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PV Student Reservists in Persian Gulf



Eddie Chew, IV
Major: Criminal Justice
Classification: Senior
Hometown: San Antonio



Cottrell McLaurin
Major: Civil Engineering
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Austin



Reginald Garrett II
Major: Accounting
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Prairie View/
Tyler, Tx



Marcus Mallard
Major: Business Admin.
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Fort Worth



Timothy Green
Major: Art Advertising
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Gladewater, Tx

PV improves registration

By Cheryl Malone
Staff Writer

Registrar and Director of Admissions and Records, Linda Berry calls the 1991 spring registration a great success because of a 100 percent increase in the production during registration.

Ms. Berry said that registration ran very smoothly this semester, compared to the registration woes of the past. Key factors that contributed to the success were, a great staff, headed by Ms. Reatha Cole, Event Coordinator, pre-registration for over two thousand students, and fewer computer slow downs.

Richard Griggs a senior at Prairie View comments, "This was the fastest registration I have ever experienced, there weren't any lines, I didn't have any hassels. In the past I would have to wait for hours in one line and even days if the computers would shut down."

Regular registration was held on Thursday, January 10 through Saturday, January 12, 1991 from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. during this period there was only one computer slow down and one power outage.

A new twist was added to registration. All nursing students and graduate students had two Saturdays in which

their registration was separate from the general population which cut down the number to registered the rest of the week.

The Registrar also commented there were two recurring problems that may have slowed down students during registration; one being delinquent fees which must be paid before an individual can register and the other, getting scholarship and loan approvals. Both problems are in the process of being rectified. Ms. Berry suggest that the best way to avoid registration hassals, is to pre-register.

PV administration makes changes

By A. Carol S. Berry
Editor-in-Chief

Over the winter holidays, university president Julius W. Becton, Jr. implemented a number of administrative changes at Prairie View A&M University. Becton says that all changes are in accordance with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee - generated to evaluate the university's performance.

The first of these changes was to decrease the number of Vice Presidents from five to three. The position of Vice President for Develop-

ment was desolved. Vikki Minor, previously Vice President for Development, has been appointed Director of Public Relations, Harvey Dickerson is now the Director of Institutional Development. The positions of Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Vice President for Administration will be combined into the Vice President for Administration and Finance.

On February 1, Recruitment will be placed with Admissions and records to decrease the confusion caused by too many people handling perspective students.

PV students reach out to high school

By A. Carol S. Berry
Editor-in-Chief

Two student organizations of Prairie View A&M University, Mega Omega Beta (Engineering) and Phi Beta Lamda (Business), have put together a program to help high school students in Waller Independent School District attain their goals for the future by enhancing their academic lives. The program is called Project Panther.

The objectives of the program are to develop a healthy relationship between the students and their tutors, to improve the students' study habits, to develop literacy in the students, improve the students' testing skills, and inform the students about the Pre-College summer programs at Prairie View.

Six or seven Prairie View students participated in the pilot for the program last semester. They worked in the classroom as tutors for high school students in Waller. They spent their time in the classrooms monitoring the

classes and working one-on-one with students who needed their help. They encouraged the students to learn and gave them valid reasons for wanting to learn.

Christopher Times, a junior majoring in finance, worked hard to put the program together, and thinks that it is a necessary program. "The children were in trouble," Times said. "Most high school students are behind in the class and not motivated." That is why he saw the necessity of the program.

In instituting the program, Times says that he recieved encouragement from everyone involved. The school district readily accepted the program and gave the Prairie View tutors a chance to work in the classrooms for a semester.

Before the tutors restart the program for this semester, they will meet with the teachers to decide if the program was a success and if it will continue.

Times feels confident that the program will be off and

PV Students reach out to high school



Photo By Lawrence Bingley

PV junior Christopher Times tutors a group of students from Waller Independent School District.

running soon. He says that the teachers seemed pleased to have the tutors there, and the students seemed to respond positively to the reinforcement that the tutors offered.

The secretary in the principal's office at Waller High

School says that the program did "just fine" last semester, and that she is sure they will be back this semester.

Times has serious long range goals for the program. He says that he would like the program to eventually stretch to be statewide with the uni-

versities catering to all the high schools in their regions. Right now, he is trying to get other PV students involved in the project. He says that if more university students get involved, they can branch out into Hempstead and North West Houston as well.

PVAMU moves to four day work week in summer '91

By Angela Thomas
Staff Writer

In the summer of 1991, Prairie View A&M University will be open only four days a week, Monday through Thursday, as a cost-saving measure.

The PVAMU administration has discussed the possibility of moving to a four day work week in the summer for the past three years. The university is short on both local and state funds, and by closing the majority of buildings on campus for an extra day each week, the administration is sure that they will be able to save a great deal of money.

Some of the less vital build-

ings on campus will be closed off entirely all during the summer. This will save money by closing down phone lines and shutting off utilities. "No building will be closed that will affect student," stated Vice President for Administration, Harold Bonner.

Since the university will only be open four days a week, summer classes will be longer, and there will also be an eight week special session.

The university requires that the eight week special session be reserved for ECI, Biology Concepts Institute, and other programs in which significant numbers of out-of-state students enroll. PV requires the five week ses-

sions be scheduled, as much as feasible, for the first session of summer school only, and ten week sessions should be utilized by those departments who are concerned that two hour classes would be too long for academic viability.

Closed buildings for the summer will include the Old Science, Old Education, and the Old Gym.

Because some buildings and wings of buildings are being closed, the entire class room schedule has to be redone. Linda Berry, Director of Admissions and Records, thinks that this will mean fewer conflicts in the room schedules.

Becton calls in new semester with thoughts of the last

By President Becton

I am delighted to welcome our new students to the campus as well as welcome back older members of the Prairie View A&M University family. Last semester we had a full plate and this Spring semester does not appear to be any different.

While I will be reviewing the Fall semester accomplishments during my assembly with the Student Body on February 14, 1991, I would like to highlight a few here.

We all stood a bit taller when General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff visited the campus and paid us a high compliment in his Fall Convocation Address.

The Inauguration and the Homecoming were two other events that received high praise by all who attended. We also received the final word on the reaffirmation of our Southern Association for Colleges and Schools accreditation. Prairie View A&M University is ACCREDITED for another ten years.

During the Spring semester we will present our budget request, as part of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), to the State Legislature for the coming biennium. This will be a critical period in our history as we attempt to justify additional funding at the same time we are facing declining enrollment. With the student population lower

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NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

JANUARY 28

Deadline to notify Panther office of events to be covered for the next issue of *The Panther*

FEBRUARY 14

Saint Valentine's Day.

WOMEN AND AIDS:

AIDS among women around the world will increase dramatically over the next 10 years, and three-fourths of HIV infections will result from heterosexual contact, predicts the World Health Organization (WHO). Their report also stated that 3 million women now carry the disease.

AMERICAN HEALTH SURGES

More Americans are aware of their cholesterol levels. Only 40% of American adults had had their cholesterol levels checked in 1989, whereas in 1990, 65% reported having the test done.

FYI

WHAT AMERICANS THROW AWAY

According to Franklin Associates Ltd., American Landfills are full of: 2% glass, 4% food, 18% plastic, 38% paper, and 13% other substances.

Pan Am Faces big Oil Bill

Pan Am airlines says that one of the reasons they had to file Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection is rising fuel costs. In 1989 the spent \$600 million for fuel, in 1990 they spent \$790 million.

Countdown

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years that it takes for the human body to digest bubblegum. Food for thought.

BRIEFLY

This years **Mr. Prairie View Scholarship Pageant** will be held on April 26, in the Hobart-Taylor Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Men interested in competing in the pageant must have a 2.5 grade point average or better, have a minimum of 30 hours and be in good standing with the university. There is no fee for competing in the pageant.

The winner will receive a tuition scholarship, housing, a gift certificate, a first place trophy, and an opportunity to travel.

All interested men should contact Roger Taylor at 857-4107, of Christine Sanford at 857-2693. Applications may be picked up in the Student Activities Office of the Yearbook Office by February 1, 1991.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science will open an exhibition on January 26 highlighting ancient Egypt and the process of mummification. On view in Alkek Hall on the museum's lower level, the exhibit will feature, among other objects, Ankh-hap, the mummy from the museum's own permanent collections. The exhibit will remain on display through September, 1991.

Also on display are the results of a computed tomography (CT) scan performed on the museum's mummy. The CT scan allows scientists, and now the public, to view the internal aspects of the body without actually disturbing the fragile mummy wrappings.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science, a private non-profit organization, is located in Hermen Park across from Miller Outdoor Theater. The museum is open Sunday noon to 6 p.m. and Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the museum is free for members; \$2.50 for non-member adults, and \$2.00 for non-member children under 12 years old. For more information, please call (713) 639-4600. Group rates are available.

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has been selected as a site for a human gene research center.

The \$10 million, five-year grant from the National Institute of Health makes Baylor one of only six such centers in the U.S. Designation of the centers is part of the \$3 billion, 15-year Human Genome Project, a federal program to locate and identify the estimated 100,000 genes on the 46 human chromosomes.

"There are between 3,500 and 5,000 genes on the X chromosome and about 400 of those are related to inherited human disease," said Dr. C. Thomas Caskey, a professor of medicine, biochemistry and cell biology and director of Baylor Institute for Molecular Genetics.

Houston Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces its Medical Center Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, 1115 S. Braeswood Drive, is now offering extended hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"These early evening hours two nights a week provide an expanded opportunity for those who might not otherwise be able to visit the STD Clinic during regular business hours," said DHHS Director Dr. John E. Arradondo.

"I would also like to emphasize that these tests are confidential and those served will remain anonymous."

For more information contact the DHHS STD Section at (713)794-9275. For more information about AIDS, call the DHHS AIDS Hotline at (713)794-9020.

Prairie View A&M University students who are paying their spring registration by installment are advised that the initial installment represented 50 percent of their total assessment and that the remaining installment due dates are: February 18, 1991 for the second installment, March 25, 1991 for the third installment. If the fees are not paid, the student will be academically withdrawn (AW) and will be charged \$50 to be placed back on the university rolls. Failure to pay will also result in the following: The student will be asked to leave the resident hall, the student will lose dining privileges, grades will not be provided to the student, and transcripts will not be provided to the students.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science is offering a comprehensive series of illustrated lectures exploring over 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian culture. The lectures will be held in the Burke Baker Planetarium on February 19, 21, 28, and March 5 from 7 - 9:30 p.m.

This is a 16 part audio-visual lecture series in which the development of the Egyptian Civilization is followed chronologically from the earliest known appearance of written language in the Nile Valley around 3100 B.C. to the onset of the great decline early in the 11th century, B.C.

The cost of the series is \$38 per person. Please call the education office information and to register.

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PVAMU TO Hold Graduate/Professional Career Festival Students from Prairie View A&M University will be able to find out about graduate school and summer research opportunities at the fourth annual Graduate/Professional School Career Festival, which will be held Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8, 1991 in the West Wing of Alumni Hall on the PVAMU campus.

All interested sophomore, junior, and senior students who wish to attend the festival should contact Valeria O'Neal at extension 4116 or 4117.

PEOPLE

"Love To All, Lorraine," a one-woman play based on the life of the late playwright Lorraine Hansberry, will tour under the sponsorship of National Black Touring Circuit, Inc.

Written and performed by the talented Elizabeth Van Dyke, "Lorraine" focuses on the emotional state of Hansberry during significant periods of her life that include memories of being raised in a family that refused racial prejudice, learning African History from W.E.B. DuBois and working for Paul Roberson, marrying a man of Jewish heritage and struggling to write during a losing battle with cancer.

The production is available for one week residencies as well as single performance bookings. Write National Black Touring Circuit Inc., at 417 Covent Avenue, New York, New York 10031 (212) 283-0974 05 (212) 598-0400.

Harold Jones Began his musical education at the age of ten as a violin student in the Chicago public school system.



Elizabeth Van Dyke

Carol Campbell

Upon hearing another student play piccolo, however, he immediately decided that the flute was the instrument he wanted to play.

He studied the flute with David Underwood while attending the DuSable School, and upon graduation was the recipient of the Arion Award for outstanding instrumentalist. This was

followed by a scholarship to Sherwood Music School. He then became a member of the civic Orchestra, under the baton of George Schick.

Carol Barnes-Campbell has been appointed Development and Promotions Coordinator for Prairie View A&M University's radio station KPVM-FM. In this role, Campbell will be responsible for coordinating fund-raising and promotional activities for the station.

A Prairie View A&M University alumnus, Campbell received her B.A. in mass communication in 1979.

After graduation, she became the executive producer of "PM Magazine" for KVIA TV in El Paso, Tx. In 1982, Campbell served as assistant associate producer for the "Laverne and Shirley" show for Paramount Television in Los Angeles.

Campbell is a native of Prairie View, Texas.

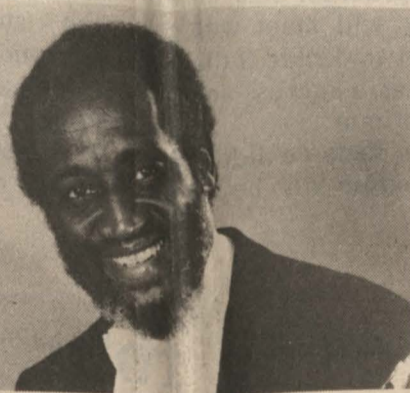
Yolanda King comes to PV



Photo courtesy of University Relations

Yolanda King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, will participate in a special program at Prairie View A&M University in tribute to her father. She will give a lecture/performance on "Multicultural Diversity: The Next Frontier" Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Fieldhouse.

Flutist, Harold Jones Heads to PV



Joanne Rile Artists Management, Inc.

Flutist Harold Jones will appear in a recital at Prairie View A&M University on Thursday February 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

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Upcoming events in the Arts

Art:
Senior Art exhibits, John B. Coleman Library
March 4 - 16; Pamela Fortner, Lou Nell Sims
March 18 - 30; Reginald Smith, Aubrey Taylor,
April 1 - 12; Maurice Terry, Wendell Matthews
April 15 - 26
Annual Spring Student exhibit, John B. Coleman Library
April 29 - May 31
Guest artist exhibition, John B. Coleman Library

Music:
Senior recitals in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, February 12; Bryan Kennedy
Thurs, February 14; Sonja Freeman Soprano
Tues, February 19; Darrel Williams, Clarinetist
Fri, March 1; Joseph Jackson Percussionist
Wed, March 27; Kerry Norton Saxophonist
Thurs, April 4; Darryl Jones Pianist
Sat, April 27; Juanita Pollard
Wed, May 1; Rodney Goods Percussionist
Fri, May 3; James Franklin Baritone

Faculty Recitals and group concerts in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall
Sun, Feb 3;
Dr. Rubye Hebert, voice, 4:00 p.m.
Fri, March 22;
Ms. Vicki A. Selon, piano, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, April 6;
Annual High School Coral Festival, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sun, April 14;
University Symphonic Band, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, April 21;
University Concert Chior, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, April 23;
Percussion Ensemble, 7:00 p.m.

NEWSWEEK

NAFEO honors James

University Release

A.D. James, Jr, Director of Student Financial Aid at Prairie View A&M University, has been selected by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) as one of the 100 or more distinguished alumni of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). The group of distinguished Alumni will be honored at NAFEO's 16th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education in Washington D.C. in March.

"All honorees are nominated by their alumni institutions for making significant contributions to American society," said Dr. Samuel Myers, NAFEO President. He added, "Presentation of NAFEO citation shows that historically black colleges and universities continue to produce many high-quality individuals who enter into American mainstream and contribute to outstanding progress."

James received his B.S. degree from Langston University and later received his M.S. degree from Oklahoma State University. Prior to his current

position, he was the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Prairie View A&M University. In 1985, he was listed in "Who's Who Among Black Americans".

"Traditionally black colleges have fostered the integration of our students into society, where, unfortunately, blacks account for only one to two percent of most professionals in the nation, by graduating approximately half of the black lawyer, doctors, ministers and others," Myers stated in announcing the 1990 honorees.

The HBCU alumni will be

introduced and feted as a special conference session and honored at NAFEO's closing Leadership Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 23. NAFEO is an association of most of the nations's historically and predominately black institutions of higher learning, including public and private, two-year and four-year, undergraduate and graduate schools. It was founded in 1969 as a non-profit, voluntary independent association representing the HBCUs, which enroll some 280,000 students each year and graduate more than 40,000 nationally.

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Lady Panthers battle until the end

By Roosevelt Huggins
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers continued their season with two home contests versus Alcorn State University and Southern University during the Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend. The Lady Panthers played with "heart and vigor" but ultimately lost both games. The final score versus Alcorn State was 97-52 over P.V. Three days later, the Southern Univ. Lady Jaguars edged the Lady Panthers 82-73.

In the first game versus

Alcorn State, the Lady Panthers were "blitzed" by Alcorn State's 22-33, 67% field goal shooting in the first half. This along with a strong Alcorn State defense limited the

Panthers to just 25 field goal attempts resulting in 25 points for the half. At the end of the first half the score was Alcorn State 49 and Prairie View 25. The second half became a free throw shooting contest as Alcorn State went to line 24 times to 17 for P.V. Alcorn outscored P.V. 48-27 in the second half to reach the final score. High point player

for the Panthers was FredERICA Burnice as she scored 23 points.

In the second game versus Southern University, the Lady Panthers were "poised" for an upset in the baby dome. In the first half, Prairie View was paced by the scoring of Burnice, Sharese Bell, and Diana Moore. In fact, the Lady Panther Basketball team shot 45% from the field, including two three-pointers to hold a 44-43 lead. However when the second half began, the Lady Panthers "ran out of steam." Their field goal per-

centage dropped to 22% and they scored only on one of seven three point attempts. Southern University kept their shooting intensity to leave the dome victorious, 82-73. For Prairie View, Bell led the way with 26 points with Burnice and Moore contributing 18 and 13 points respectively.

The Panthers will try to improve their record of 2-13 as they face Grambling State and Mississippi Valley State in the baby dome on February 2 and February 9 respectively.

A 10 year pneumonia vaccine may soon be available

Press Release

Researchers at Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) are testing an improved pneumonia vaccine that may be effective for up to 10 years.

Pneumonia is an infection that strikes 500,000 annually and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Symptoms include high fever, cough and fluid in the lungs.

The present vaccine contains 23 of the most common types of organisms that cause pneumonia; however, it has not been widely used because some less common types are

not included. The VAMC researchers hope to change that.

"We have been able to chemically alter two of the 23 vaccine components so far, and we are now in the process of testing this improved version," said Dr. Daniel Musher, a professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and chief of the infectious disease section at the Houston VAMC.

Musher is producing chemical changes in the vaccine by linking natural sugars found in the pneumonia bacteria to a protein "carrier." The protein carrier causes the body

to produce antibodies to the infection.

Elderly people, especially those with any kind of chronic lung disease, bronchitis, or emphysema should be vaccinated. It is also recommended for those infected with the AIDS virus because they are 100 times more likely to contract ordinary pneumonia.

"The incidence of pneumonia increases with age. By 60 to 70 the disease is more serious and can be fatal," Musher said.

The four-year study is funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Merit Research Program.

Musher's work is based on an earlier study conducted at the Houston VAMC in which he developed methods to accurately measure antibody response to the vaccine in patients.

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LIFESTYLES

Can the "Dream" be fulfilled?

By Michelle Johnson
Staff Writer

Years after the March on Washington, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the sit-ins, the protests for Civil Rights, the Plessy-vs-Ferguson decision; Americans still talk about Martin Luther King. People indulge annually celebrating his birthday because he fought vigorously for Civil Rights and he challenged Blacks not to settle for bad conditions.

Presently we (Afro-Americans) can sit anywhere on a bus, we can eat anywhere, go anywhere, we have the right to be considered for any job and we can go to any school. The question is posed has the "Dream" been fulfilled? With attempts to answer the

question some professors at Prairie View agreed, "While it is true that we have made considerable strides both legally and morally Blacks still have work to do." "The 'Dream' is not truly accomplished until every generation takes an active role to insure equality for not just the rich, but the poor as well. This generation lacks common causes, goals, and confidence in themselves," said one professor. Dr. M. Jones commented, "Yes, this generation does lack enthusiasm, but because every group responds to historical circumstances differently; this generation is only a product of their up bringing as children." Most of this generation was not taught to challenge others or to be active or to take a stand, but they were

taught to be submissive and peaceful; accepting anything they were given and told.

King was just a figure-head of the fight and the constant determination that Afro-Americans possessed in that time period; others also endured the brutality, the mockery and the humiliation. These events are real not just boring stories in a history book; people died, went to jail, were physically brutalized and mentally demoralized for the cause of equality.

Education is the only way that they were able to rise out of those horrible hypocrisies placed on their shoulders.

They chose not to sit at the back of the bus, (Rosa Parks didn't), they chose to eat inside not at the back

door, (the sit-in at the Woolworth store), they chose not to put up with young black men dying for a country they didn't know, Vietnam. These people believed in themselves and a change for the better; they believed in equality and justice for all. Another professor stated, "It angers me that the younger generation wastes golden opportunities only because they choose to ignore or forget where they came from."

With one common cause and a will to make changes the dream can be fulfilled, but it's up to everyone who dares to make a difference, who dares to be stronger as a people. Now the question is posed can the "Dream" be fulfilled?

Gilpins reflect the past looking toward the future

Kerri Marshall
Staff Writer

Once again The Charles Gilpin Players and the PVAMU Theatre Arts program begin a new semester on a high note.

The Gilpins have just returned from a pre-inaugural performance for Governor Ann Richards and Bob Bullock. The inaugural theme was country western and The Gilpins prepared a skit, "Go Western."

However, before embarking on future highlights, according to Norma J. Thomas, theatre technician (public relations), The Gilpins take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of last semester.

Dedicated to informative and motivating entertainment, The Gilpins "New Faces" performed "Stop Self Destruction. We're All in the Same Gang" held in the Little Theatre.

General Becton and his inauguration party stopped by the theatre in November for "The Visit." The '90 ACTF

competition was a PV theatre landmark, as always, according to Thomas.

The Theatre Arts program, the PV Brass Ensemble and PV voice students united on stage for the first time in "Cotton Club Review."

The semester ended as it began with the enlightenment and entertainment of students, faculty and staff "who are The Gilpins first priority," said Thomas.

The Gilpins and the Theatre Arts program put life back into Dead Week with stirring performances including "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf."

According to C. Lee Turner, associate professor of the department, The Gilpins have been and will always be willing and ready to provide its audience with quality entertainment and encore performances of its fans' most enjoyed shows.

This semester look toward Hobart Taylor's Little Theatre Arts program continuing its tradition of excellence.

REVIEWER'S CORNER

Dances With Wolves

A movie review by Benjamin D. Berry, Jr

Dances With Wolves is the new film starring and directed by Kevin Costner. The title is misleading, especially at the beginning of the 1990s when there is a growing concern with nature and the environment. One might think this is a film about wolves and their interaction with humans. It is not. Mr. Costner has chosen this vehicle to remind us of the terrible things we (and I mean we, white and black Americans) have done to the so-called Indians.

By re-visiting the horse culture of the plains Indians known as the Sioux (you remember, the people who defeated Custer at Little Big Horn), and by giving a glimpse of the destruction of that culture with but minor European contact, we are brought to the realization of the glory that was lost with its demise.

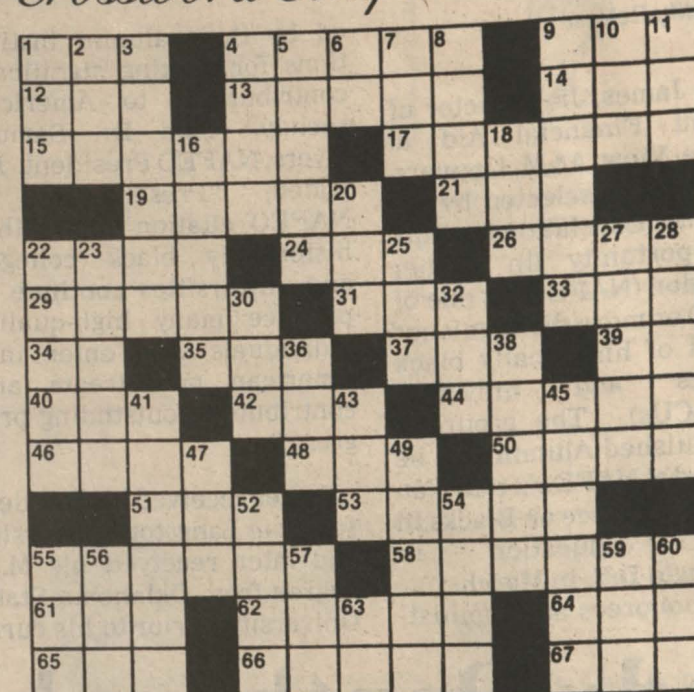
The film comes to its subject from within the culture of the Sioux by telling the story of a white man, played by Costner, who virtually becomes Sioux - who begins the film as a Union Officer in the Civil War and becomes the man known as "Dances with Wolves". We witness this transformation from his initial request to be sent to a western outpost after a close brush with death in the Civil War, through his early, halting contacts with the Sioux, his efforts to learn their language, and his initiation into the Sioux family. We are carried into the middle of a stampeding herd of buffalo during a Sioux hunt. We are there when the women and old men of the Sioux village, using rifles supplied by Costner's character, fend off an attack by their constant rivals, the Pawnee.

Throughout the experience the viewer is given a new appreciation for the culture of the Sioux - for their love of each other and of the land which is, to them, a gift to be treasured rather than a foe to be conquered.

It is a three hour film which seems much shorter. It is a sad film that is filled with joy. It is a film about human brutality that is filled with love. It is a film that is a "must see" with strong direction, strong acting, and breath-taking cinematography. It is a film which will change each viewer forever.

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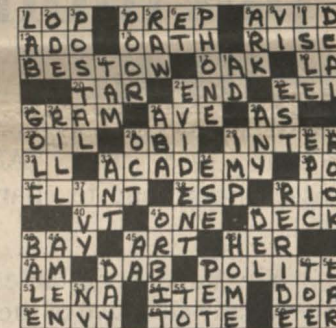
ACROSS

1. Baglike structure
4. Attacking to capture
9. Period of time
12. Frozen water
13. Alphabetical listing
14. Kettle top
15. Indication of
17. Harangue
19. Strict
21. Water faucet
22. Sulk
24. Small child
26. Czar (var.)
29. Vert. face of stair
31. Car fluid
33. Female sheep
34. Midwest state (abbr.)
35. Male sheep
37. Hot drink
39. Southern state (abbr.)
40. Males
42. Girl (informal)
44. Greek marketplace
46. Great Lake
48. Green vegetable
50. Highest point
51. _____ Brooks
53. Conform
55. Stemmed glass
58. N. Y. Indian
61. My gal _____

62. Unbelief
64. Over (poetic)
65. Dined
66. Assent
67. Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Sidney (abbr.)
2. Hole in one
3. Poll
4. Place
5. Inactive
6. Man's nickname
7. Obtain
8. Withdrawal
9. Expire
10. Abolish
11. Summer drink
16. Fur mammal
18. Rodent
20. Egg _____
22. Best
23. Lubricator
25. Make lace
27. Conscious
28. Rest
30. Old cloth
32. Ocean
36. Atlas
38. Christian love
41. Agile
43. Meadow
45. Choice
47. Snake-like fish
49. Sun-dried brick
52. Sparta queen
54. Poker stake
55. Girls Org. (abbr.)
56. Grain
57. Cloth
59. Lair
60. Be (2nd pers. sing.)
63. Old Testament city



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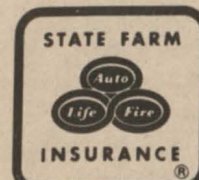
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I would like to offer praise to the organizers and speakers of the Coalition for Peace 'Stop the War' rally. The event was a lesson in diplomacy which, like putting together the pieces of a puzzle, requires patience and eye for seeing each separate part making up the whole from many different angles.

Similar in format to the teach-ins being held on campuses throughout the country, one could sense the thoughtfulness that went into each speaker's remarks, bearing witness, I believe, to a profound respect for diverse opinion and for one another.

In fact, everyone who spoke, whether from the platform or from the floor, showed a deep concern for our students' minds and futures. Perhaps, with more examples like this one, it will be our students who envision and fashion a world that doesn't depend on war.

And there was a range of views, from the ROTC and nationalists, to those with relatives or friends at the front. Rather than an atmosphere of intimidation, the whole of us felt embraced by the discussion. At least on the speakers' part, there has been some evolution in the world with regard to war.

It is my hope that this event marks the beginning of many discussions about this and other topics affecting Prairie View. Open discussion can only benefit the university and aid in meeting the challenges of the new century.

Lastly, I'm grateful for the kind of leadership that provides a climate which makes this sort of rally possible. It's easy to be a general of soldiers, much more difficult to be a general of generals.

Penny Williams

Dear Editor:

I had prepared a letter to respond to Ms. Taylor on the subject of an Intellectual Community at Prairie View, but that must be put aside now. This nation is, for better or for worse, at war, and there are many Prairie View students and members of their families now engaged in battle in a far away land.

While we must all stand with these young men and women, we must also ask "Why are they there?" The empty rhetoric coming from the political leadership about stopping aggression and protecting freedom does not satisfy as an answer. Our men and women are risking life and limb to protect men who have no concept of freedom and to stop an aggressor who, until very recently, had the support of this nation. He is, indeed, using some American-made weapons against us.

We in the university community must go beyond the clap trap presented as answers by the government and the press. In this setting, it is our responsibility to get to the heart, the center, the bottom of the American presence in Saudi Arabia and our present conflict with Iraq. We must do this, not as protest (though protest may grow out of the inquiry), but because it is what the university is all about. If the universities of a society cease to function in their role of asking searching and radical questions, that society will lose all pretense at freedom. This is why it was so important that students in the 1960s protested war-related research and the military presence on their campuses, and why in the 1990s we must continue to raise the same questions.

Adam Selene

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SPORTSWEEK

The Panthers spirit holds true through thick and thin

By Roosevelt Huggins
Sports Editor

In attending the basketball game, Prairie View versus Southern Univ., I was amazed to see an estimated 1500 people at a "fever-pitch", our jazz band playing for people with or without rhythm, and cheerleaders flipping over each other. This kind of festive activity would seem to be reserved for a national contender. Of course, the idea of a national contender at Prairie View, this year, would be ironic to say the least. However, it would have been an almost safe assumption to state that the Panthers would defeat the Jaguars just by the attitude of the student body. Even with student support, the Panthers followed the theory of assumption and lost the game to Southern University, 95-87.

In the first half, the teams traded baskets and neither team had over a five point lead during this time. In fact, when guard Michael Irvin struck for a "reverse sideways slam" at the 10:32

mark, Prairie View had or was tied for the lead for the rest of the half. The Panthers were led by the backcourt as Irvin provided the offense and Deon Samuel controlled the flow of the game. At the end of the half P.V. and Southern shared a 39-39 tie.

The second half, for the most part was identical to the first half. Again, not more than five points separated the teams during this part of the contest. However, what might have proven to be a cause for P.V.'s loss was the lack of defensive rebounding. For the game, Southern University had 28 offensive rebounds to P.V.'s 25 defensive rebounding. This is a figure that is rarely seen in college athletics. Still, the Panthers were in contention and had a slim 87-86 lead with about one minute left. Obviously the game situation, coupled with Irvin fouling out, was too much for the Panthers to overcome an experienced Jaguar squad. In the last minute, the Jaguars scored nine points to win the game 95-87.

Despite the loss, the Panthers have something to feel proud about. They put forth a team effort with four players scoring in double figures and one scoring nine points. Irvin and Lorenzo Tolbert led the Panthers with 22 points a piece.

In assessing the game, guard Deon Samuel expressed that the team missed crucial free throws and did not handle the press well during the last two minutes which created turnovers. The starting guard alluded to the return of reserve center Jeff Jernigan and reserve guard Paul Quinn's abilities to help in the depth department of the team. Jernigan and the return of injured center Chauncey Howard should stabilize the rebounding department.

The loss, even in a positive way, lowered the record of the Panthers to 2-12 on the season. Their next home games will be Feb. 4 and Feb. 9 versus Murray State and Grambling State respectively.

Open forum for debate

By A. Carol S. Berry
Editor-in-Chief

The war in the Middle East is forefront in everyone's mind. I suppose that I should be dedicating my editorial space to this matter, but at the moment, I don't think I will. Let it suffice to say that I hate war in general. I hate that ten or more of my friends are currently in immediate danger of being blown up over a piece of land that will be there long after everyone now on it has died. I hate that these valuable and worthy people are being treated like expendable lives. That is my view of the war.

But let us remember that we are still here at this university for a reason. That reason is to educate and to be educated. Though that may seem like a simple statement, there is so much in it that I am unsure that it is a topic which

Becton calls in new semester with thoughts of the last

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than we would prefer, it is important to understand some of the reasons. The TASP has started to take its toll. We still have a rather large number of students denied readmission because of debts owed to the University. More than 100 students were on probation due to their failure to achieve a 2.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters. As part of the Prairie View A&M University family, you should be aware that our long range plan update submitted this week to TAMUS for the period FY '91-FY '95 included the following goals and objectives.

The university will continue efforts to increase the number of academically talented undergraduate students and graduate students enrolled at the university. Special efforts will be made to support and encourage faculty to publish, travel, and present; future emphasis will be on the continued efforts to expand collections of the university library to meet accepted library standards.

Future emphasis will be placed on upgrading laboratory equipment and facilities

I should venture to cover. There are so many questions to be answered, and so many philosophies to be understood, that I think it would take a life time to give a truly adequate discussion of the topic of education.

First, let me announce that The Panther will be opening a new section to allow the faculty and students a place for formal debate and dialectical discussion on this topic.

The section will be called the Faculty Forum and will be open for submissions from faculty on any subject that deals with philosophies of education. Students and administrators are welcome to submit any direct or indirect responses.

So as a prelude to the debate I hope to see, I will talk about what I see as the importance of a liberal arts education.

A liberal arts education does not necessarily teach information. I don't think I could possibly remember all of the information that I gathered in the process of working on my associates degree. However, a liberal arts education does teach the student to think clearly, analytically and develop the capacity to learn without the hindrance of prejudices.

A liberal arts education teaches the students a little bit about everything. Friends of mine have teased me about having a degree in liberal arts. They say that I know nothing in particular about everything. This may be true, but I don't see the point of education as being to train a person to work in the same

field for the rest of his/her life.

With an education in liberal arts, one has been taught, not to do a specific job, but to learn any and everything. I do not intend to spend the next forty of fifty years of my life doing the same thing. It is a shame that I probably will not live forever, for I would like to have the chance to do and see and learn everything there is to do and see and learn.

That is exactly the benefit of liberal arts. Training for a specific field does no more than limit the options available to the student later in life. Even the best trained person is limited to his own field of knowledge. In the immortal words of Robert Hienlien, "Specialization is for insects."

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PV students take part in peace rally

By Angela Thomas
Staff Writer

On January 15, a Coalition Rally To "Stop The War" was held at the Johnson - Phillip All Faiths Chapel.

The rally was held to inform students about the crisis in the Gulf and to provide time for students to ask questions and state their opinions about the war.

The rally opened with a silent prayer lead by Rev. Van Johnson and proceeded with student concerns about the upcoming war. Dr. Mack Jones gave students a historical background and specific reasons for war in the Gulf.

"Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was not unusual," said Dr. Jones, head of the Department of Social Sciences, who cited force as one of the means countries choose to achieve their objectives.

He added in using force Iraq's King Hussein miscalculated world opinion.

Jones also discussed the historical background of the invasion, which he believes to be unfair boundary lines drawn

by European countries in 1916 and 1922 for easier domination of the region and from the Kuwaiti oil minister's refusal to raise the price of oil last summer.

In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, Student Activities Director, Frederick V. Roberts read excerpts from King's speeches on the subject of peace. In the 1960's King, argued for combining the civil-rights and peace movements. Roberts ended his speech by stating, "I still believe we shall overcome."

Dwight Watson, associate professor of history, and Jones fielded questions for concerned students on such subjects as the draft, parallels to Viet Nam, and UN participation.

Some of the questions asked were:

"Will more blacks be drafted if it comes down to a full blown war and there is a need for more soldiers?"

Watson stated that drafting is done randomly, so men and women should be equally drafted.

"Will black males be released from jail to fight in the Gulf?"

Watson said no persons convicted of any felony may serve in any military action.

"Why are most of our American soldiers on the front lines?"

Most of our men are on the front lines because the war is primarily between Iraq and the United States, was the response.

"Why is President Bush helping Kuwait, but not South Africa?"

He is helping Kuwait, because that is where the oil is, was the response.

"Does a black man have to be drafted, and what can he do to avoid it?"

Dr. Benjamin Berry, Banneker College, said that the black male's conscience must be his guide, but he may pay a price if he chooses not to fight.

"Why should black Americans have to fight for a country who denies them their civil rights?"

Jones said that if a black American joins the military it

his duty to fight for his country no matter what the situation is. And if a black American is drafted, it is the law for that person to defend his country.

The rally ended with a roll call of names of PV students, alumni, and graduate students who are in the Persian Gulf.

Reverend W. Van Johnson, dean of the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel, concluded the program for peace.

Maps and other handouts were given to attending faculty and students to better inform them of Iraqi borderlines and areas of detail, such as Kuwaiti oilfields.

The rally was organized by a panel consisting Yolanda Gill, President Pan Hellenic Council; Dwight Watson, Associate Professor Department of History; Reverend W. Van Johnson; Dr. Mack Jones, Head Department Social & Political Sciences; Frederick V. Roberts, Esq., Director Student Activities; and Adrienne Hayes, Vice President Student Government Association.

PV students rally for Peace



photo courtesy of University Relations

Prairie View A&M University students listen intently at the Coalition for Peace "Stop the War" Rally at the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel the day before the UN Coalition Forces attacked Iraq. Faculty, students, and staff presented a program including information on the historical background of the conflict, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s anti-war statements, and a roll call of the university students and alumni in the service.

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Possible draft worries students

By Kennon Tenison
Staff Writer

During the recent Coalition For Peace "Stop the War" Rally that was held in the Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel, many male students wanted to know about the draft. Some questioned why black Americans have to fight for a country that denies them their civil rights.

While the students were told that their conscience must guide them, they were also warned there may be a

price to pay if they chose to avoid the draft.

However, there are some exemptions from the draft. Brian Sherwin, a draft counselor at The American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, provided the following:

*single sons are exempt. If a family has only one son, that son cannot be drafted.

*persons declaring hardship are exempt. If a parent is ill and/or is dependent on that person, the person is exempt.

*homosexuals are exempt.

*mental and medical exemptions are accepted if a doctor provides a letter saying that the person is not in shape to fight the war.

*conscientious objectors (C.O.'s) are exempt. These are people who refuse to take part in warfare because of a conscious objection to killing.

There are two classes of C.O.'s. The 1-A-O Class C.O.'s go into the military but would not go into any combat situa-

tion. The 1-O Class C.O.'s do not go into the military but would work in alternative places, such as hospitals and other community organizations.

These are not all of the exemptions; just a few to explain who can and cannot

be drafted.

For more information contact Mr. Bob Hension of the Houston American Friends Service at (713)661-9889 in Bellaire, Texas.

PV sends salute to soldiers

By Shawn Wade
Staff Writer

The Panther would like to salute the Prairie View A&M students and alumni who are in the Military service in the Middle East. Our deepest regards go out to all friends and family of all students and alumni in the Persian Gulf. As a means of showing support, a list of names of Prairie View students and alumni will run in every issue.

The following list of names is from the roll called at the

Coalition for Peace "Stop the War" rally:

Marvin Anderson
Douglas Ballar
Alta Bennett
Benjamin Black
Cornelius Blackshear
Richard Blesoe
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 Ragston
Kelly Smith
Glenda Stewart

Sgt. Robert L. Thomas
Lt. General Calvin Walker
Gregory Weisler
Alvin Williams
Michael Wisnoski
James Wood
Cpt. Timmy Woods

Omitted from original list:

Eddie Chew, IV
Cottrell McLaurin
Reginald Garrett, II
Timothy Green

If you know of any students or alumni whose names have been omitted from this list, please submit the names to *The Panther*.

Hussein: old friend, new enemy

Brian Jackson
Staff Writer

The U.S. has had relations with Iraq for sometime, like they had with Noriega before they invaded Panama.

In 1974, the take over of the American embassy in Iran changed everything for the U.S. in the Middle East and Iran then became the greatest threat in the region.

In 1981, the Reagan administration began looking around for allies. A decision was made to cultivate Iraq. Iraq at the time was one of the toughest police states in the world, and also a proven sponsor of terrorism.

Iraq's aggressive war against Iran only strengthened the bond between the U.S. and Iraq. The U.S. was prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to support Iraq. C.I.A.

director William Casey met with Iraqi leaders to arrange regular deliveries of America's most prize intelligence secrets. Satellite photos of Iran gave Iraqi pilots the precise location of strategic targets.

Iraq also needed food, which the U.S. could not legally provide while Iraq was on the government's list of countries sponsoring terrorism. So Baghdad pretended to cut off its terrorists, and the U.S. rapidly removed Iraq from its list.

Former top government officials say that there was no time of any length after 1982 when Iraq did not engage in the support of terrorism and our government knew about it. So our government looked the other way, while the food shipments to Iraq grew to the

point where Iraq became the second largest buyer of American agricultural goods.

Even the killing of 37 sailors on the USS Stark in an Iraqi air attack did not phase the U.S. in its determination to stay on good terms with Baghdad.

When Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons against his own people, it outraged the world. Some members of Congress launched a drive to impose economic sanctions, but that was buried quietly through White House lobbying-a clear victory for Saddam. Inadvertently this action by the U.S. encouraged Saddam in the belief that force pays.

One week before Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait he informed the Bush administ-

ration's ambassador about his long running dispute with his neighbor Kuwait. The ambassador replied "We have no opinion on the Arab-Arab conflict."

Six days later as the Iraqi troops massed on the Kuwaiti border for the attack, State Department official John Kelly told Congress that the U.S. has no obligation to defend Kuwait. Kelly added "We have historically avoided taking a position on border disputes." If Saddam was looking for signals he had them.

Having danced with a man like Saddam Hussein for so long, U.S. policy makers had convinced themselves he was pragmatic and reasonable.

As for Saddam Hussein, he had reason to view the United States as a country that would let him get away with murder.