lobbyists, broad support exists for tobacco taxation," McAlister said.

Most smokers want to stop smoking and many may look

with favor at restrictive social policies that might help them in their efforts at self-control, he explained.

Cigarette taxes, which have historically declined as a relative contribution to price, appear to reduce tobacco consumption by motivating current smokers to stop and potential smokers not to start.

Significant increases in the cigarette excise tax occurred recently in the United States and Canada. From 1981 to 1984, the real price of cigarettes in the United States increased 27 percent, while per capita consumption declined 10 percent. In Canada, the real price of cigarettes rose 66 percent from 1982 to 1988, with an attendant 24 percent drop in per capita consumption.

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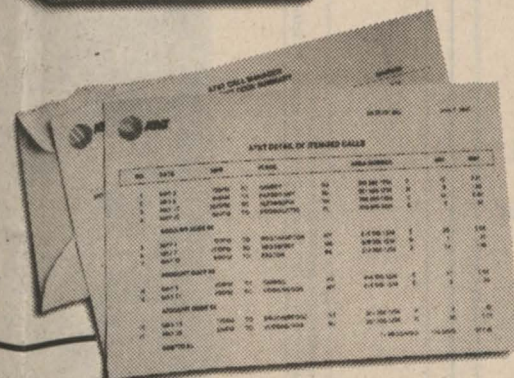
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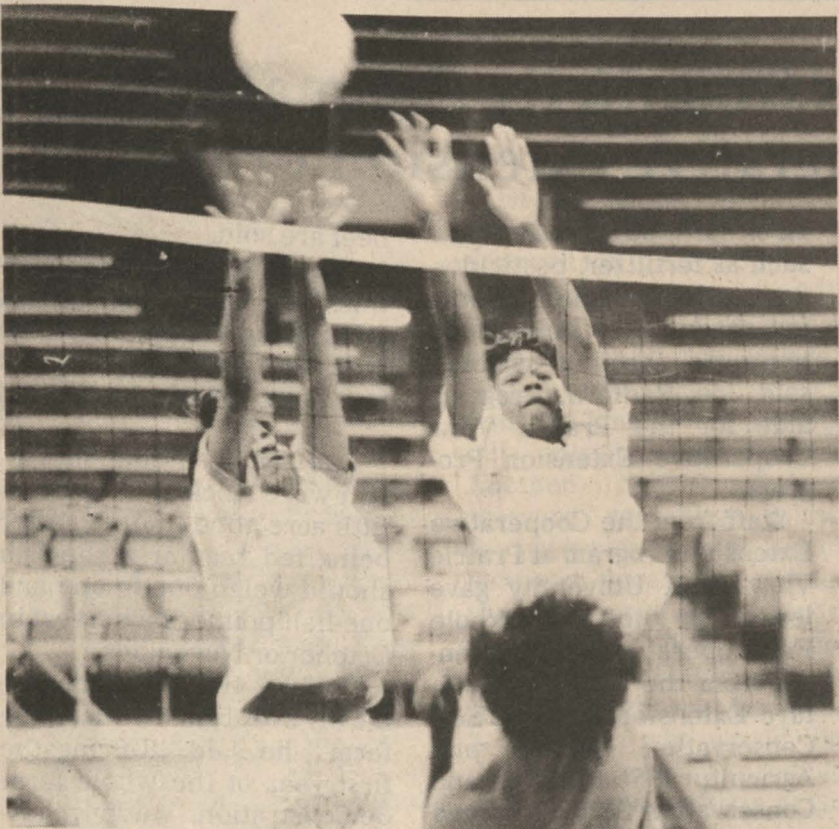
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SPORTSWEEK



Volleyball coach hopes her girls hit it right this year in SWAC play

By James Leno
Photography Editor

The Prairie View A&M University Women's Volleyball Team is gearing up for their 1990 season, and if coach Jocelyn Adams has her way, it will be a successful one.

Women's Volleyball

Women's 1990 Volleyball Roster

Name	Pos.	Height
Dawn Aycock	MB	5'11
Angela Garner	S	5'0
La Tisia Garner	OH	5'4
La Tonya Joubert	OH	5'5
Diana Moore	MB	6'0
Alicia Brown	OH	5'5
D'Ondrea Kennard	OH	5'4
LoShanda Henry	S	5'0
Brenda Johns	OH	5'6
Teresa Jernigan	MB	5'7

key: MB - MiddleBlocker; S - Setter; OH - Outside Hitter.

The Lady Panthers volleyball team is little changed from last year. Only one player has been lost to graduation, and two were lost for personal reasons. Luckily, none of the returning players transferred due to the temporary cancellation of sports at Prairie View over the summer. In fact, four freshmen have joined the team this year along with two new upperclassmen.

"We expect very good things from our freshmen this year," says Coach Adams. "Our team motto is P.M.A. That stands for Positive Mental Attitude. I won't make any predictions, but if we can keep that in mind, and we all work together as a team, then we should be very competitive in the SWAC this year."

A positive mental attitude was evident in their practice session on Monday. Led by returning players Lisa Brown and Diann Moore, The Lady Panthers Volleyball team seems ready for anything that the SWAC wants to throw at them.

Panther cross country teams ready to compete for respective titles

By Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

After ending the eighties with three consecutive Women's SWAC Cross Country titles, you'd think that the Lady Panther's track coaches would be almost cocky about capturing a fourth title to begin the nineties.

Men and Women's Cross Country Schedule - Pg. 2

Confident, not cocky says assistant track coach Essie Kelly-Washington.

"Right now it's hard to tell how we will finish," said Washington. "Jackson State is really looking strong. I'll have a better gauge after the upcoming meet."

The upcoming meet for the Lady Panthers is in Willis, Texas a week from today. The men's cross country team will also be there, and with schools competing such as U of H, the time is now for both teams to be in shape.

"I think we are in pretty good shape right now," explained

men's cross country coach, Hoover Wright. "As a matter of fact, I believe we have one of our best cross-country teams in quite some time."

Proof to that fact is that the Panthers lost no one to graduation. That means 'super-seniors' Anthony Christie, and Cecil Shy are back for one more season.

However, according to Wright, what can make this season one of his best is the presence of freshman Robert Thomas.

"Thomas is already running better than some of our upperclassmen," said Wright. "He has great potential, and should give us what we need."

The women's track team doesn't seem to need much, but they did get help this year in the form of sophomore Dana Young. Young was a Prop. 48 casualty last year, but Washington feels that she, along with returning runners Tonie Byrd, Theresa Ford, Jocelyn McClain, Celisa

Shy, and Barbara Smith should help the Lady Panthers return to the top of the SWAC.

The road to the top of the SWAC for the men's cross country teams, according to Wright, goes through Jackson State, with forks that lead to Grambling and Texas Southern.

"Those teams are always very good because they have a lot of your foreign runners, and you can never tell how old they are," explained Wright.

"Right now, they are probably in peak shape because some of their athletes ran in the European championships during the summer. However, they may burn out in the end."

The end for men and women's cross country teams culminate with the SWAC, NAIA, and NCAA championships in an eleven day period during late October, and early November.

Women's 1990 Cross Country Roster

Name	Hometown
Tonie Byrd	San Antonio, Tx.
Theresa Ford	Fort Worth, Tx.
Tracy Garrison	Bryan, Tx.
Micalena Hale	Austin, Tx.
Marsha Hasang	Dallas, Tx.
Janetta James	Houston, Tx.
Jocelyn McClain	Tennessee
Celisa Shy	E. St. Louis, Ill.
Barbara Smith	Florida, Miami
Dana Young	Cleveland, OH

bold indicates returning athlete

Men's 1990 Cross Country Roster

Name	Hometown
Anthony Christie	Jamaica
Daryne Conner	Houston, Tx.
Ron Dillard	Lubbock, Tx.
Kirk Douglass	Houston, Tx.
Torrance Earle	Houston, Tx.
Taba Eta	Prairie View
Gayland Flye	Mesquite, Tx.
Chris Gant	Prairie View
Reginald Grimes	Houston, Tx.
Marcellus Guy	Memphis, Tn.
Carlos Hayward	Karnack, Tx.
Troy Jeffries	Katy, Tx.
Paul Releford	Woodville, Tx.
Cecil Shy	E. St. Louis, Ill.
Aubrey Taylor	Waller, Tx.
Robert Thomas	Hallsville, Tx.
Dennis White	Memphis, Tx.

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Women's 1990 Volleyball Schedule

Month	Date	Opponent	Time
September	7-8	Sam Houston Tour	all day
	14	Southern Univ. @	7:30
	18	Texas Southern @	7:00
	21	Jarvis Christian @	7:00
	24	Jarvis Christian @	6:00
October	26	UT at San Antonio @	7:00
	29	UA at Pine Bluff @	7:00
	2	Stephen F. Austin @	7:00
	12	McNeese State @	TBA
	16	Texas Southern @	7:00
November	17	Houston Baptist @	7:00
	19	Grambling @	5:00
	21	McNeese @	1:00
	24	Texas College @	6:00
	26-27	Pan Am/UTSA @	all day

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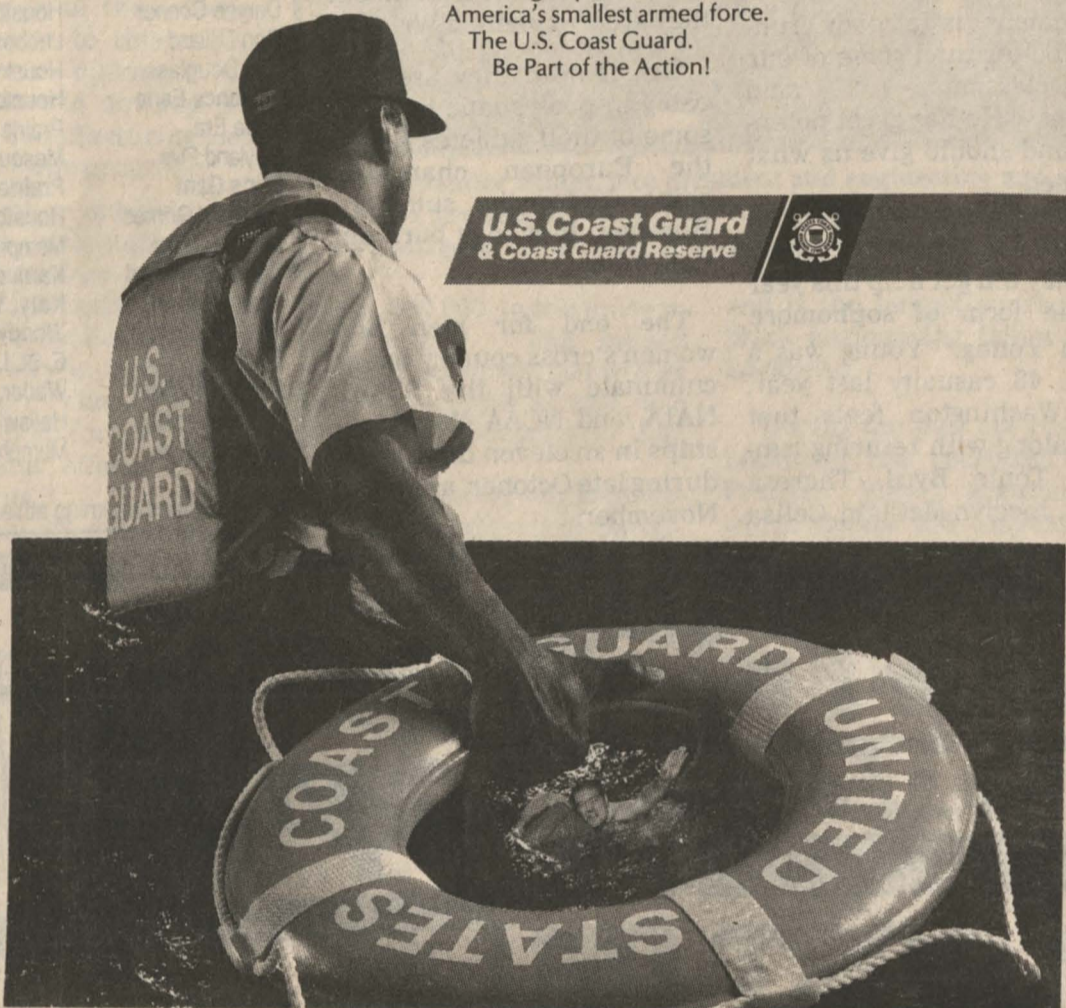
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Caldwell goes from Kelly tire maker to PVAMU cooperative extension program

University Release

For the past 19 years, Timothy Caldwell has been a tire maker at the Kelly Springfield plant in Tyler. Two years ago, he became a cooperator with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University in a farming concept to produce agricultural products at a profit on limited acreage.

Caldwell's 20 acre, whole farm, multiple enterprise operation was on display recently during a public tour. The farm now includes fruits and vegetables, field crops, forage, beef cattle, channel catfish and poultry. "Before this program, I was just an amateur farmer," Caldwell said. "Old farming methods may have been good for their time, but I've learned there are better ways of doing things than just by sweating".

"The project was implemented to demonstrate ways of reducing farmer reliance

on off-farm purchased inputs such as fertilizer, pesticides, fuel and labor while maintaining productivity through an improved farming system," said Joe Radford, program aide for the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program.

Staff from the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University gave leadership to the Whole Farm operation, and personnel from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service helped determine the enterprises, production and marketing techniques, erosion prevention programs and long range planning for the operation.

"We are getting about 75 percent of our food supply from the farm," Caldwell said. "We can grow vegetables and butcher a home-grown calf. Additionally, some vegetables, fruits and

beef are sold. "It's not easy to farm part-time," Caldwell said. "I work 40 to 60 hours a week at the plant and then put in about four hours a day on the farm."

Two hundred channel catfish were stocked in the one-fifth acre pond in April. After being fed regularly, the fish should weigh one to one and one-half pounds by harvest in October or November.

"Before this program we hardly ever broke even on the farm," he said. "During the first year of the whole farm demonstration, we purchased some additional equipment which increased our total cost. We do expect to make a little profit this year."

"Mr. Caldwell's farm is set up on a five year program," Radford said. "We expect to see higher production and greater return on investments as fruit trees mature and forages become better established."

Two students included in 'Young Men of America' list

University Release

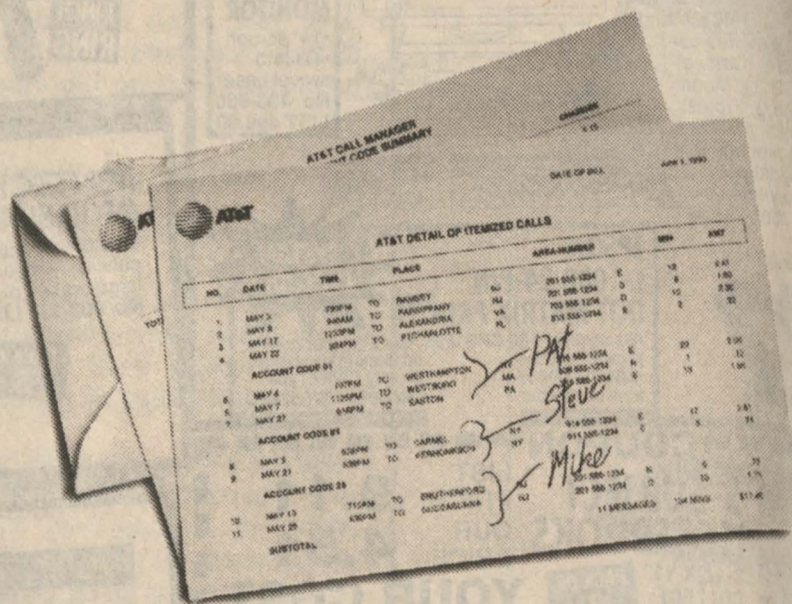
The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced recently that Kevin Anthony Brown and William Raymond Fisher have been selected for inclusion in the 1989 edition of 'Outstanding Young Men Of America.'

Now in its 27th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the

ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

The two students, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, Business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

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Threesome strives for high excellence at PVU

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er nearly 30 contestants from historically black colleges and universities from around the country. The televised event, presented by the World African Network, featured actor/host Mario Van Peebles and former

Miss America Suzette Charles.

As the winner of the Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant, Mary Ann won various prizes including a trip to West Africa.

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VIEWPOINTS

Being in debt is no fun at Prairie View



My View

by Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

A new semester is upon us, and there have already been several differences from last year. Drew is closed, enrollment is down, and of course, the big one... no football! Many feel that the latter had a bearing on the down enrollment this year, and maybe so. But, as President Becton stated, the lack of enrollment is also largely due to the amount of prior balances owed to the university.

What's a prior balance? It's when a student leaves the university at the end of an academic term, and owes as little as one cent in fees, or other "unrighteous" (as students would have it), fines. When you owe money to the university, three things happen. First, you become an enrollment block. That means you cannot register for any type of classes at Prairie View. Secondly, you are basically prohibited from enrolling in any other university in Texas. Thirdly, and probably most important, when a student owes money to the university, it leaves the school with the mountain-like task of filling a void.

For the good guys

OK, so, everybody reading this article is probably not guilty of this sin since you had to have your prior balances cleared up before you registered. So, let's talk about how to stay away from this debt. Most 'other' prior balances come in the form of parking tickets, overdue library books, and fines for trashy rooms. So what's the hang-up. Don't park in the president's parking lot, turn that Harlequin Romance in on time, and clean your room thoroughly when you check out in December.

Believe me, I am not trying to be some type of "goody-two-shoes," but through the four years that I have been here, I've been ticketed for all of the above violations at least once. And whether you like it or not, when your fee receipt says you owe money for some type of offense, no matter how small, you can bet your overpayment that you won't be able to register until you get it taken care of.

Credit cards are bad too

So you have cleaned your room, you park five miles away from your class, and you've never been to the library. Safe, right? Wrong! I know a few students, (names withheld), who owe at least \$1,000 in credit card bills. They get that Visa here, they Master a few possibilities there, and they never leave home without them. Next thing you know, a bad credit record never leaves you. What's worse is that some companies now check your credit rating before hiring you. Too bad for the fellow with the 4.0 gpa coming out of Yale, but he owes a \$2,000 prior balance to Prairie View, and the American Express card has him for \$6,500.

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Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas



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Former student says that alumni support is low for various reasons

Wendall V. Eckford is an Assistant Project Engineer for the city of Los Angeles, California. Eckford graduated from Prairie View in 1988. These are his thoughts on why he feels Prairie View's alumni support is low.

Dear Julius Becton,

I am pleased to hear of your appointment as president of Prairie View A&M. I am a graduate from the Department of Architecture, 1988.

I attended the university from 1980-85, 87-88.

I am writing this letter because I am very outspoken when it comes to Prairie View. I had many unpleasant experiences at the university. I felt that teachers were competent, but moral was low, student apathy great, and infrastructure poor. Student on student crime was high, the dormitory's staff ineffective, and most of all the quality of food and service at the dining hall was horrible.

I left Prairie View at the beginning of its reconstruction.

I returned to find a beautiful campus, some new teachers and a better quality of student. Yet Prairie View was still suffering from low moral. Clerks who were impatient with student problems, the dismantling of the fraternity system, poor funding for programs, and the list goes on and on.

I feel that the reason you don't have an alumni that is active and one that gives financial support is because many students left Prairie View bitter. How many times did I hear:

"I'm not giving Prairie View a damn thing when I graduate, they won't do anything but steal the money."

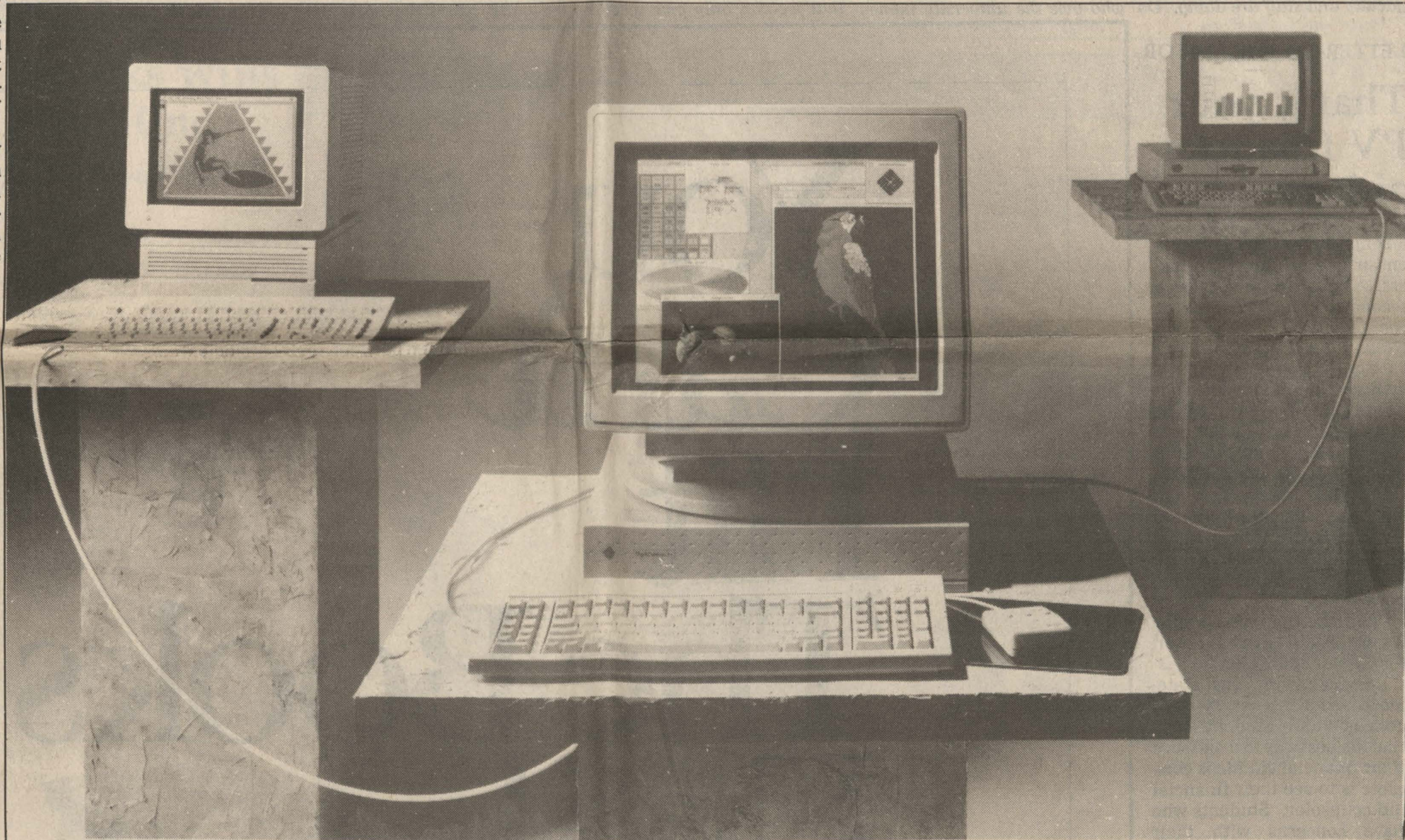
Many students felt that their apathy as alumni was a way of getting even. This problem has plagued my conscience ever since I graduated. I formed an organization several years ago called the Dallas Chapter of Prairie View Architects. Our goal was to raise \$50,000 for the department. Our main

obstacle was what I mentioned above, alumni who had deep rooted bitter hostility to faculty, staff and the P.V. system in general.

Mr. Becton, what I am writing may seem unimportant or trivial when you are faced with real life problems that need real life solutions but to find a cure you need the symptoms. I have many ideas to not eradicate our bitterness but ideas to begin the healing process. You need to make your alumni feel that in the long run a P.V. education did have a positive influence in their lives.

I would be more than happy to pledge my support and time and most of all, money to Prairie View. But I will not hesitate to begin a campaign to make more alumni aware of P.V.'s shortcomings.

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VIEWPOINTS

Becton lays down line on academic year 90-91

A great philosopher said that there is always room for change. It is no different at Prairie View. In an exclusive interview with University President Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton, The Panther student newspaper found out what Becton's "changes" will be for the 1990-91 academic school year.



Becton

TP: President Becton, you have been here for approximately nine months now. Looking back and looking ahead to the future, what will you do different than you did last term?

JB: This year, we will be forming blue-ribbon committees to look at the total administrative structure of the university. We definitely need to fine tune some areas in which we can save money. I will also be putting into effect a new performance evaluation report so that I can get a better view of how the faculty and staff are doing. On

the lighter side, there was a committee formed for the sole purpose of providing names for the nameless streets and buildings on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

TP: Those are things that will help get you and the faculty on the same page. What will you do to help the students have a better chance to make it after life at Prairie View?

JB: First of all, I will continue to enforce the academic standards as far as academic probation and suspension are concerned. I will also push for the academic excellence that I know we can achieve. Of course, when we do this, the media may still stereotype Prairie View in a negative way, so to combat that, we will push some of our successful entities on campus, (the Mary Ann Palmers, forensics, and Gilpin players), toward the forefront of our public relations.

Currently, we are pushing to redevelop a viable athletic program. However, athletics need money, so that means we have to tighten up on the "dead beats" of the university.

TP: What are dead beats?

JB: Dead beats are students who owe the university money

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from past semesters.

TP: Enrollment seems to be considerably down from last year's fall registration number of about 6100. Any theories as to why.

JB: One of the reasons that I keep hearing is that the cutback of football in regards to the athletic situation is the big reason. I have big problems believing that that is the only reason... if it's the main reason.

However, I think the big reason is the fact that as of August 25, 1,650 students owed money to the university from the past Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. These students owe in excess of \$624,000. As you know, you can't attend school here, or graduate if you have a prior balance. So, right there are at least 1500 students who couldn't come back to school.

A third reason that enrollment appears to be down is because of the mandate on out-of-state scholarships. That says that we can only give scholar-

ships to 5% of our out-of-state students. In the past I don't think we were enforcing that, but now we are, and so that leaves a few more students away from Prairie View.

TP: Do you think recruiting has something to do with the low enrollment numbers?

JB: Absolutely! We got off to such a late start in recruiting this past year. The other schools in the TAMU system gave scholarships to all of the minorities with the 3.0 gpa's, and the 1000 SAT scores. The minority here at Prairie View are Whites, and Hispanics, so we can not give minority scholarships to blacks. That limits us to students whose grades, or SAT scores are not as high.

TP: How has that affected the quality of enrollment so far?

JB: I have here the results of the TASP scores that were rec-

ently taken. Last year, 82-83% of the students who took the test failed either the written, reading, or mathematics portion of the test. We thought we'd get an improvement this year. Not the case! This year's TASP results showed that 97% of the freshmen, and transfer students failed some portion of the test.

TP: Do you see any other reasons for the apparently low enrollment.

JB: The only other reason I can think of is the Drew Hall situation. That is our biggest dorm, and it is out until at least October. I have heard where lots of students have come down, could not find a place to stay, and had to go back home.

TP: Any reasons to smile about the upcoming year?

JB: Certainly. I am very optimistic and excited about Prairie View A&M University. I definitely have a greater rapport with the faculty. I am delighted about the way that Coach Jacket is running the athletic program.

TP: You said that your house was open at all times for

people to come by and talk. It goes without saying that many students and faculty have taken you up on your offer. Anything weird happen yet?

JB: One night last week, a freshman came to my house at about 2:35 in the morning telling me how the security guards talked to him wrong because he was caught in the female dorm after hours. He didn't think he did anything wrong because he said he didn't know it was against the rules for after hours visitation. I just looked at him, and asked him if he knew what time it was, and told him to talk to someone about it in the morning.

President Becton will have a column that appears in every issue of The Panther this semester.

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LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR

Thank your PV financial aid advisor

I enjoyed reading the excellent article on the Undertakers. (A.D. James undertakes a second job, July 27 issue of The Panther). Clarence Wolfe, Roland Tompkins and I are quite proud of the young ladies. The team went from having only one victory in 1989 (that being a forfeit) to a regular season record of 8 wins and two losses in 1990.

However, there was one statement in that article that made a positive impression on me. You stated to the students in your opening paragraph:

"The next time you get your financial aid award letter, thank your counselor."

I concur with this statement. I have been trying to convince our student body that the best way to make sure their financial aid file is complete is to see their financial aid counselor. Students who have concerns with their financial aid should see their counselor first rather than trying to see me first to resolve their problems.

The counselor can assist the student in resolving any area in student financial aid which they need assistance.

Again, thanks for the excellent article about the softball team and financial aid.

A.D. James, Jr., Director
Student Financial Aid

Registration procedure works

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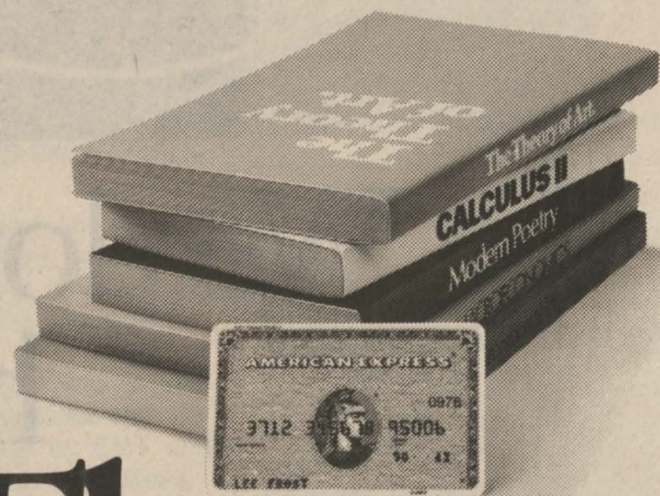
"Whats going on with the housing situation?" asked a student.

"Drew will be closed until mid-October because of renovations," stated Jiles Daniels, vice-president of student affairs.

However, he added, "The women in Fuller will be placed as soon as possible in Drew because we need to relieve the discomfort in Alexander and Suarez Collins."

There will be more changes made after all dorms are in full working capacity.

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