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Fee change proposed

Registrar's office proposes fee. change to eliminate incidental

NEWSWEEK

New opportunities

New PDRC offers a boon for the University

FACULTY FORUM

PDRC receives \$1 million grant

When women remarry

Survey says that black women wait longer after divorce to remarry.

NEWSWEEK



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SpeakOut!

Can the PVAMU Administration do anything to stop date rape on campus?



Patrice Bailey, Junior. "I believe that date rape is a very serious dilemma, that should be handled by adding more security and additional supervision."



Tony Woods, Junior "Better security. I feel that the dormitory security is a joke, which is probably increasing the risk of rape on campus."



Houston, TX Freshman. "To stop rape on campus the administration should get more security or escorts to assist people from place to place during the evening."



Ivalyn Patterson, Houston, TX Freshman "The administration at P.V. could probably help the date rape situation a little, but not completely. Rape is in control of the male or whoever is committing the crime; Therefore, there should be more security in the dorms and punishment for the rapist.

By Panther Staff

Texas National Research Laboratory Commission (TNRLC) officials granted Prairie View A&M University \$1 Million for the first phase of the university's proposed Particle Detecter Research Center (PDRC), the university announced March 21.

The initial \$1 million will be used to support necessary equipment, operations and research expenses at PVAMU and a consortium of 13 other universities who are collaborators in the project.

TNRLC granted a total of \$9 million to 36 other grant recipients also involved in particle detection research. The project is funded at \$100 million for a period of 10 years. The Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) will receive \$4.4 billion in revenue bonds to assist in construction, operations and research.

Energy Physics staff, the PDRC consortium would develop instruments to own campuses," says Dr. detect and analyze the results Judd. "This is not just anothstruction in Ellis County near ibute." Waxahachie, Texas.

of light to collide, creating temperatures and energy conditions thought to have exist- in the United States. ed at the beginning of the

all matter and basic laws of ructure is critical to research.

The PDRC proposal was begun two years ago and is designed to enhance the research capabilities of historically or predominantly minority universities by pairing them with other strong research institutions.

Dr. Dennis Judd, principal investigator for the project said, "This is not only significant for Prairie View but also a ground-breaking opportunity to involve women, blacks and other minorities in forefront science."

He adds that similar programs seeking to increase the numbers of minorities in science and engineering have tended to bring prepared minority students to major universities. Very little money has gone to the minority institutions to build a infrastructure research which includes trained faculty, better resources and facilities.

Minority students won't Led by Prairie View's High have to visit other campuses for role models or equipment. They will have access on their of sub-atomic particle colli- er minority 'participation' sions in the (SSC) under con- program. We plan to contr-

Prairie View is home to the The SSC will be a circular only high energy physics tunnel whirling about sub- research group on a predomiatomic particles at the speed nantly black university campus. Dr. Judd is one of only six black high energy physicists

One of the outcomes of the project is to build a research The SSC will be the world's infrastructure in the minority largest scientific instrument institutions. Dr. Aihud Pevswhich scientists anticipate ner of John Hopkins stated at will help explain the origin of the conference that infrast-



PDRC Consortium Participants

Back from left: Kwang Paick (PV); Lynn Roberts (Lincoln); Dennis Judd (PV); George R. Kalbfleisch (Oklahoma); Deborah Gunter (Langston); Lionel D. Hewitt (Texas A&I); F. Ross Huson (Texas A&M) Front: Lon D. Turnbull (PV); Alhud Pevsner (John Hopkins); Nigel S. Lockyer & Larry Gladney (Pennsylvania); Chia H. Yang (Southern); Victor D. Obot (TSU); Kwon Lai (U of Houston); Davis Wagner

university refers to the personnel, expertise, resources and computer networking supporting individual research projects.

He cited one advantage of a strong infrastructure is being able to call upon experts from other areas within the university to assist with, for example, computer operations, material. designs or any other function peripheral to your particular area of expertise.

Dr. Lynn Roberts of Lincoln University said it will be important for administrators

Infrastructure within the at HBCU's to change their attitudes toward research. Dr. Roberts said that when he was being reviewed for promotion, his chair overlooked Roberts many published articles but focussed instead on the fac that membership was down in the student physics organization.

> Dr. Lockyear from the University of Pennsylvania said administrators need to understand that research is a higher level of teaching. Instead of teaching in the classroom, teaching goes on in a labora-

Another outcome proposed

involves the linking among consortium universities. In the partnerships between HBCU's and research-strong institutions, the on-going strength and expertise of one institution is passed to a developing partner in order to achieve a larger goal. Prairie View will be linked

with Rice University. Other pairs include: Texas A&I with Texas A&M; Texas Southern with the University of Houston; Howard University with John Hopkins; Southern University with Oklahoma and Lincoln University with the University of Pennsylvania.

Baptist student movement; top choir

by Kimberly L. Howard staff writer

The Baptist Student Movement won first place at the National Baptist Student Union Retreat held in Houston March 21 through March Twenty-one college choirs competed for the position of top choir in the

Three categories were available for the competition; the small choir category, medium choir category, and the large choir category. The Baptist Student Movement won the large choir division with its eightyseven members.

The winning selection was combination of the songs, 'Lord I Thank You For These Blessings,' 'At The Sound Of The Trumpet,' 'When He Comes Back' by the Mississippi Mass Choir, and various quotes from the Bible.

While singing the competition song, the Baptist Student Movement performed sign language that roused the audience to standing in the aisles and on top of their chairs. The sign language was taught to the choir by Lisa Pemberton.

The competition song was written by an elected retreat committe which consisted of the Reverend Roger Allen, Reverend Jerry Gilbert, Candrick Levan, Antoinette Dove, and Timothy Reed. The musicians for the Baptist Student Movement were Tim Red on keyboards, Leon Lewis on organ, Toni Dove on drums, and the Revered Roger Allen direc-

Senneca Gilbert, 19-yearold freshman communica-tionmaorsaid, "This experience showed the positive side of the black communtity. I lot only found a closeness with my peers in the Baptist Student Movement, I also enjoyed meeting other christian college students who came from as far as the East Coast.

"My only dissappointment is the fact that there were over 2,000 black college students who came together on a positive note and there was no media at all to cover this, yet when blacks are doing something that society feels is negative, the media is the first to show

President of the Baptist Student Movement Choir, Marrix Seymore defined the retreat as a worthwhile experience to every college student who wants to know more about life by living as a christian.

The retreat did not just consist of singing and shouting, but numerous seminars were held with titles such as: Can Christians Have A Social Life?, How Can We

Save the Black Male?, Should Blacks Be Functioning in the Republican Party?, Should Christians Pledge Greek Organizations?, and, How Can I Tell If I'm Forgiven For My Sins?

Reginald Grimes and Candrick Levan are Prairie View A&M University's presiding Mr. and Miss Baptist Student Movement. Levan went on to win the title of Miss Baptist Student Union 91-92, with her rendention of 'I Won't Complain' by the late Reverend Paul Jones.

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BSM is a widely recognized organization in the Houston area and their choir is one of the top Baptist Student Union choirs in the nation. Prairie View's BSM choir won first place last year at the national Baptist Student Retreat. Other activities the Baptist Student Movement hosts are a weekly bible study held on Mondays in the Animal Industries Building, Mr. and Miss BSM pageant and various community outreach programs.



NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

April 4-8 Brigade Mini-Camp, Ft. Hood, Tx.

April 15 Spring Fest Week About Iraq:

* About 55 percent of adult Iraqis cannot read or write. * The 17 radio stations, one television station and five daily newspapers in Iraq are all government - operated

Star bright:

If the sum of all starlight that falls on the Earth could be concentrated in one object, it would equal a 100-watt bulb seen from the distance of 613 feet, or the length of two football fields.

Kiddie cups:

FYI

Your child may be able to hold onto a drinking glass better if you place two tight rubber bands around the glass an inch or so apart. This makes it easier for little hands to hold.

Pound for pound:

Your skin weighs in at a total of about six pounds.



Countdown

More days until Student Gonvernment Elections.

BRIEFLY

Nicks Complex Dedication Set: The dedication of the new William J. "Billy" Nicks Complex will take place at Prairie View A&M University on Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 noon. The ceremony will occur during the 62nd Annual Prairie View Relays, which run Friday-Saturday, March 29-30. Alumni, former atheletes, and all friends of university are invited to attend.

Summer Job Applications Now Being Accepted by the USDA The Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Inter Progream are now being accepted. The purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in careers in agriculture, home economics and related professional disciplines among blacks and other miniorities throughout various USDA agencies. It is not, however, restrictedn to minorities.

Prairie View View A&M University students wh0o will have completed 30 semester hours at the close of the 1991 spring semester are eligible to participate in the program.

Students can expect to earn hourly wages of \$6.48 - \$7.22. Interested students can contact Horace Hodge, USDA Liaison Offier, Room 113-C, Animal Industries Building, or call 409/857-3013 or -3016.

Dr. "Red" Duke Presides Over Houston Museum of Natural Science Environmental Health Forum. Beginning April 21, Earth Day, Dr. "Red" Duke will head the special Earth Week forum at the houston Museum of natural Science concluding a series of free monthly lectures on "Environmental Factors and their Effect on Our Health." The free lecture entitled, "Toxic Tejes- We'er no. 1?" will be presented at the Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sunday, April 21. There is no charge to attend the lecture. For more information, please call the Museum's Office for Environmental Education at 639-4686, or the Hall of Health Science at 639-4692. Seating is first come, first seated basis.

The Houston/Harris County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) alerts senior citizens that the Vocational Guidence Service (VGS) will host the Seventh Annual Older Training and Employment Conference from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Interstate 610 South Loop at Kirby. The conference features more than 40 companies with current and potential job openings. Training in computer and cash registers, as well as job search tips and techniques, will be available.

For further information about the conference call the VGS Experienced Worker Program at (713) 523-2100. For more information about the Area Agency on Aging call (713) 794-

Farm and Ranch Safety - Be Safe, Be Alert and Be Alive David E. McGregor Sr., Cunty Extention Agent of Waller County is writing a four part series on Farm and Rach Safety involving kids. The series will include: Part I of this series, "Why Are So Many Farm Children Dying"; Part II, "Drowning Prevention On the Farm"; Part III, "Farm Fatality"; and Part IV, "Accident Prevention and Educational Material For Kids". This series will start in the next issue of the Panther in the briefly

Glacier park to hire 900 college students for summer jobs: College students from across the country are being sought for summer jobs at one of the nation's most spectacular national parks.

Glacier National Park, located in the northwest corner of Montana is best known for its rugged mountain wilderness and its historic lodges.

Jobs include a large variety of hotel positions such as hotel front desk, maids, cooks, waitresses and bus drivers. Some students also participate in the guest entertainmentanother Glacier Park tradition.

For details on jobs salaries call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 248-2612, or write Glacier Park, Inc., 1210 Grayhound Tower, Phoenix, Ariz., 85077.

The Coleman Library has aquired a CD-ROM index to the holdings of the National Agricultural Library from early 1984 to the present. The compact disc contains part of the archival file of the Agricola (Agricultral Online Access)A database, citation to agricultual literature acquired by the national agricultural library and cooperating institutions, and subfiles of related subjects, such as food and nutrition, agricultural economics parasitology, ECT., supplied by information centers. There is no cost for searching or printing citations. Faculty interested in class demonstrations of Agricola searching should contact the reference

The library has also acquired the 1990-91 edition of The National College Catalog Collection on Microfiche. The collection consist of complete catalogs for over 3500 accredited colleges and universities in the United States and can be used in conjunction with the library's collection of alternative higher education source material, such as the Peterson's Guides. Kept in the library's periodicals/microforms room, the library's holdings of the National College Catalog collection also include the 1989-90, 1984-85, and 1983-84 editions. For more information, call the Periodicals department at x2756.

Renowned economist Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer addressed the 37th Annual Spring Honors Convocation at Prairie View A&M University on Tuesday, March 26 in the University Fieldhouse. The convocation recognized students with outstanding academic records for the spring and fall 1990 semesters. Brimmer was appointed by President Johnson to serve on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Inaddition tohis current position as President of Brimmer & Company, Inc., an economic and financial consulting company, Andrew Brimmer is the Wilmer D. Barrett Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and also a columnist on 'Economic Perspectives" for Black

The Art Program is presenting a Senior Exhibition in the John B. Coleman Library 's Art Gallery April 1-



May 17. Two students will be featured each week. Regina Smith and Aubrey Taylor will show their art during ,April 1-13; Maurice Terry and Wendell Mathews, April 15-27; Davis Young will be presenting their art May 6-17.

The Honorable Jack Kemp, secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), praised the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) at a recent (NYSP) reception in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the NCAA. Representives of 149 colleges and Universities conducting NYSP projects attended the reception, including Jay Pennywell, director of School Relations at Prairie View A&M University, and Frederick Freedman, NYSP activity director. The NYSP is a joint undertaking of the federal government, the NCAA and colleges and universities -- providing free sports instruction and an enrichment program on college campuses for over 65,000 economically disadvantaged youth (ages 10-16) each year. In addition to learning about drug abuse prevention, health and nutrition, and higher education and career opprtunities, participants receive daily USDA-approved meals, a medical examination and a follow-up.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDER

CLASSES RESUME

Enterprise Magizine.

(Harrington Science Rm. 122) 800 p.m.

Musical Recital - Darryl Jones

CAB Cinema: "The War of the Roses" (Harrington Science Rm. 122) 8:00 p.m.

(University Field House) TBA "Chat with the President", Student Forum, (Admin. Aud.)6:30pm

9th Annual Mr. & Mrs. Prairie View Body Building Contest

(Recital Hall) TBA

10 CAB Cinema: "Beaches" Harrington Science Rm.122) 8:00 p.m.

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Chapel Service, AFC 10:45 a.m.

from

April 1-14

CAB cinema: "The War of the Roses" 4-7 Brigade Mini-Camp (Ft. Hoo), TX.)

(Hobart Taylor Recital Hall) TBA Chapel Service, AFC 10:45 a.m.

7-13 LEADERSHIP EMPHASIS WEEK Prairie View Power Lifting Contest

SGA Elections, 9:00 - 6:00 p.m. Book Review (MSC Ball Room) 6:00 p.m.

Education Job Fair (Alumni Hall) 7:30-5 p.m.

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Answers to Black History Quiz from the previous issue

1) Lt. Robert Goodman 2) Bob Marley

9) Freedom's Journals 10) Carter G. Woodson

3) Miami, Florida

11) April 18th

7) Hiram Revels (1870) 8) Omaha, Nabraska

16) Benjamin Banneker

4) 1865
12) Cuba
5) Not available in this area13) Frederick Douglass
6) Madagascar
14) November 30th 15) Portugal Sanata

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Remaining Publication Dates for The Panther

April 12

April 26

May 3

April and May 's PVAMU Art Events にて珍事 にておしゅ に

Performing Artists Series: *April 11, 8p.m.: Mattiwilda Dodds, soprano in recital, Hobart Taylor Recital

Music Program:

(Unless otherwise noted, events will be held in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at Prairie View A&M University.)

*April 4, 7 p.m.: Darryl Jones, pianist, in Senior Recital. *April 6, 9 a.m.-3p.m.: Annual High School

Choral Festival. *April 14, 7 p.m.: University Symphonic Band in Concert.

*April 17, 7p.m.: Brass Ensemble in Concert.
*April,21, 7 p.m.: University Concert Chior in Concert.

*Apri 23, 7p.m.: Percussion Ensemble in Concert. *April 27, 4 p.m.: Juanita Pollard in Senior VoiceRecital.

*April 28: Symphonic Band & Concert Choir performing in Port Arthur, Texas.

*May 1, 7 p.m.: Rodney G.I Goods, percussionist, in Senior Recital.

*May 3, 7p.m.: James Franklin, baritone, in Senior

Art Program

(All art exhibits will be in the John B. Coleman Library Art Gallary on the Prairie View A&M University campus. *April 1-13: Regina Smith and Aubrey Taylor in a Senior Art Exhibit.

*April 15-27: Maurice Terry and Wendell Matthews in a

*April 29-May 3: Davis Young in a Senior Art Exhibit. *May 6-17: The Annual Spring Student Exhibit.

(Performances, featuring the Performance Troupe, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Hobart Taylor Building

*April 16-19: "Rashomon," by Fay and Micheal Kanin. *April 30: Advanced Acting Two Production (to be

*May 1: Acting Styles One Production (to beannounced).

NEWSWEEK

Administration proposes to eliminate excess student fees

By Kerri Marshall Staff Writer

Linda Berry Registrar and Director of Admissions and Records presented a proposal to eliminate incidental fees such add/drops. transcripts, grade changes, course validations, removal of 'I' and graduation services.

"A proposed fee of ten dollars and fifty cents will be added to the registration fee at the time of enrollment to eliminate the need to pay separately for transcripts,

grade changes, add/drops, course validation, removal of "I" and graduation services," stated Berry.

Fees paid to the registrar go into a local funds account. "Local funds allow us to do such things as purchasing equipment supplies that you can't purchase using state funds. So we do have the need to have Local funds. We have been collecting it during the incidental fees that range from one dollar to \$25. It is a hassle," stated Berry.

When asked if she thought

that students would abuse their privileges to use the proposed fee, Berry replied, "The students can come back as many times as they want as long as they aren't literally abusing the services offered."

"The area that is abused the most is the administrative withdrawal from a class. We have some faculty members who withdraw students from their class because the students have passed their deadline to withdraw from that particular class and then beg

the professor to administratively withdraw them from

the class because it is convenient for them. The proposed fee will not eliminate this problem but it will definitely cut back on the problem." stated Berry.

Another aspect of the proposal is the university catalog. According to Berry," all students who attend orientation will receive a catalog in the orientation package.

However, if a student loses his/her catalog they can purchase another one at the university bookstore at their own

expense of five dollars. All outside individuals requesting the University catalog will also have to pay the five dol-

Berry also stated,"the paper that the transcripts will be made of is script paper which is very expensive paper, but protects the integrity of the transcript. Even if you were to erase something on the transcript it would be evident that it has been tampered with. Also if someone tried to

make a photocopy of the transcript the photocopy paper will read VOID."

Berry says," the only draw back is when students get kicked out of the computer because of late fees etc. The proposed fee of ten dollars and fifty cents must be paid again in order for them to register, even if they got kicked out within the same semester."

Berry thinks this proposed fee will encourage students to pay for their classes on time.

PFM plans alumni hall improvements

By Omar D. Harris Staff Writer

Although campus dining in Alumni Hall has improved in its services and food preparation, there is still much work to be done on both students and Professional Food Management's part.

Mr. Kelley, the Food Service Director of PFM, stated that he is doing the best he can with the budget provided. PFM is a participatory contractor, which means that it provides more than what the contract stipulates. Whereas

ARA, the previous contractor, charged by the enrollment of students.

Kelley said that when he first started at Prairie View he was appalled at the level of services provided.

He would like to improve the overall morale, sanitation, quality of services, food selections, appearance of the dining hall and employee retention.

Kelley said that PFM has tried to be versatile with the food, but students have not responded positively. Just because a food is unidentifiable or prepared differently does not mean it is not good.

Students should realize that they are stealing from

themselves. Remember, students are the ones paying \$839 per semester, without a refund!

When asked about complaints against students, Kelley said students should be more aware of good sanitation by taking trays to conveyor belts and he also expressed a concern about the amount of food wasted and utensils taken from Alumni Hall.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, so do keep this in mind when at the salad bar.

It is impossible to have an employee standing there at all times to clean up after each person. This goes for the trays as well, if the

employees did not have to spend so much time picking up trays, they could be doing more important things.

Students do not leave their plates on the table at home, so why do it here? For most

Black

students this is their home away from home so treat it as

Alumni Hall does not have to be "Slumni Hall" if we all put forth a little more effort.

Kelley seems to have the students best interest in mind. If students ever have any questions or complaints

about the quality of service provided, talk to a manager. If complaints have not been handled properly, Mr. Kelley has an open door policy.

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Women and divorce

The median interval between divorce after first marriage and remarriage for black women was 38 months in June 1985, compared with 26 months for white women during the same period, according to a study by the Commerce Depatment's Census Bureau.

The median interval for black women ranged from 26 months for those under age 35 to 52 months for those aged 55 and over. The comparable figures for white women were 20 months and 34 months. There is no significant difference between The median intervals for black and white women under age 35 (see chart).

The median age of divorce after first marriage for black women was 28.4 years and 27.6 years for white women,

the study shows. Among women aged 15 and over who were divorced from their first husband, about one-half of black women and two-thirds of the white women had remarried by the June 1985 survey date (see chart).

About 18 percent of blacks widowed from their first marriage had remarried by June 1985, compared with 23 percent of white widows. Thirtyfive percent of black women who were under age 45 at widowhood remarried compared with 11 percent of 45 to 54 years olds, 3 percent of those 55 to 64, and less than 1 percent of those 65 and over.

As all surveys, the data are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.

The study, "Remarriage Among Women in the United States: 1985," is one of two

White 40 45 Under 35 and 25 to and 34 39 44 over over Age at divorce

Percent of women divorced from their fisrt husbands and

who had remarried, by age and race: June 1985

papers published in the report, Studies in Household and Family Formation, Series P-23, No. 169 the report is available prepild from the Superintenden of Documents, U.S. Government

Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 other paper is titled "Living Arrangements of Young Adults Living Independently: Evidence for the Luxenbourg Income Study."

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Career day prepares students

By Chandra Baty Staff Writer

The Department of Agriculture and Home Economics recently sponsored a Career Awareness and Opportunity Day for high school students.

"The program is designed to acquaint prospective high school students with career opportunities in the Food and Agricultural Sciences," said Program Chairman Lindsey Weatherspoon.

The Department of Agriculture and Home Economics prepares students for professional career opportunities in the food and agricultural sciences.

The theme "Your future is the Wave," now...Catch demonstrated the preparation the department put into the day and the concern centered around the future of students entering in the field.

Students from various

high schools were supplied with information about careers in agriculture as well as student life and admission procedures.

The day started with Dr. George H. Stafford, the Agricultural Economics Director presiding and ending with the wrap-up session and raffle after lunch.

Career Day brought exhibits from the USDA, the 1890 Cooperative Extension Program, Prairie View's Army ROTC and the Cooperative Agricultural Research Cent-

The government is open and recruiting in the field of agriculture and home economics. "There are all kinds of financial aid, based on need in the form of scholarships and grants from the private sector, government and state," said Weatherspoon.

April 5-7,1991 to be proclaimed The National Days of Thanksgiving

Now, THIREFORE, I George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 5-7, 1991, as National Days of Thanksgiving. I ask that Americans either in homes and places of worship to give thanks to Alnighty God for the iberation of Kuwait, for the blessing of peace and liberty, for our troops, our families, and our Naton. In addition, I direct that the flag of the United States of America be flown on all government buildings, upe all Americans to display the flag, and I ask that bells across the country be set ringing at 3:00 p.m. (eastern daylight savings time) in April 7, 1991, in celebration of the liberation of Kuwaitand the end of hostilities in the Persianculf the Persiangulf.

IN WITH SS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventhday of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and if the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

LIFESTYLES

More needed from Student Government Association

By Michelle Johnson Lifestyles Editor

The first right in the student handbook says, "A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no University rule or regulation or administrative policy that abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the Constitution of the United States." In accordance with this right the University has given or provided a means to

voice the student body's grievances and praise. This voice is embodied in the Student Association Government (S.G.A.).

Where is S.G.A. and what are they doing? S.G.A. has not had their first meeting with the student body since the Spring semester began, but they have advertised for a senate meeting. Who are the senators and what are they doing?

It is inconsiderate of S.G.A. to deny the student body their right to assemble under a student government setting

just because they are satisfied being set up in this area. This with a few accomplishments.

Some of their accomplishments include helping initiate the idea of PV Suds and cable television in which both luxuries makes life more livable on campus. I'm not complaining about the luxuries that we have, but I am upset that S.G.A. can be appeased and sent to their rooms by receiving cable tv.

This is an institution of higher education, we, the student body should be about more than cable tv. What about issues such as a prison

is the time that the student government should be heard.

Some may say, what do you expect, they are students? Yes, they are, but they took the responsibility as leaders and they should at least attempt to lead. The persons who conducted "sit-ins" and boycotts in the sixties were students, and they brought about social change.

I believe the purpose for PVAMU is to help students in their field of study and to formulate ideas to better understand society and humankind in order to make a difference in society.

Though people talk about the inadequacies of this university, it is more a travesty when the student leaders don't take a stand to make the student body upwardly mob-

What is the purpose in having a position just for the name without performing the all. I am angered because I've graduate?

asked on a number of occasions to be included in the decision making process or any area where I can prove to be effective. Needless to say I have not heard anything from S.G.A.

Now, I am asking the Student government, "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it fester and then run or does it dry up like a raisin in the sun!" What happens to an inactive student government? Do they fester and then job? There is no purpose at run or do they dry up and

Miss PVAMU aspires to win Grammy

By Caroline Jones Staff Writer

Charming, twenty-yearold Communications major, Elizabeth Vaughn, was crowned Miss Prairie View A&M University on Saturday, March 2, 1991 by former Miss Prairie View Jolie McKeel.

Vaughn, who hails from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, competed against five other contestants in four categories: interview, swimsuit, talent, and evening gown. Elizabeth received a standing ovation from the audience for her vocal rendition of "I Can Make It." Her outstanding performance of the song won her the talent competition.

Vaughn sang her first solo in church at the age of three and aspires to become a professional singer. plans to use her communications skills to help produce other aspiring recording artists.

"My ambition in life is to win a Grammy," said Vaughn, "because my life has been devoted to music, so receiving a Grammy would make me feel as if it paid off."

When asked what she wants to contribute to the university during her reign, she quickly answered, want to uplift the image of the black female." Vaughn added that she was influenced by her friends and family to entfor the exposure and the opportunity to showcase her talents.

In the past, Vaughn has also won other honors. She was the winner of the Miss Alaraf in 1988 and the Miss Christian Cotillion in 1989. She has performed the role of Dorothy in "The Wiz" with the Ambassadors Concert Choir, with whom

she has also recorded "Porgy and Bess" with the Mineria Symphony. She sang the National Anthem and performed during half-time at a Los Angeles Lakers game and at a San Antonio Spurs game. Vaughn has also sung various commercial jingles in her hometown.

As the new Miss PVAMU, er the Miss PVAMU pageant Vaughn is looking forward to crowned Miss Prairie View.

competing in several other pageants in the future. These include the Miss Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Pageant in Atlanta, Georgia in June, the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant in Fort Worth in July, and the Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant in June of 1992 in Hollywood, California.

Along with the crown and the title, Vaughn received various prizes. She received a 12 hundred dollar scholarship and she will be given money for her wardrobe in the Miss Texas pageant. While the Miss Prairie View title yields prestige, it also will allow Vaughn to travel to Nassau Bahamas with a new luggage set; all compliments of being



Everyone a winner

By Karen-Deon Cathey Staff Writer

It never hurts to be remembered as finalists, as in the case of Ms. Rolanda Malone and Ms. Camille Lewis, first second runners-up, respectively, in the 22nd Annual Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant.

Malone, a 20 year-old communications major from Forth Worth wants to become a professional broadcaster and an effective force in the media. She intends to use her title to its greatest capacity to improve and enhance Prairie View A&M.

Lewis, a 20 year-old electrical engineering major wishes to successfully balance a career with a family. As second runner-up, "I would like to

help our youth seek higher levels of education and I want them to choose Prairie View as their searching grounds."

Since the Miss Prairie View Pageant is over, both ladies look back in retrospect with positive thoughts. Malone said that she learned a lot from the experience and that it revealed her true level of confidence.

Lewis, on the other hand. feels that it allowed her to display some of her hidden talents and secure lifelong friendships, and since she sees competition as a form of growth to improve her mind and help cultivate others, this competition, like others, has enhanced her life.

Overall, both young ladies felt that all pageant participants were all winners.

Turner judges drama competitions

By Kerri Marshall Staff Writer

This year marks the beginning of Mr. C. Lee Turner's tenth year of service as a U.I.L. Critic Judge for High School One-Act Play Contests.

Having just completed black history presentations, workshops with Jersey Village High School students and the Top Teens of Prairie View, Turner, director of the Charles Gilpin Players will be judging zone district competitions in Beeville, Houston, and surrounding areas.

According to Norma J. Thomas, Public relations representative of the Drama Department,"Turner seems to show a great concern for the quality not quanity of training high school students receive in Drama."

Turner has held pre-competition workshops schools in the Aldine Independent School District as well as Houston Independent School District.

Ensuring this example is followed and engrained in the Charles Gilpin Players, Turner will lead his troupe to the Bryan Independent School District on April 2, where they will perform "We're off to Make a Sentence."

Turner's adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" which creatively teaches grammatical skills to elementary school children encourages the use of correct grammar, for "no one wants to be enslaved by Bad Grammer Witch!"



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By Kennon "POPS" Tenison

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Staff Writer

VIEWPOINTS

Students should strive for academic excellence



FROM THE
EDLTOR
By Carol Berry
Editor-in-Chief

The Honors Convocation on Tuesday brought together all of the things that are associated with a university. The faculty was a sea of academic regalia - caps and gowns and doctoral hoods in every color; the students being honored were gathered together proud of their achievements; the parents and friends looked on from the stands, proud indeed.

With the University Symphonic Band, the University Choir, and Danny Kelly adding music to the event, it was a celebration of academic excellence at a university which too often celebrates mediocrity.

Time and again I have heard anti-elitist sentiments from the members of this community. The sentiment is misplaced, as elite in an academic sense is exactly that which we should praise. It came as a great relief to me to see the very members of this community who are anti-elit-

ists celebrating that which they shun.

The students honored at the convocation are the elite of this university. They are the ones who the university should celebrate in everything that it does. Every other student should be striving to be one among them. The faculty should work hard to instill in every student a desire to achieve academic excellence.

Academic excellence is something that stays with the student for the rest of his life. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. We as students need not only the grades that give us the privilege and honor of sitting at a convocation to be recognized, we also need to strive and learn everything that we possibly can to prepare us for that which we will face in the future. Academic excellence is the goal we strech our minds to reach; competence and self-confidence are the rewards.

In a world as difficult to survive as the one in which we live, competence and selfconfidence are invaluable to a young person. Catering to mediocrity in a university will only hurt the student later in life.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your "Letter to the Editor" column (The Panther, Friday, March 8, 1991). The concerns of Penny Williams are my concerns, too. I am a new employee at the Coleman Library. Since the day I accepted the job in late August of 1990, I am still searching for a decent place to live here in Prairie View. I haven't found one yet, and hence commute from Houston. Prairie View A&M University is no longer the 1876 "Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth." It has transformed itself into a modern institution of learning and research heading into the 21st century shoulder to shoulder with other giants like UT-Austin. The city of Prairie View is no longer out of notice on Texas maps. It, too, has its rightful mark. Why a prison of all the goodies the city can solicit? Why not an apartment : complex, a large shopping mall, a model school system ...? I believe the university community should have a strong voice in the management of the city. We should consult in its affairs. Because both the city and the university should follow the same course of positive progress, let us not sit passively when the city invites a stigma to this hallowed institution.

Seyoum Zegiorgis Reference Librarian

Dear Editor:

We in the High Energy Physics Group would like to say Bravo to the reorganization of the bookstore here at Prairie View. As all students and many faculty and staff are no doubt aware, the bookstore is now carrying a large selection of intelligently selected reference books along with computer supplies and attractive clothing in addition to the full compliment of textbooks and ordinary supplies. The bookstore staff has been extremely cooperative and friendly, and the manager, Mr. Sidney Johnson, has been extremely receptive and helpful in ordering and stocking new items as they are suggested to him. Finally, the bookstore itself is a much brighter and more cheerful place to visit. We say "Bravo!" once again - as they say in the Navy, Bravo Zulu for a job well done - and on making the bookstore better than ever. Everyone there has done a terrific job and we appreciate it.

Profs. D. J. Judd, D. E. Wagoner, K. Paick, L. Turnbull, and D. Campbell

Dear Editor:

Like any human being should be, I was apalled by the videotape of an African-American man being brutally beaten by several white policemen in Los Angeles. What beaten by several white policemen in Los Angeles. What makes it even more sickening is that they do it out of sheer makes it even more sickening is that they do it out of sheer makes it even more sickening is that they do it out of sheer makes it even more sickening is that they do it out of sheer they get bored hanging out in doughnut their time since they get bored hanging out in doughnut shops and 7-11's.

I'm not trying to say that all policemen (and women) are bad, but there sure was a small crowd at that beating. Sometimes it seems like all policemen fantasize about someone, preferably black, resisting arrest in anyway. It is open season on that individual suspect. He is lucky if he open season on that individual suspect, but it seemslike doesn't get shot. I love Dirty Harry movies, but it seemslike a few guys with badges take them too seriously. Having any reason to shoot anybody will "make their day".

One might suggest that there should be more blacks on the police force. Maybe so, but many of the existing on come down harder on black than the white policemen do. It is like they are trying to prove something to the establishment.

I'm not suggesting that the African-American public take up arms against police, though it may come to that, but maybe be very careful what one does around police. We can't help being black around them, but we should keep in mind that it is their word against ours. Of course, if you don't put yourself in a situation where an illegal act is committed, you should have little to worry about.

Rick Berry

Dear Editor:

In his opening remarks to the gathered students of this university, President Becton took issue with those who spoke out on the topic of the overrepresentation of African Americans in he desert of Kuwait and Iraq. Both he and president George Bush noted that the American armed forces are 'qual opportunity employers' and do not discriminate. That is why so many people of color are found in the ranks of the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and especially the Army. Both presidents have said that we should be prud of our men in Desert Storm rather than questioning the number and percentage of non-whites over there.

Few, if any who raise their voices were saying that the armed force were discriminatory We are proud of the efficient maner in which our young men and women conducted themselves. However, the problem is that, while we do not disriminate against a person because of his or her race, religio or nationalorigin when it comes to killing or being killed the nation continues to discriminate in too many other reas of economic life. Young black and brown people havefew positive alternatives to the armed forces because thee is little else in the society they can do. THAT is the real publish.

It is undestandable that one president, Julius Becton, would defen the armed forces. He spent a good portion of his life ther an he rose to the rank of General there. However, it is difficult to understand why the other president, George Bush, would be allowed by his normally astute advisars to make such a blunder as to assume that non-white Americans are not aware of the discrimination that exist in this ociety and which does not realize that we know this nation vill allow us to go to war (something that is relatively nw-we have always had to fight to obtain the right to figh), but not to the corporation; that we might rise to general, ten Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but not to Chairman o the Board.

The fact hat several of the eaders of Operation Desert Storm, ever the head man, General Powell, were men of color is a act that should be applauded, cheered, and praised. However, it does not negate the other fact that all too many of our young men and women have no alternative save the arned forces if they wish to escape the poverty and hopels seness to which hey are condemned by the racism that is all pervasive in his society. They are free to fight and the protect those who would prevent their entering the mainstream of Anerican life. I would hope that both presidents, Becton and Bish, would raise their voices and join in the protest against that fact of American life.

Adam Selen

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FACULTY FORUM

PDRC grant opens doors for PV

By Penny Williams
Asst. Professor of Communications

I am always stunned when I walk into a press conference to announce a positive or significant achievement at Prairie View and there is no press there.

Except for the university photographer and a student press corps, none of the major press bothers to send a reporter when we do something good, but I've seen them swarm this place when there's a problem.

This is the reaction I had March 21 when the High Energy Physics (HEP) staff announced a \$1 million award to begin the groundwork for a particle detector research center to be located here.

This award is the result of years of effort on the part the HEP staff and an historical occasion in the annals of science, education and social history.

That this was an historical occasion should be self-evident. Dr. Judd and the HEP staff brought about a confluence of solutions to problems this nation's educators and officials have been bemoaning and decrying for years.

One observer stated that the proposal, which provides for a consortium of HBCU's matched with traditionally strong research institutions, addresses one of the major problems facing our country. In one fell swoop, this program will reach more minorities in science than what has taken place over many, many

years.
This is not newsworthy?

Dr. Judd and the staff pulled off nothing short of a miracle, especially when one considers how many voices there were saying it couldn't be done. It just so happens that Judd is black and works at a black university.

So when nobody shows up, I have to ask myself: Is the mind-set of this country so conditioned that it can only recognize that which conforms to its negative, stereotypic beliefs of what black

people are about? Is it impossible to recognize that something good can come out of a black mind located within a black setting?

In communication research we use the term, cognitive dissonance to describe the discomfort one experiences when faced with evidence contrary to beliefs and expectations.

Do the media gatekeepers who select and sort what information the public will be exposed to, and the black opinion leaders who interpret and disseminate that

information, believe that our minds will become disoriented or society's fabric rend if we see something positive about black folks, like the ability to solve our own problems and make significant contributions to society as well?

If there are minds that will snap after being exposed to this kind of information, who subsequently realize that their beliefs have jeapordized the health and well-being of this nation, then this is the risk that must be taken.

The result is not fatal; people have been healed.

On the other hand, it has never been good policy to play politics with people's minds. When they find out they have held back their lives for no good reason, they get angry and act out with rebellion and revolution. History proves this again and again.

To waste people's energy by forcing them into angry, destructive confrontation as a means of protest is unconscionable as we move toward the 21st century—an era touted to become the age of democracy.

This energy would be better utilized in an effort that pools our creative wisdom to find answers to problems we are the only ones capable of solving

There is a folk saying that states a fly can go farther when it grabs on to the tail of a galloping horse. Dr. Judd and the HEP staff have provided us with a model; at least, an opportunity. Prairie View can get lots of mileage from this particle detection research project if we're willing to grab on.

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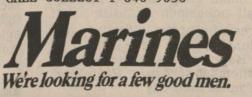
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PVAMU Baseball team thinking positive and working hard

By Angela Thomas Staff Writer

Even though the 1991 men's baseball team hasn't had a winning streak, they are still thinking positive and working hard to better their season.

When asked how the team is doing so far, Head baseball coach John Tankersley said, "We are struggling. baseball team is suffering from lack of players and experience." A reason for the team struggling through this season is that the starting

lineup for the Panthers consists of four freshman. Tankersley also added that the pitching staff is not as strong as in past seasons since there are only two experienced pitchers on the team. Coach Tankersley stated that for a college baseball team to be competitive, it should have at least six experienced pitch-

The Panthers do have one thing on their side and that is speed. Due to speed, the team has played very well with some top teams.

Some of the players have

ideas about why the baseball team is not playing up to par. Yuri Hall, pitcher, believes the conflict of player classes with practice time is hurting the teams ability to win. However, coach "Tank" will soon resolve that problem by having practice everyday before and after dinner. The average practice time for the Panthers is about an hour and thirty minutes, but will soon increase to approximately three and a half hours per day.

Another problem for the team is lack of scholarships. This eliminates a large number of quality players. It also causes problems for high school seniors who are interested in playing baseball at PVAMU.

Hall said that coach Tankersley is not taking the team's losses lightly and neither are the players. Most of the team's players came from winning high schools and are hoping to continue winning here at PV.

'Coach "Tank" in an effort to "revitalize" the season is demanding more practice

for goal

time, determination, and desire from the players," said Hall. Coach Tankersly remains optimistic in stating "We have the making of a good baseball team."

Charles "C.J." Johnson, captain, explained that at the beginning of the season everyone had high hopes and aspirations for the team and themselves. C.J. said, "As we progressed in our season we lost some heart breaking games which decreased our morale." Johnson also said there were a lot of personal problems concerning some of

excellence

team members. He said that team leadership is good, but everyone needs to take charge and be leaders since there are so many young followers. C.J. feels that everyone is helping out, but the players need to get their morale back to the level it should be.

Each team member is now playing multiple positions on the field to make up for the lack of players. With only about 15 players of which three are seniors and two are juniors, the Panthers hope multiple position personel turn the season around.

Men's reaches track team

By Roosevelt Huggins Sports Editor The Prairie View men's

track team continues to improve with each track competition. This is due to not only individual standouts but a undeniable team effort.

The individual standouts for the P.V. panthers has been senior Cecil Shy and Paul Rutherford. Shy is not a

"tenderfoot" in P.V. track history as he has been the leading distance man during the last two cross-country and spring track seasons. At the University of Southwestern Louisiana Invitational, Shy and Rutherford paced the 1600m relay team to a third place finish. The tandem of Shy and Rutherford have also proven their track abilities at national invitationals.

At the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field meet held in Kansas City, Missouri both Rutherford and Shy reached the finals in the 880m and 1000m. The men's track team finished sixth overall in the invitational.

With the team concept, the track team's strategy is simple in approching a track invitational. In fact Coach Gilliard, assistant track

coach stated "We plan to gain most of our points through the running events and supplement that with points gained in a few field event to bring invitational titles to Prairie View." This theory of winning can easily be substantiated in

The stronger events over the first leg of the track

past performances of the P.V.

track team.

season are the 800m dash, 1600m relay, and the 400m dash. According to Gilliard, there is a potential for the sprint distance events in earning points for the team. To supplement the running events, Coach Gilliard, as well as the rest of track members, are depending on shot and discus competitors Rod Scott and John Whitby to furnish vital points.

At the beginning of the season, according to track members, their goal was set at winning the SWAC meet and next proceed to win the N.A.I.A. outdoor meet. If the team believes in the improvement that Coach Gilliard knows will come, there is no reason that we should not have a Men's Outdoor N.A.I.A. title to go along with the Women's N.A.I.A. Indoor title.

PVAMU 62nd annual relays set for Easter weekend

By Roosevelt Huggins Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M Athletic department will host the 62nd Annual Prairie View Relays on March 29 and March 30 on the beautiful campus of Prairie View A&M.

The relays will consist of three divisions which are the Freshmen (Men), Collegiate Men and Women, and Olympic Development Men. The Olympic Development division is for athletes who have aspirations of participating in world and olympic trials and would use the P.V. relays to further their track skills. As always the Prairie View relays will feature stiff competition in all the classic track and field events.

Participating in the P.V. relays will be "top notch" track teams such as T.S.U., Southern, Grambling, Huston Tillotson, Blinn Junior College, Jackson State, Paul Quinn, and Sam Houston State University.

On Friday evening, preliminary events and trials will take place with the highlight being the Women's 200m and 400m finals. On Saturday, all divisions compete in the medley of track and field events.

Also on March 30, as part of the relay festivities, the dedication of the W.J. "Billy" Nicks Complex will be held at noon at the complex monument, located east of the new gymnasium.

62nd Prairie View Relays Schedule OF Key Events

Friday March 29,1991

100m Hurdles (W-Finals) 110m Hurdles (M-5:25)

400m Trials (5.35) 100m Dash Trials (6:05) 400m Hurdle Finals(6:40) 10,000m Run (7:10) 200m Dash (7:45)

3200m Relay (8:05)

Fleld Events Hammer Throw (3:30 p.m.) Shot Put (4:15 p.m.) Javelin (5:30 p.m.)

Saturday March 30,1991

pening Ceremonies (Noon) 400m Relay (12:10) 1500m Run (12:40) 400m Dash (1:15) 110m Hurdles (2:05) 800m Run (2:30)

200m Dash Finals (3:25) 3200m Relay Finals (8:05)

Field Events Shot Put (W-10:00 a.m.) Javelin (W-11:15 a.m.) High Jump (M-1:15)

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