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Blacks and higher education

Why is there a decreasing numbers of blacks getting the Masters, and Phds

VIEWPOINTS

First black woman on A&M board

Allison Leland appointed to A&M Board of Regents

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Women's track wins title

Lady Panthers win NAIA

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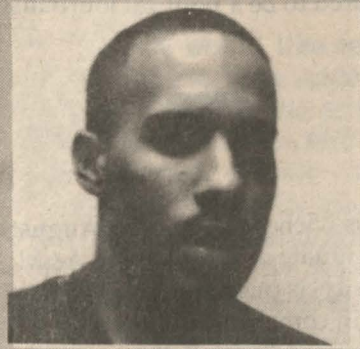
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SpeakOut!

by Cheryl Malone and Brian Jackson

Do you want a prison near PVAMU?



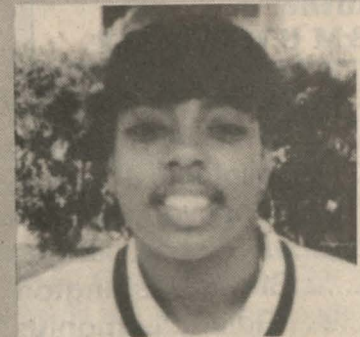
Dwayne Bennett Senior, Victoria, Tx.

"A prison in the city of Prairie View may be an economical plus but a social down fall. It will be a plus if it attracts other businesses to come into the area, but it could be a down fall if it causes people to stay away from P.V."



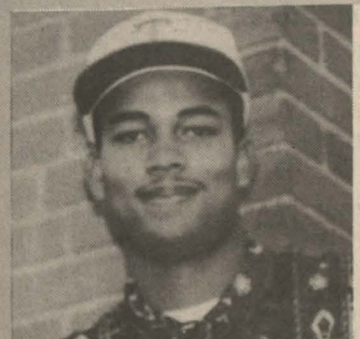
Greg Lovelady, Jr., Houston, Tx.

"I don't think a prison is a very good idea near a college campus. A inmate might breakout of jail and the first place he may hide would be in a large populated area, like Prairie View."



Monifa Thompson, Jr., New York, NY.

"Having a prison near a school would probably cause a decrease in the enrollment. I would have a hard time sending my children to a school near a prison."



Cedric Williams, Jr., Texarkana, Tx.

"Yes, because this is an environment of student learning and the money that would be generated in the city of Prairie View can be used to enlarge the campus...and make Prairie View a better place to study and learn."

Possible prison in Prairie View

by Cheryl Malone
Production Manager

Prairie View A&M University may be neighboring a minimum security prison if the City of Prairie View accepts a plan proposed by Baker-Dover Inc., a Texas corporation, for the facility to be built here.

The Prairie View City Council presented the plan to a meeting of city residents on February 28, 1991, at the Newman Center.

The proposed plan was developed by Baker-Dover Inc. in 1987 for the purpose of developing, marketing, and opening a privately-owned detention facility.

The council discussed the idea of a prison with the hope of solving some of the city's financial woes.

The prison proposal states that the municipality would be provided with a free salvage system and \$75,000 per year while an estimated 150 new jobs will be created. Also the council says that the jail would bring in enough revenue to cut down the city's taxes.

Baker-Dover is in the business of contracting on a fee basis with municipalities to provide professional assistance, suggestions, estimates, and recommendations regarding the design, development, financing, construction, staffing, and subsequent operations of detention facilities.

A project typically consists of a 500-bed medium/minimum security prison to house non-high-risk inmates assigned from governmental referring agencies nationwide.

The municipality enters into a lease-purchase agreement, with Baker-Dover to provide the financing for construction of the prison. The financing is repaid from the operations revenue of the facility.

Baker-Dover operates, manages, and supervises the facility for the municipality, and as operator, manages services and programs to receive, detain, supervise, develop, and care for all inmates assigned to the facility.

According to the Prairie View City Council, Hempstead and Waller are also interested in housing a prison and if Prairie View does not accept the proposal for the prison, one of the surrounding cities will build the jail near the city of Prairie View one way or another.

During the meeting, many of the citizens agreed with the proposed plan to build a prison. Mrs. Browdre, a Prairie View citizen, said, "I believe having a prison in Prairie View is not such a bad idea. Huntsville has a prison that has increased employment and revenue for the city. Bringing a prison to Prairie View may be a positive move."

Frank Jackson, Director of Auxiliary Services at Prairie View A&M University, completely rejected the idea of having a prison in the city.

He asked the council "Who would want to send their sons and daughters to Prairie View if there is a prison located next to it?" He said Prairie View has enough image problems and we need respectful businesses to come here.

Council member Elly-Roy C. Stevenson, director of the

Office of Fire Safety and Health, told *The Panther* in an interview that Congressman Greg Laughlin presented the proposal to the city council as a means of boosting revenue. "This proposal will not go into effect without the support of the community."

"I must add that several years ago Foster Waley proposed a similar plan but that was to turn Prairie View A&M University into a prison. The new prison proposal may or may not be related but it must be carefully examined before the final vote is cast," Stevenson added.

Discussion on the prison proposal will continue during the next town meeting on Monday 4,1991 at 6:30 p.m. This is an open meeting anyone can attend.

Alumnus Nationally Recognized

University Release

For the first time in the history of the Presidential Rank awards, a Prairie View A&M University alumnus, Joe M. Thompson, has received the rank award of "Meritorious Executive". President George Bush presented Thompson with the award for outstanding career senior executive, at an annual award ceremony in Washington, D.C., in January.

Thompson is one of the highest ranking federal executives in the government, managing the U.S. Government's federal employees in the thirteen eastern states.

As the General Services Administration Eastern Zone Administrator, Thompson was recognized for his outstanding management ability which brought state-of-the-art communications to federal agencies. Thompson earned a B.S. degree in chemistry from Prairie View in 1958.

Cooperative extension offers summer jobs

University Press Release

Applications for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Intern Program are now being accepted. This is the third year that the USDA Summer Intern Program has been available to students at Prairie View A&M University.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in careers in agriculture, home economics and related professional disciplines among blacks and other minorities throughout various USDA agencies. It is not however restricted to minorities.

A Prairie View A&M student who experienced great success last year through the USDA Summer Intern Program was Sterling Smith, a senior Animal science major participating in Prairie View's Cooperative Education Program. During the

summer of 1990, Smith was one of five students in the nation to successfully complete the first work period with the Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS) of the United States Department of Agriculture. Smith is currently in his second work period with AMS, Dallas, Texas in the meat grading division. He encourages student participation in the Summer Intern Program. Three other students are participating in the USDA Cooperative Education Program during the 1991 Spring Semester. They are: Isiah Carden, III, a senior majoring in Agricultural Education, LaWanda Norris, a senior majoring in Communication and Kimberlye Kimble, a senior majoring in accounting.

Prairie View A&M students who will have completed 30 semester hours at the close of 1991 spring semester are eligible to participate in the pro-

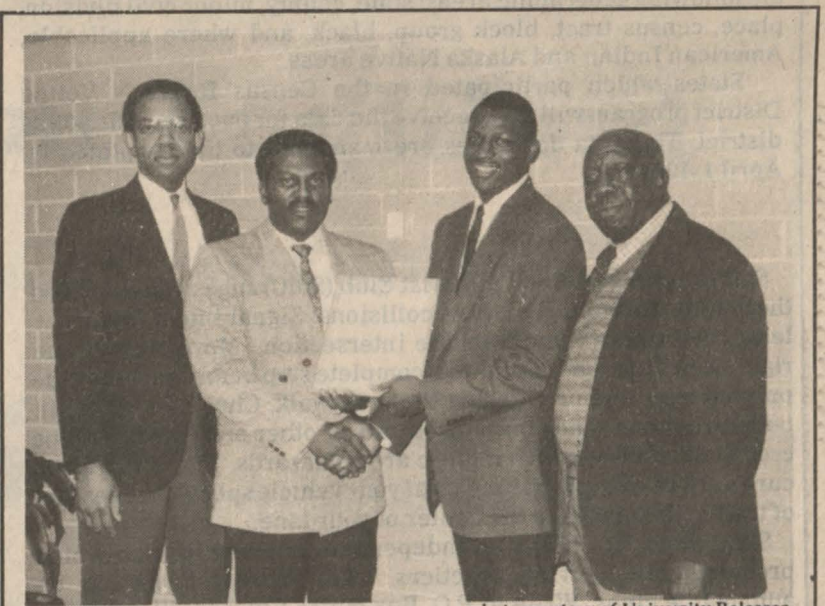


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Pictured from left to right are Dr. Alfred L. Parks, interim head, department of Agriculture, Horace Hodge, USDA Liaison Officer, Sterling Smith, and Mr. Lindsey Weatherspoon, assistant professor, animal science. Smith is presented and award on behalf of AMS National training Officer, James Bostic.

gram. Students can expect to earn hourly wages of \$6.48-\$7.22.

Interested students can contact Mr. Horace Hodge, USDA Liaison Officer, Room 113-C, Animal Industries Building or call (409) 857-3013 or 3016.

The quality of black education

By Dwayne Bennit
Staff Writer

The Political and Social Sciences Department, in conjunction with the All Faiths Chapel and Epsilon Gamma Iota, held a forum February 28, addressing the quality of education given to blacks in the United States. Carter G Woodson's book, *The Miseducation of the Negro*, was the focus for the discussion.

Mac Jones, head of the Department of Political Science, Ordia Harrison, professor of Education, Johanne Thomas, head of the Department of English and Foreign languages, Simon Wiltz, head of the Department of Architecture, and Barbara Jones, dean of the the College of

Business served as panelists at the forum.

Jones began the forum quoting Woodson, "Miseducation was not by chance, but by mind and the philosophical system was used to justify slavery." He said that education either serves to liberate or to oppress. "If you can control a man's thinking you don't have to worry about his activity," said Jones. He urged everyone to use their critical thinking skills to the fullest and not to depend on following any leader.

Harrison also expressed concern for critical thinking. She says that the current system only hampers the efforts for blacks. "Black educators aren't choosing reading selec-

tions based on the black experience and today's youth can't relate," said Harrison.

She expressed concern about the students' seriousness saying that they don't communicate with each other to enhance growth. Students are content with just going to class and acquiring what is given. She urges all students to use their critical thinking skills when they are in the dorms and not being conditioned by instructors. Harrison also said she would like to see reforms in curricula and teacher training.

Thomas analyzed the situation from the humanities perspective noting that there has been a 10% decline in blacks majoring in humanities over

the last few years. According to Thomas, persons in the humanities must not only master the classical principles in literature, but need to direct attention to the folklore of Africa and pre-Harlem Renaissance as well. She stated, "you aren't totally educated until you thoroughly know the black experience." She urges all students to support the arts.

Dr. Barbara Jones stated that students should have a total understanding of how our political and social systems work. "Business should meet the needs of the black population," said Jones. She says that there is an absence of continuity in black businesses. She urged all black bus-

inesses to unite and not compete next door to each other trying to sell the same pair of shoes.

Wiltz pointed out how marketable the Japanese made themselves during the 50's creating all types of gadgets to obtain money to support themselves today in advanced technologies.

One observer in the audience questioned the panel asking, after all the analysis, what is it black Americans should do next?

Harrison said that she would not be satisfied until all black Americans are liberated.

NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

March 17-24
KPVU Radiothon

March 19
"Chat with the President"
(Student Forum)
6:30 p.m. (Adm. Aud.)

Astroair:

If the air conditioning were turned off in the Houston Astrodome, the entrance of warm humid air could cause it to rain in the stadium.

Stir crazy

A study of the Chicago jail inmates suggested that serious mental disorders occur two to three times more often among men in urban jails than among men in the population at large.

FYI

Computer Cents

The most extensive computer simulation of the universe indicated that gravity alone could have magnified that tiny fluctuations in cold dark matter just after the Bigbang, possibly giving rise to the present-day clusters of galaxies.

Filling-Up

Landfill designers reported progress in making municipal landfills safer and less polluting. An excavation of the world's largest landfill uncovered new insights into factors fostering decay.

Countdown

22

Days until Easter

BRIEFLY

An estimated 400,000 boys yearly now carry handguns to school, creating a tremendous potential for death, injury and gun violence. With the increasing level of gun violence not only on America's streets, but also in America's schools, Congress has taken steps towards protecting the nation's schoolchildren in the final weeks of the session, by approving far-reaching "gun-free" school zone measures.

This legislation, sponsored by Senator Herbert Kohl (D-WI) and Rep. Edward Feighan (D-OH), prohibits possession and discharge of a firearm on school grounds, or within 1,000 feet of a public or private school. The measure was passed as part of the Omnibus Crime Bill, which was signed into law by the president in late November.

Barbara Lautman, executive director of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, HCI's sister organization, testified at a September congressional hearing in support of the legislation.

"Our nation's schools, once thought to be safe havens, have fallen victim to the increase in gun violence, and now educators and children are caught in the crossfire.... The sad fact is that America's drug wars are being fought in and around our nation's schools."

The Census Bureau delivered to Gov. Ann Richards the state legislation 1990 census population counts for Texas.

This release shows tables on the black; American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut; Asian or Pacific Islanders; and Hispanic populations.

The redistribution tabulations, which are required by law to be delivered to states, show total population counts of persons 18 years of age and over for all races; Whites, Blacks, American Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts; Asians or Pacific Islanders; and combinations of other races. The same counts are also shown for persons of Hispanic origin by race. Housing unit counts also are included in the data.

All states and the District of Columbia will receive these data for the following geographic areas: state, county, minor civil division, place, census tract, block group, black, and where applicable, American Indian and Alaska Native areas.

States which participated in the Census Bureau's Voting District program will also receive the data for each specific voting district. The data deliveries are mandated to be completed by April 1, 1991.

Safety experts at Shell Motorist Club (SMC) suggest drivers heed these hints to avoid right turn collisions: Signal intent to turn at least one hundred feet from the intersection. Move close to the right side of the road. Come to a complete stop before reaching the painted stop line or entering the crosswalk. Check for traffic in both directions. Look for pedestrians or other obstructions in the crosswalk. Execute turn if there are no hazards. Stay close to the curb or right edge of the road until your vehicle speed matches that of traffic, then move to the center of your lane.

Shell Motorist Club is an independent automobile club which promotes safe driving practices. For more information on automobile clubs, Write to P.O. Box 60199, Chicago, Ill. 60660; or call 1-800-852-0555.

If you are a junior or senior studying computer science, engineering, physics, environmental and life sciences, mathematics or physical science, the Science and Engineering Research Semester (SERS) offers you the unique opportunity to do hands on research with some of the nation's top scientists at one of six national research laboratories during the academic year. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is sponsoring the program to encourage undergraduate students to continue their studies in science and engineering.

To be eligible for participation in SERS, students must have completed their sophomore year at an accredited U.S. college or university and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien. They must be working toward a degree in computer science, engineering, environmental or life sciences, mathematical, or physical sciences. Other guidelines suggest an overall Grade point average of 3.0 or higher, based on a 4.0.

While in the program, SERS participants will receive a weekly stipend of \$200 per week, housing, travel reimbursement for one round trip to the sites where the research will take place.

For more information on the SERS program, contact Donna Prokop, SERS Program Manager, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 100 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C 20585.

The application deadline for the 1991 fall semester is March 15, 1991. The 1992 spring term deadline is October 20, 1991.

Prairie View A&M University has recently received a grant of \$2000 from Conoco, Inc. for scholarships and program development.

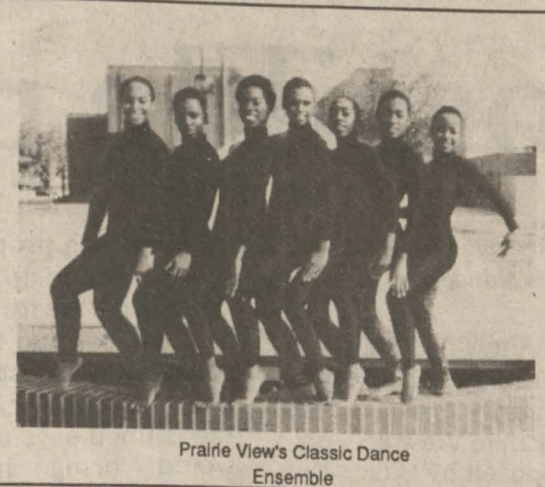
Kevin Wade, a 1990 PVAMU graduate and assistant analyst for Conoco Information Systems, joined Associate Director Anthony E. Thomas in presenting the check to J.D. Oliver, Coordinator of the Computer Science Program.

Half of the \$2000 grant will be designated for two or more computer science majors who will receive B.A. degrees no later than June 1992. The other half of the grant is intended for needed equipment, software, manuals, supplies, faculty development, and teaching aides

Many of the people who know Timothy McWashington as Head of the Maintenance Department may not realize he is also President of the Montgomery Independent School District School Board and has a long list of other accomplishments to his credit. The Montgomery native is also President of the Region Six Planning Commission for the Texas Association of School Boards. A community and Bronze Star for heroism in Vietnam, McWashington is both a community and campus leader.

The Classic Dance Ensemble at Prairie View A&M University was invited to participate in a special African-American Month Observance Program at Texas A&M University (TAMU) on Wednesday,

PEOPLE



Prairie View's Classic Dance Ensemble

People talked about Anne Newport Royall for years in Washington. She was the "woman whom the senators feared." according to the Capitol doorkeeper. She was the first person arrested and convicted on an archaic federal charge of being "a common scold" she also was the first woman who dared to be a political journalist.

Kimetris Nichelle Baltrip, an August 1990 graduate of Prairie View A&M University, is pursuing a masters degree in communications at the University of Akron. Baltrip was one of the only 12 students to receive a full scholarship from the Public Relations Foundation of Texas to attend the 1990 Winter Conference of Texas PR Association in Austin.

February 27. The program was sponsored by the TAMU Division of Student Affairs. The ensemble presented a history of dance and its cultural influence. The group has also performed of several occasions at the Houston Jewish Community Center, at the VA Hospital of Houston, and throughout the state and nation.

PVAMU'S TOP TEN LIST for places to spend Springbreak

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| 1. Home | 6. Mexico |
| 2. Galveston | 7. A relative's house |
| 3. Padre Island | 8. Corpus Christi |
| 4. A friend's house | 9. Bahamas |
| 5. Florida | 10. The Mall |

STUDENT ACTIVITIES TENTATIVE MARCH CALENDAR

- 7-9 MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION
- 10 Chapel service, AFC 10:45 a.m.
- 11 PVAMU Opened in 1878 (Chartered 1876)
- 11-17 SPRING BREAK PERIOD
- 18 CLASSES RESUME
- 19 "Chat with the President" (Student Forum)
6:30 p.m. (Admin. Aud.)
- 20 EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL And SUMMER I & II Terms
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 CAB Cinema: "Flatliners" (Harrington Science Rm. 122) 8:00 p.m.
- 23 Pee's & Vee's Night Club (Alumni Hall, West Wing) 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
- 24 Chapel Services, AFC 10:45 a.m.
- 24 CAB Cinema: "Flatliners" (Harrington Science Rm. 122) 8:00p.m.
- 25 ANNUAL HONORS CONVOCATION (University Fieldhouse) 10: a.m.
- 27 Book Review (MSC Ball Room), 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Movie (Har. Sci. Rm. 122) 8:00 p.m.
- 28 President's Prayer Breakfast (West Wing Alumni Hall) 7:00 a.m.
- 28 Kappa Delta Pi Meeting (Alumni Hall, President's Dining Room)
- 29 GOOD FRIDAY

If you would like more information please call:
Student Activities
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Black History Quiz

- 1)Who was the pilot that Rev. Jesse Jackson rescued in 1984 after his plane was shot down over Damascus, Syria?
- 2)Who made the record Buffalo Soldier?
- 3)What city is "Black America" boycotting because city officials did not give Nelson Mandela an official welcome in 1990?
- 4)In what year was the 13th Amendment passed abolishing slavery?
- 5)On what Houston television station /channel can the Jesse Jackson show be found?
- 6)What is the name of the African island located directly off the coast of Mozambique?
- 7)Who was the first black senator?
- 8)In what city and state was Malcolm X born?
- 9)What was the name of the first Black newspaper in America?
- 10)Who was the "Father of Black History"?
- 11)When is independence day in Zimbabwe?
- 12)What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
- 13)Who said, "There is no progress without struggle"?
- 14)What day is independence day in Barbados?
- 15)What was the first European country to engage in the slave trade.
- 16)What Black man was one of the six men who helped to lay the blueprint for the city of Washington, D.C.?

The answers will be provided in the next issue

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Remaining Publication Dates for The Panther

1991
March 29 April 12 May 3
 April 26

NEWSWEEK

Leland appointed to A&M Board

By Morenike Efuntade
Staff Writer

Alison Leland has become the first black woman to be appointed to the nine-member Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

The widow of late congressman Mickey Leland was appointed to the board by Governor Ann Richards in early January. Leland replaced L. Lowry Mays of San Antonio on Feb. 1, 1991, and will serve a six-year term that is eligible for renewal.

Prairie View A&M is the only historically black university in the system and may serve to gain from Leland's appointment.

Leland stated that "the university system is an enormous resource and is one that should be used fairly and adequately for all the people that it serves and for all of the schools within the university system."

Leland says that she will spend her first year getting to know the university, the sys-

tem, and the issues involved. "I will be very interested in knowing what is going on at Prairie View, having gone to a predominately black school myself. I will care a lot about Prairie View and what happens there."

Governor Ann Richards, whose policies were greatly supported by Leland during and before her campaign, feels that Alison Leland will "bring a fresh, new perspective" to the A&M board.

PV salutes soldiers

The Panther would like to salute the Prairie View A&M students and alumni who are in military service in the Middle East. Though the war is now over, and the initial intent was to run this list until the end of the war, we will continue to run this list until all of the people named in it return home.

Marvin Anderson, Douglas Ballar, Alta Bennett, Benjamin Black, Cornelius Black-

shear, Richard Bledsoe, Charles Bolar, Reginald Bowers, Sean Broone, Freddie Brown, Denis Comer, Douglas Cobbs, Gary Cooper, Ruth Cravens, Major Don J. Daniels, M.D., Alvin Edwards, Levi Green, Chrisman Hampton, Earl Jackson, Michael E. Jackson, Gerald Jones, Peter Kelly, Curtis Lee, Marcus Mallard, Lt. Ricardo Monsavias, Billy Nelson, Van Norman, Derrick Rags-ton, Kelly Smith, Glenda Stew-

art, Sgt. Robert L. Thomas, Lt. General Calvin Walker, Gregory Weisler, Alvin Williams, Michael Wisnoski, James Wood, Cpt. Timmy Woods, Eddie Chew IV, Cotrell McLaurin, Reginald Garrett II, Timothy Green, Lt. Gary A. Johnson, Gregory M. Smith.

If you know of any other students of alumni whose names should appear on this list, please submit them to *The Panther*.

Black Greek contributions

By Karen-Deon Cathey
Staff Writer

The Prairie View A&M University Pan Hellenic Council recently presented their black history program entitled "Black Greek Contributions to African-American History."

There are eight unique and different African-American Greek Organizations and the purpose of each is to create an environment of academic excellence and social justice.

Seven of the eight African-American Greek Organizations spoke: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

They spoke of their early beginnings and their well-known honorary members. For instance, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority mentioned the poetress, Maya Angelou; Alpha Phi Alpha named Martin Luther King Jr., Keith Sweat, and Thurgood Marshall; Phi Beta Sigma recalled Brother George

Washington Carver; and Delta Sigma Theta named Winnie Mandela, Barbara Jord-

Zeta Phi Beta spoke of its beginnings as a 'love affair'; Kappa Alpha Psi proudly mentioned its beginnings at Indiana University; and the soror of Sigma Gamma Rho gave us a beautiful acapella rendition of 'Precious Lord.'

The speaker for the evening was professor of architecture at PVAMU, Simon Wiltz. He answered the question, 'Where do you begin to discuss the history of black Greek contributions?' by saying that whether you start with Phi Sigma Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Alpha, Theta Z, Phi Delta Phi, or the Masonic Lodge Tradition it did not matter because all were part of a continual with an unknown beginning.

He went on to say that in 1990 the grand chapter officers met in St. Louis, Missouri to renovate their black Greek organizations. They rededicated themselves to the reasons they were founded—through unity there is strength—and get rid of the bad habits picked up from the declining white organ-

izations (i.e., beating in the name of sisterhood and brotherhood, pre-pledging, and other lawless activities).

He stated that there will be less people in the future "left in the limbo of shirt-wearing-non-membership."

Mr. Wiltz also said that the need for black fraternities and sororities was still prevalent, each have things to be proud of in their history, and each represent the 'cream of the cream.' "Strong principles make strong members, he told us, and these organizations must be repaired or it will mean their demise."

"We have a lot of work to do and we're facing tough times," he stated, as he challenged the black organizations to represent a glimmer of hope for our people coming up, educate themselves, and rededicate themselves to their founders glorious principles.

As the program came to a close, President Yolanda Gill reminded us that the purpose of the program was to educate. Greg Lovelady closed the program by rendering a vocal rendition of the black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice."

Gulf War wrap-up



By Brian Jackson
Staff Writer

In August of 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait. The U.S. and its allies protested and sought a solution to free Kuwait from Iraq.

Iraq took foreign civilian hostages and threaten to use them as human shields, only to release them in December.

On November 29, 1991, the United Nations Security Council gave Saddam Hussein a deadline, "...Be out of Kuwait by January 15, or face a possible attack by the U.S.

led coalition."

Two months into the new year, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, met with Iraq's foreign minister Tariq Aziz in Geneva. With six and a half hours of talk between the two, negotiations went nowhere. Three days later Congress gave President Bush the authority to go to war.

When the first day of the U.N. deadline passed the war began. The first American casualty was Lt. Comander Michael Spiker, a Navy pilot.

In the days to follow, Hussein paraded coalition captives across the television screen and threatened to use them as human shields.

On January 30, the battle of Kahfji began. This battle of fierce fighting for an abandoned Saudi town brought a pre-

view of the ground war to come.

Weeks later Iraq claimed that allied bombers had hit an air raid shelter, killing many civilians.

On February 18 Soviet President Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Aziz proposed a peace plan, but it fell far short of the U.S. demands and the allies rejected it.

At this point the ground war seemed almost inevitable. Days later allied troops arrived in Kuwait City. Iraq's army almost faced total obliteration by the coalition.

In the following days, a cease fire was made by the U.S. led coalition during the week of February 25. After the cease fire, prisoners of war from both sides were scheduled to be released.

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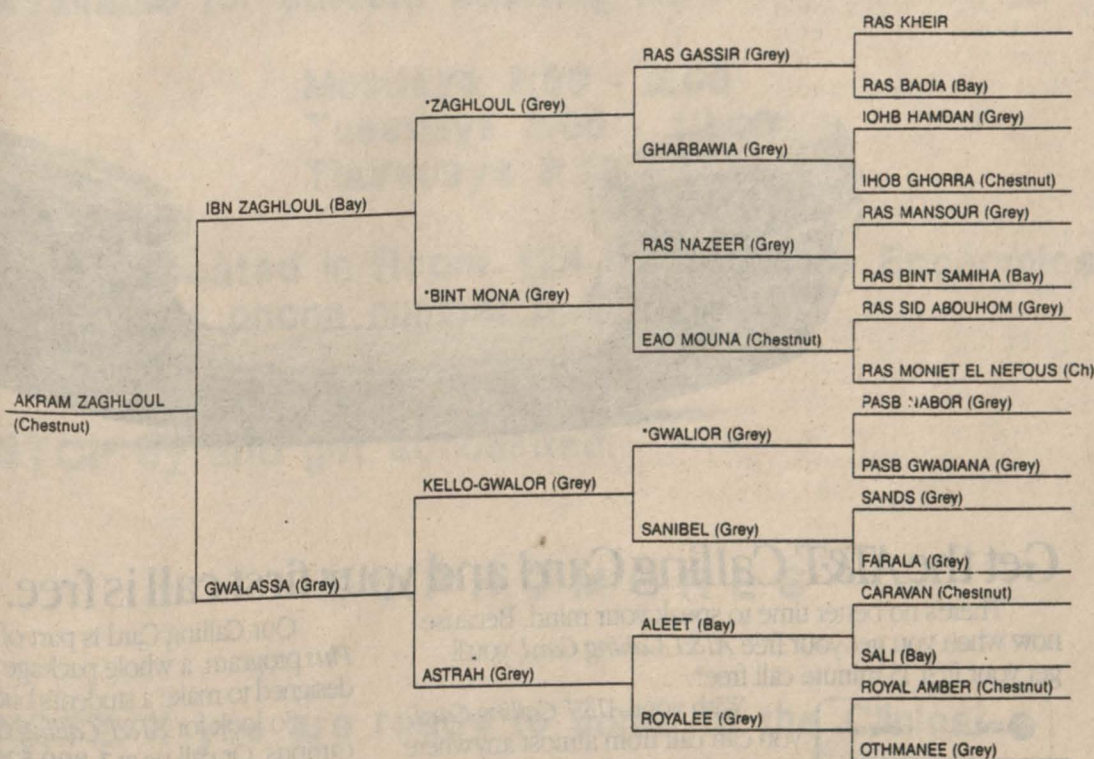
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LIFESTYLES

New Miss Prairie View

By Chandra Baty
Staff Writer

The theme, "Visions of Africa" at the Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant reminded all who attended that the history and roots of our culture lives on. However, the richness of the color schemes and stage designs failed to cloud the question, "Who will be crowned the next Miss Prairie View?" That question was answered when sophomore Elizabeth Vaughn from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was crowned Miss Prairie View 1991-92.

The Miss Prairie View Pageant provides an opportunity for young ladies to win scholarships. The winner will advance to the Miss Texas Pageant for her chance at the crown.

Some of Prairie View's finest entertained the restless and awaiting crowd. The Classic Dance Ensemble opened the program with artistic dancing that dazzled everyone. The mistress of ceremonies, Cheryl Anderson, who was Miss Prairie View 1966-67 was an example to all showing the pride and beauty of our past queens.

As the night progressed, Prairie View's potential stars, Marquee the Band, Basis and Belinda Coney provided smooth sounds of entertainment by performing various top contemporary music selections.

Competition was intense as the six contestants competed in talent, evening gown apparel, swimsuit and question and answer. Talent accounted for a major

portion of the points and it varied from singing and dancing to oratorical speaking. Some of the young ladies through their exploration of talents, brought attention to the pressing situation of the men and women in the Gulf.

The evening drew to a close with Miss PVAMU 1990-91, Jolie McKeel giving her final farewell speech as well as entertaining the audience with her rendition of "Visions of Love" which in 1990 set her apart from the rest to win the crown.

Finally, it was time for the announcement of the preliminary winners which were: Miss Congeniality, Courtney Adkins; Interview, Camille Lewis and Elizabeth Vaughn for Talent. Rolonda Malone was the first runner-up and Camille

received second runner-up. Vaughn was crowned Miss PVAMU 1991-92 because she displayed a confidence that was very apparent as she marvelled the audience and left them standing on their feet with her rendition of "I Can Make It." The highlight of crowning of Vaughn as Miss PVAMU was a salute, "You are Our Queen" sung and arranged by Greg Lovelady to the tune of Bette Midler's "You are Our Hero". Vaughn's reign will exhibit Prairie View's pride and confidence in the years to come for the world to see.

Though Vaughn was crowned Miss PVAMU, she was not the only one to receive accolades; Jennifer Adams was presented an outstanding producers award for the Miss PVAMU pageant.

BSM celebrates years of praise

By Nicole Dyson
Staff Writer

The Baptist Student Movement (BSM) of Prairie View celebrated their anniversary with songs of praise as well as fellowship with various people. Some guest artists who performed include Phyllis Kennedy and the New Community Mass Choir, Judy McCullum of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and singer, Darius Brooks of Milton Bronson and the Thompson Community Choir, who is said to

be the backbone of this internationally known gospel choir.

Brooks, who is an accomplished musician and songwriter performed several songs. Through his music, his thematic message to all was if we choose to depend and trust someone in life, we should make that choice knowing that he will never break his word or promise.

There were people who

were celebrating their 56th Anniversary of being in or acquainted with BSM. BSM is a widely recognized organization in the Houston area and the choir boasts of being one of the top Baptist Student Union choirs in the nation. At the National Baptist Student Union Retreat last year Prairie View's BSM choir won first place in the large choir division. The choir also sponsors a Mr. and Ms. BSM pageant which is a community outreach program.

The president of BSM, Merrick Seymour, was recognized for receiving a scholarship to complete his graduate studies and special appreciation went to the chairman of the anniversary committee, Jerry Gilbert. The master of ceremonies for the musical

extravaganza was Rev. Roger Allen who is the director of the BSM choir and is a Theatre Arts major at Prairie View.

REVIEWER'S CORNER

Marquee the Band

A band review by Michelle Johnson
LifeStyles Editor

The sound of music can be heard all over Prairie View's campus and "Marquee the Band" is one of the groups that's making music history. The band was founded in 1988 by senior finance major, Allison Tucker Jr. and the original members include sophomore and junior music majors Kevin Boyd and Rodrick Kennedy with the addition of a new lead singer sophomore Desmond Banks. This band has been the starting point for many who have branched off to other groups such as "Gangstar", "The MacBand", and "Sincerely Yours". It seems only inevitable that "Marquee the Band" will be another PV success story.

Their first album "Marquee the Band" was not as big of a success as they would have liked it to be. Tucker said, "It was more of a learning experience because we learned a lot of things about taping and working in the studio." Boyd added, "It also helped us to learn more about ourselves as musicians as well as yield the opportunity to travel and develop our skills."

Tucker said, "We performed in Japan this past summer for two weeks, it was an original experience, because it's amazing how familiar the Japanese are with American music. They even sung along with us which was fun."

The band has four members who have one goal and that is success for all, but they do have different dreams. Tucker wants to be a producer most of all, Boyd wants to cut an album similar to 'Bev Biv Devove', Kennedy says that a jazz album is his calling and lead singer 'Dez' is said to be the next "Baby Face". While Marquee's first album contained good dance music as well as slow jams, they still lacked the refining element they've found in their new producer Bobby Humphries of Humphry Music. She also works for the Warner Brother's label. She has introduced the band to many famous people in the business which is giving them connections as well as exposing them to the 'business'. Humphries works with them at studios in Dallas, New York and Atlanta.

"Marquee" opened for "the Candy Man" on Valentines day and they will play for the Miss PVAMU pageant. Presently they are preparing for the release of their new album titled "Raw and Tired" which will feature a lot of big name stars.

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KPVU'S RADIO-THON

By Shawn Wade
Staff Writer

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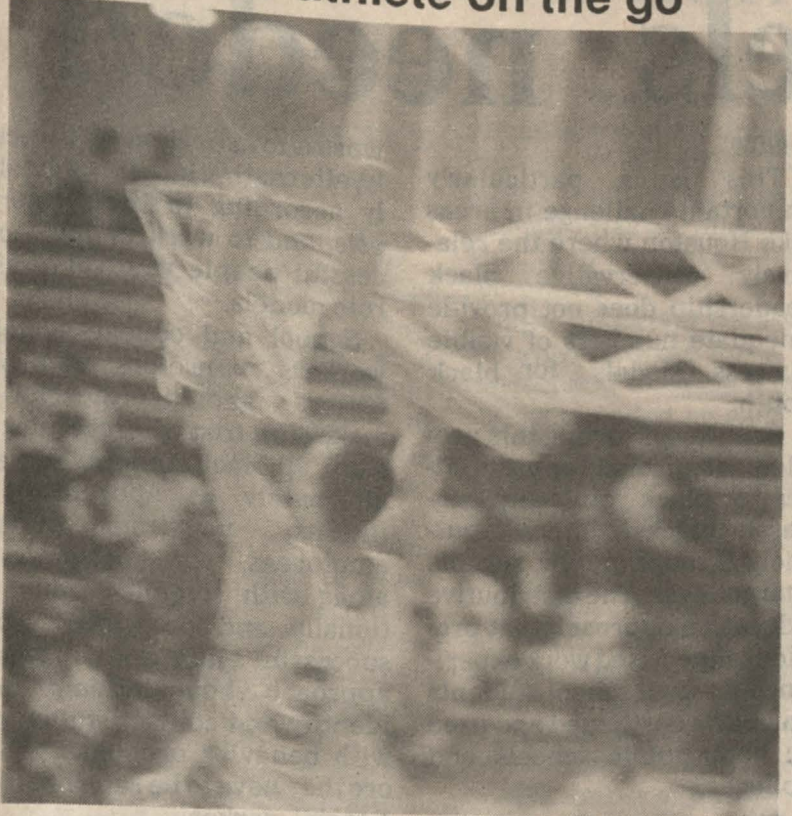
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SPORTSWEEK

Another PV athlete on the go



Terry Bryant goes for the points

Terry Bryant: An exceptional athlete and person

By Roosevelt Huggins
Sports Editor

During the course of the basketball season, many players of the Panther basketball team exemplified team leadership on the court at different times. One player who exemplified the leadership role for the Panthers during the entire season was senior forward Terry Bryant.

To review Bryant's biography on the basketball court would reveal that he was a three year player who average about 15 (13.4 in 90 and 17.8 in 91) points a game and was always among the conference and team leaders in field goal percentage. However, statistics do not make you a

leader or role model for the team. What does is "heart".

An example of Bryant's "heart" is the response he gave when asked why he returned to P.V.'s basketball program even when others programs of more prestigious caliber would have used his talent. Bryant simply responded, "I felt a loyalty to P.V., the basketball program, and my friends here at the university." He added also "the education here at Prairie View was a determining factor in his basketball decision." That was quite a statement originating from an athlete if you believed in stereotypes. However, Bryant is not the typical athlete.

Bryant plans to pursue a

MBA, Masters in Business Administration while still having future aspirations in basketball. Bryant confirmed that he has been invited to an All-Star game in which N.B.A., C.B.A., and other basketball groups will have scouts looking for "raw-talent."

When asked about the season the panthers experienced, Bryant said "team-wise I was disappointed with the season but felt I had a pretty good senior season." He expressed concern about the team as they will be losing their top four scorers and worse yet, their team leaders. In a positive statement, Bryant stated "With time Coach

Plummer will definitely build a strong program especially if he is able to get scholarships."

In commenting on his last home game at Prairie View, Bryant stated "It was just fun. We won a game in big fashion and everyone played a lot of minutes." He also alluded to the fact that all of the seniors played well in their last game.

With every Panther that will soon leave our "yard" a great amount of gratitude is usually given. In the same spirit of Panther Pride, "Mr. Bryant" ended the interview with thoughts of other people. He stated "So long to my fellow seniors, and I wish them all the best of luck."

PVAMU Basketball team wins last home game

By Roosevelt Huggins
Sports Editor

The Prairie View Men's Basketball finished their final home game in "a blaze of glory" as they used talent and determination to beat Huston Tillotson. The game also signaled the end of four great college careers at Prairie View A&M.

In the first half of the game, Prairie View and Huston Tillotson traded baskets until the 4:03 mark where P.V. stretched to a 56-

47 lead on Robert Jordan's three pointer. Prairie View had definitely been the better team on the court but had not capitalized on opportunities. The game entered the halftime break with the Panthers having a 62-55 lead.

One reason for the dominance of Panthers at the end of the half came from the most unlikely of heroes in that of center Jeff Jernigan. "Jazzy", as he is known to many people, co-lead the team with 16 points and countless rebounds. In this

game, he was definitely the force inside the paint. Unquestionably this was "Jazzy's" best game of the season. Terry Bryant and Michael Irvin scored 16 and 13 points respectively at the half.

In the second half, Prairie View stepped on the court with a mission. That mission was to run Huston Tillotson off the court! Over the next ten minutes, the Panthers went on a tremendous 32-6 run. During this span, Michael Irvin dazzled the

estimated 1500 people with a dunk and Jernigan teamed with Jordan to add inspirational play. The game ended mercifully for the players of Huston Tillotson with the score of 133-96.

With the end of the game, the Prairie View basketball careers of Lorenzo Tolbert, Robert Jordan, Terry Bryant, and Michael Irvin was over. At halftime, the seniors were awarded with plaques and ovations in a show of class by Prairie View and its athletic department. Defin-

itely they deserved our deepest gratitude for the highlights and entertainment they have given us in this short time when our paths in life cross. Especially since any one of them could have left and played for a rival school when the administration so listlessly removed the athletic department. Most notable of the

seniors was Michael Irvin as he finished sixth on the all time P.V. scoring list and other countless S.W.A.C. honors.

In looking forward to next year, Coach Plummer will definitely have to continue rebuilding. In fact, the basketball team might feel the effects of "administrative withdrawal" next year.

Lady Panthers win NAIA

By Michelle Johnson
Staff Writer

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive. It's a bird, it's a plane; it's not a man.

These words describe the women's track team of Prairie View A & M engineered by Coach Jacket, Jocelyn Adams, Essie Washington and Jimmy Washington.

The women's track team brought the National Association Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) Indoors Championship back home to PV. The women's track team had not won the indoors track meet since 1987. Of course, the Lady Panthers are happy and PV is proud of them.

The NAIA meet was held in Kansas, where they competed against several universities and prevailed. A member of the track team, Celisa Shy said that Prelims were tough because only five individuals

made it going into finals besides the relay team.

Named Outstanding Performer of the NAIA Indoors Championship was Barbara Smith, who along with Shy, Chandra Williams and Raquel Andrews led PV to the championship. The other team members include Terri Clayton, Theresa Ford, Tracey Garrison, Stacy Gilbert, Marsha Hosang, and Rhonda Lampkin. They alone took the 800m run, the 1000m run, triple jump and placed in the top five in the 400m, 600m and the long jump and in the mile relay they placed second. These ladies performed fantastically exemplifying great speed, tenacity and agility as they mesmerized the onlookers.

After the races had been won, the only thing left was the award ceremony and as usual PV was on top with the Gold and Coach Jacket received NAIA Indoor Coach of the Year award to top the evening off. Overall the Lady Panthers won the track meet with 72 points beating Central State from Ohio with 61 points and Adam State from Colorado with 48 points.

The Lady Panthers next stop will be in Lafayette, La. for their first outdoor track meet. On the 22-23 of March, will be the TSU relays and on 29-30 the PV relays.

Shy stated that the NCAA Championship is a definite goal. With five seniors on the team one can't help but wonder are the Olympics in the

picture. Shy said, "Well we're just taking one step at a time." Well watch out world the next step may be the Olympics. Look for them!

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FACULTY FORUM

Positive Black role models needed

By Dr. Clyde McDaniel
Professor of Sociology and Social Work

The need for successful role models who have made high achievements in terms of education and occupation to serve as sources of motivation and identification for the youth seems to be as pronounced among blacks as it is among other ethnic groups.

In order for these role models to be effective, it seems that they must be tangible or visible and directly accessible.

Prior to racial integration, there were many such success models available to black youth in organizations established and or operated by blacks. During that time, it

was possible for every black youngster to interact daily with black counselors, teachers, ministers, principals and other black professionals.

Now that racial integration is a reality, there are no legally exclusive black schools, fewer exclusively black organizations, and few successful blacks visible in white organizations (because of their smaller proportion of representation at professional levels). There are just not enough visible successful blacks to provide the number and variety of tangible black role models needed to serve the needs of striving black youth.

Even though blacks are working in predominantly white settings, black

unemployment and high school drop-out rates are soaring. More young blacks are becoming disenchanted with formal education, while fewer are pursuing careers in the classical professions.

Similarly, while black college enrollment is up, academic performance is down. Is it possible that instead of eliminating the need for exclusively black success models, the civil rights gains of the 1950', 60's and 70's intensified the need and made it difficult to satisfy in the 80's and 90's?

A casual assumption is being made that blacks can gain adequate exposure to successful role models by reading about them or hearing and seeing them on radio

and TV.

This assumption is not true because newspapers, radio and television are too indirect. The one thing that makes role models effective is direct exposure. When they are face-to-face, the youth can discover personally whether the role models are the same as themselves, and whether they, as black youths, can also be successful.

If the above is true, then an important challenge for successful blacks is to become more directly visible to striving black youth. This visibility is needed in order to help black youth develop positive attitudes towards success, learn the criteria and develop the critical skills necessary for success in the

1990's.

This is a particularly important challenge in areas like Houston where the relatively conservative black leadership does not provide adequate numbers of visible success models for black youth.

One way of solving this problem is to provide opportunities for black youth and successful blacks to interact routinely through public schools and colleges. The distributive education approach that provides supervised work experience for high school students can be strengthened and used in both public schools and colleges.

This approach assumes that the best way for students to learn about the world of

work is to experience it directly, alternating jobs periodically according to their interests, and to work under successful people who serve as role models.

School and college social workers, counselors and professors should therefore make sure that wherever possible, all black students serve alternately as apprentices, interns, part-time paid employees, or observers, along with screened educationally and occupationally successful black adults. This approach should attempt to identify and contact students with behavior problems before they have to be referred to a social worker.

This article has been reprinted in its entirety due to omissions in the original printing.

Leadership styles

Women have dramatically different leadership traits than men and a woman's approach may be the leadership style of the future, according to a study by the University of California that was reported in the *Los Angeles Times*. Men tend to lead the traditional way: by command and control. Men give an order, explain the reward for a job well done and pretty much keep power and knowledge to themselves.

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VIEWPOINTS

Higher education needs more blacks

FROM THE EDITOR
By Carol Berry
Editor-in-Chief

I spent last weekend at a minority graduate student recruitment conference at Michigan State University (MSU). Over a hundred minority students from all over the country - and all of them interested in going to graduate school - were there.

The program of the conference itself was not exciting. For the most part, the people from MSU spent the time trying to convince us (the students) to go to graduate

school. They formally welcomed us too many times, and they spent an awful lot of money trying to convince us that MSU was the place for us. That is to be expected from recruiters.

More important than what the university did for us was the fact that we spent a weekend surrounded by each other - young, ambitious brothers and sisters who all want to go on to graduate school and rise above the norms of our society.

It was an exhilarating experience. I have been to professional conferences for writers; I have been to interest conferences for science fiction lovers; I have listened to any number of people read

papers and talk about different issues; but never before have I been surrounded by that many people who were so interested in seeing each other succeed.

The students at the conference really did want to see each other succeed, and rightfully so. As one of the faculty members at MSU told me, there are so few minorities entering graduate school, that he is afraid that there will be no one to replace him when he retires. I am afraid that he is right. From what I have seen here at Prairie View, and from what students at other black universities tell me, I would guess that in twenty years, there will be so few blacks in higher education that we will barely see them.

The few blacks who are seeking the credentials to teach in institutions of higher education are only in the technical fields. There is currently a trend away from studying the humanities all over the country, but for blacks, this

could be (and I think is) more detrimental than to others. There are so few blacks in higher education as it is that any reduction in the numbers in any given field is readily felt. Those blacks that go into higher education in the humanities will be spread so thinly in the next generation that they will have little to no effect on the ideas that are taught to the majority of our children.

Regardless of all other arguments for interracial populations in higher education in America, remember that this is a multi-cultural country. No matter how well read a student is, there is no way that this country, or any group in it, can better itself if our youth, our future leaders are not exposed to educated representatives of each and every culture in this country. If we expect the next generation to rise above where we are now, some of us have to stop working for ourselves and start working for our children.

Support for the soldiers, but not for the war

By Anonymous

What kind of a world is it that we live in? Is there no humanity left in the world?

I had avoided dealing with the war in my own mind because I could not face the brutality and lack of respect for human life that always comes with war. I spent many hours thinking about the things that I had seen and heard about the Vietnam "police action" and prayed daily that our soldiers had grown up to realize the importance and improbability of life, whereas it was obvious that our leaders, both Western and Middle Eastern, had not.

I made the mistake of watching the T.V. news last week. Usually, I listen to the radio so that I am spared the sensationalist propaganda of T.V. news. But last week, I was interested in seeing the "war" as best I could. I was sickened by what I saw.

The Iraqi soldiers were surrendering and begging the Americans to feed them and give them water. They were starving to death.

Inhumanity. The Americans had surrounded an Iraqi barracks. The reporter said that when the Iraqis came out, they were "defeated". In war, defeated means that they either surrendered, or they were killed. Some of them surrendered.

And the brutality goes on.

It is not the soldiers who bring about this inhumanity. No, they have been trying to humanize their situation. There were reports of American soldiers burying the Iraqi dead. That was the only way they could deal with slaughtering men.

Men, women, children. We are talking about people. Human beings with families and friends, hopes and dreams. They are not being told to shoot at empty uniforms. The American soldiers had to bury Iraqi bodies, or tend Iraqi wounds, or they would not be able to face the fact that they were killing.

The soldiers aren't the moral weaklings here. They are the ones who have no choice but to reap what their leaders sow.

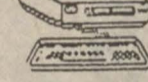
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

When I came on board to work at Prairie View in 1985, I wanted to live here but could find no housing available. Since then I've asked many times why there isn't any housing for faculty here. More often than not, I am told it's because the retired Prairie Viewites live in most of the available housing or the 'old timers' won't sell their property for development.

Now I've been told that someone is ready to sell as much as 50 acres so a prison can be built. This news came like a slap in the face.

When I asked whether this wasn't a cause for concern, I was told that the prison would be for "watergate types". Another slap in the face. From what I've seen of those country club prisons, the offenders will be living in better facilities than we have to teach in.

This situation reminds me of the stories my father tells me about when he was training with the first black army air corps at Tuskegee Institute. The prisoners of war could go into town, to the movies and fraternize with the townsfolk, but the black officers-in-training could not.

Also, from what I've experienced, the presence of a prison, and the unfortunate people in it, brings an oppressive, depressing, and demoralizing atmosphere to the town in which it is located. This is the antithesis of what I think a university should be about (alive with intellectual activity and creativity).

Advocates of this proposal say that some long standing problems the city has had, such as with the sewer system, will be taken care of if the prison can be built.

I, too, want to see the sewer system in Prairie View updated because I would still like to live here. If I lived here, I would need a place to shop, to get my clothes cleaned, to have my car serviced, to go to the movies and even a bookstore to 'hang out' in.

I would want clean streets and well-maintained roads. I would want police and fire protection, excellent schools, parks and recreational facilities. I would fight to be able to spend my money here and not have to drive up and down the freeway.

It seems to me that when plans and decisions are being made, nobody thinks about the legacy our foreparents left us. Maybe we need to go back into the literature and see what their dreams were. I believe that they would want us to be out of the survival mode and into the prosperity mode by now. With all of the professional expertise and excellence at this university, we should be a strong community and not in the desperate straits this prison proposal implies.

We should be providing models for our students to take with them into their respective communities for implementation. This proposal would instead only model the elements of control.

Let's show our students where discipline comes from; that it comes from within. New research is beginning to show that political and civil liberties are necessary for economic growth. Prof. Partha Dasgupta of Stanford University says that the statistical evidence gathered in his research as a development economist implies that "there is no reason for thinking that poor countries, by virtue of their poverty, are faced with the cruel choice between the protection and promotion of human rights on one hand, and growth in the socio-economic constituents of well-being on the other. That they don't have to make this choice seems to me to be eminently worth knowing."

Prairie View does not need any more evidence that we are not in charge, which I think a prison with a golf course and tennis courts for federal offenders would demonstrate. Let's get some other proposals on the table. Let's get busy.

Penny Williams

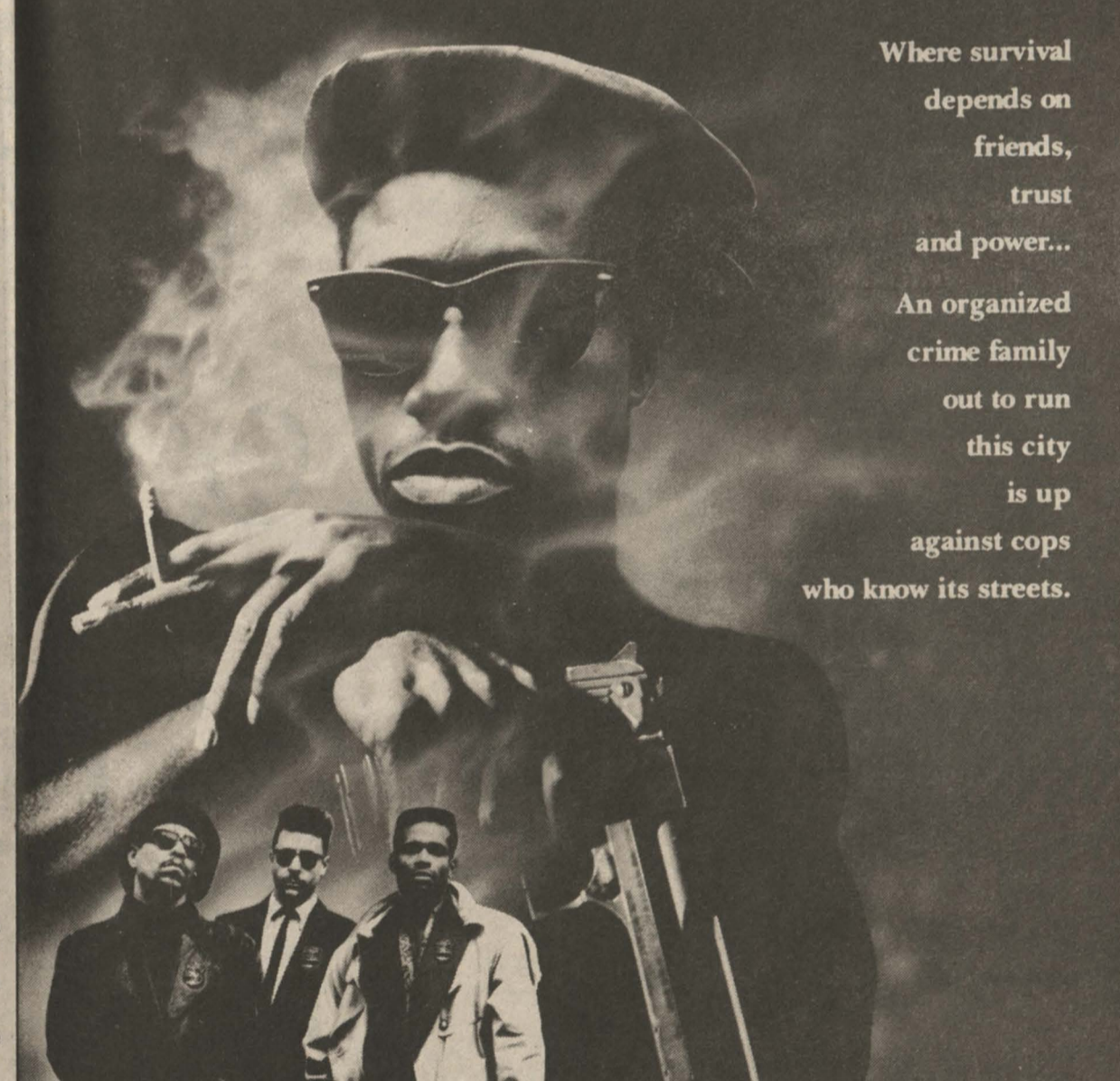
Dear Editor:

Prairie View was indeed fortunate to have such an extensive schedule of events during Black History Month. The mass effort to present these events came from many persons here on campus. The Prairie View students and faculty owe a special thank you to Dr. Howard Jones, Assoc. Prof. of History, who worked for many months to provide us with the quantity and quality of events presented.

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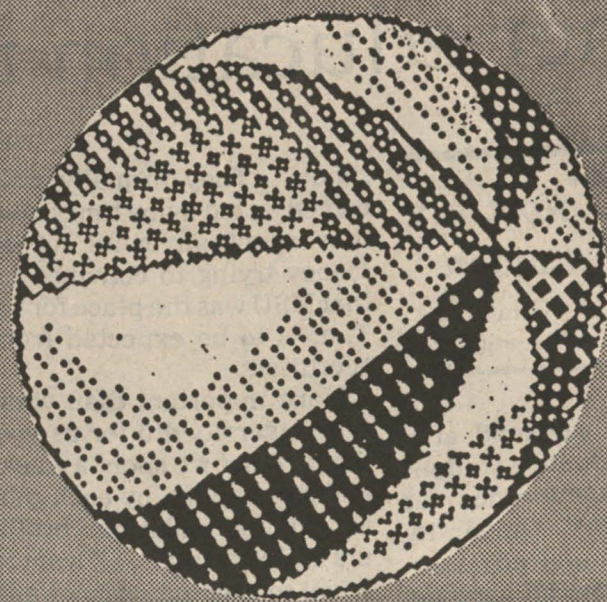
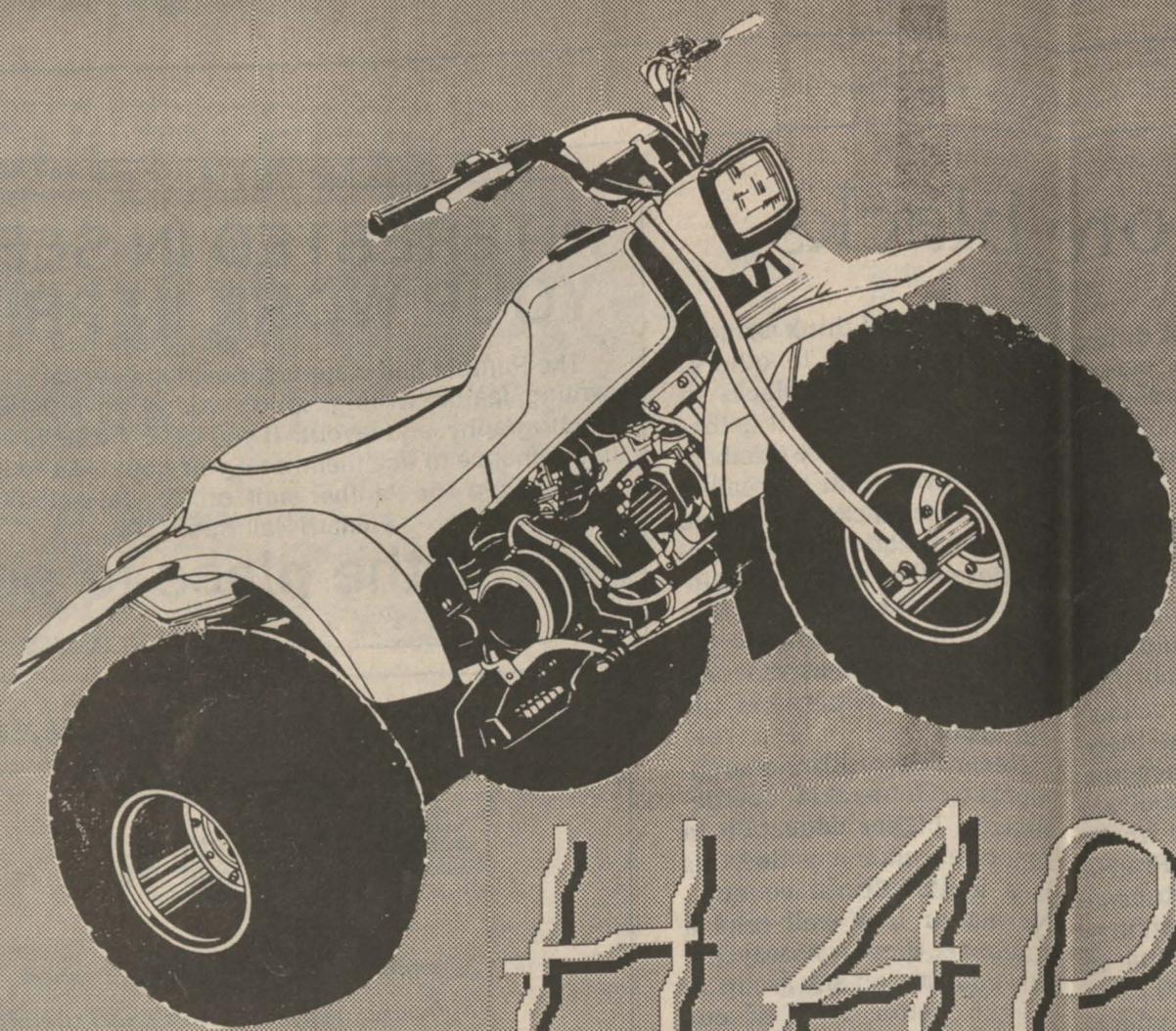
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