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## SpeakOut!

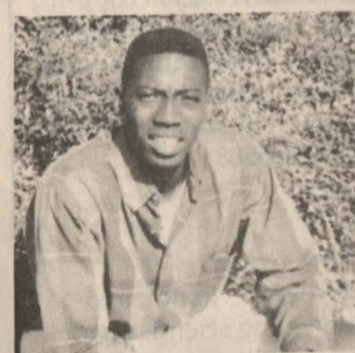
Do you think  
Clarence Thomas  
should be  
confirmed?



**Roland Lemonijs, Senior:**  
"Despite all the controversy, what we really need is another liberal on the Supreme Court. I say confirm him and leave well enough alone, for he would only be replaced by another conservative."



**Nicole Dyson, Sophomore:**  
"No, his views on affirmative action are very detrimental to the black people. I feel his attitude is, 'I got mine, now go get yours.' Affirmative action helps a lot of people who would not normally be hired by certain corporations."



**Christopher Sanderson, Sophomore:**  
"Even though his views are not for the black race as a whole, I believe after being confirmed his idealism will change. He is just trying to impress the committee."



**Arlita Jefferson, Freshman:**  
No, as of now I do not feel that Clarence Thomas should become a Supreme Court Justice. I don't really know his points, but from what I do know, he would not represent black minorities as well as Thurgood Marshall did."

## Prairie View in new precinct

By Morenike Efuntade  
Staff Writer

Although there has never been any question of whether students at the University of Houston or Texas A&M should have the right to vote, the issue is constantly raised about Prairie View A&M. Federally required redistricting of the voting precincts in Waller County has given Prairie View and the surrounding community a substantial amount of voting power. Now, the entire town of Prairie View is located in one district instead of divided among three. This has people such as Mary Levy, owner of

*The Texas Advocate*, once again questioning the voting rights of students at PV.

According to Levy, representative government no longer exists in Waller County. Levy believes it is unconstitutional for students to vote in local elections. In an article written in *The Texas Advocate* on September 18, 1991, Levy states "Students not even old enough to buy beer have been given the power to drive the rest of us to drink...! How constitutional is that? Of the 23,390 population, 11,993 are white, 8,609 are black and the rest are Hispanic or Asian.

According to Lela Loewe, an employee at the Waller

County Elections office, it IS legal and constitutional for students at Prairie View to vote. "The only requirement is that they claim themselves a permanent resident on the voter registration card."

Loewe explains that in most cases, a citizen of the U.S. can move into an area one day, claim themselves as a permanent resident, and vote the next day.

This may be the first time representative government has existed in Waller County. Previous voting boundaries succeeded in splitting up the vote in the predominantly black communities, giving citizens little voice in govern-

ment.

The town of Hempstead was divided into two voting precincts and Prairie View was divided into three. Depending on which side of the campus they lived, students were forced to vote at two separate locations.

The redistricting was called for as a result of the 1980 census. It involves trying to maintain an equal number of voters in each precinct. Richard Uzzell was on the committee that drafted the plan for redistricting. "We followed the concept that a town should be in one precinct—not cutting up the voting power," explains Uzzell.

This met with the Commissioner's guidelines that no historical communities be divided.

According to Waller County Attorney Valda Combs, "This is the first time that redistricting has been fairly done. County officials have tried their best to keep the Prairie View vote split. They are so afraid of the student vote."

Waller County has a small population and the student vote can have a large impact.

The new voting precincts will go into effect in January 1992, despite efforts to split student votes.

## SGA holds re-elections

By Devonya Smith  
Staff writer

Student Government elections were held September 24. Fredrick Roberts, director of Student Activities, released an official list of the election results.

The results are as follows: President, Kahlil Yarborough won with 391 votes while his opponent James

Johnson received 249; Marlo Carmen collected 470 votes to become the Vice President. Stephanie Battle, with 81 votes, won the position of Secretary while Billy Fuller won the Treasurer spot, with 440 votes.

Parliamentarian will be Edward Morgan, Marcus Branch will fill the Sergeant-At-Arms position and the position of Chaplain is a tie between Cox and Tennison, both with three votes each.

There were also nine senatorial positions filled. The new senators are as follows: for Academic Affairs, E. Shelley; for the Student Affairs, D. Prosser; for Memorial Student Center, Kevin Ellis; Kevin Barnett won for Fiscal Affairs.

Dwight Mason is the Food Services Senator, the Extern-

al Affairs senator is Arthur Simmons; the Health Services senator is the Gordon White; the Internal Affairs senator is Kenya Young; and the Physical Plant senator is N. Royal.

A total of 661 students exercised their right to vote on Tuesday. There were sixteen positions on the official ballot. Write-in candidates were also considered for all posi-

tions.

The election was administered by the faculty of the Division of Social and Political Science in conjunction with student representatives of the Political Science Club. Dr. Mack H. Jones, head of Social and Political Science, and Mr. Hulen Davis, professor of Political Science, monitored the voting process and the counting of the ballots.

## Police enforce regulations

By Omar D. Harris  
Staff Writer

If you feel that you have received a parking ticket for no apparent reason, think again. Maybe you have been illegally parked or perhaps you have not taken care of certain financial responsibilities. Whatever the reason, you will want to handle this matter immediately.

Now, according to a new law, all drivers must have proof of insurance to get a safety inspection sticker, to transfer a title or buy new license plate tags. If you are caught not abiding by these rules, there are penalties. A fine of \$150 to \$250 will be handed your way, and there is a strong chance of having

your car towed away.

A university newsletter issued on Aug. 1, 1991, clearly states the new guidelines. All individuals (faculty, staff and students) operating a motor vehicle are required to have a decal. It also states that the University Police Department has improved parking enforcement. Therefore, observation of speed zones and proof of financial responsibility need to be strictly adhered to.

Chief Stevens thinks it is very unfair for those persons who have not paid for a decal to take up parking spaces provided for those who have paid. "Those who have not paid their fair share are targeted number

one," Stevens said.

Although there is an influx of students with cars this semester, parking remains limited. This problem has been recognized, Stevens states, "but more parking facilities cannot be built unless a new building is constructed."

The question most asked by students concerns the raise in parking fees. According to Stevens, "state funds cannot be used for the construction of a parking lot. Additional parking facilities are, however, to be built by the All Faiths Chapel.

Local university funds would have to be used for additional parking. With this, the President and Vice President would have to go

to the Board of Regents to have it approved. Therefore, fees have been increased in an effort to generate money for more parking areas.

The police department is trying to be reasonable with students. If you receive a ticket for the first time, it can be dismissed, but only if you immediately buy a decal. If you still do not purchase one, you will repeatedly be charged.

With the installment of their new computer software program, the Police Department can keep up with everyone by simply punching in our license plate number.

In order to escape receiving a ticket, avoid the follow-

ing parking violations: (1) parking in a reserved space; (2) blocking a street or driveway; (3) leaving vehicles abandoned for 30 days; (4) parking in a tow-away zone; (5) blocking a handicap zone; and (6) not having a CURRENT parking decal.

Those of us who are expecting visitors need to inform them that they will need to go by the police station and pick up a temporary parking pass. They are free of charge and last for three days at a time. Towing fees are \$65 with a \$15 per day storage fee.

When in the wrong, follow your first impulse and do the right thing. "It is always better to be safe than to be sorry later."

## Canine teams employed for safety measures

By Chandra Baty  
Newsweek Editor

The university has recently begun employing the services of canine teams to make random security checks on campus as a means of violence prevention.

The plan to insure a safe environment had been in effect before the fatal shooting of Tommie Sanders. President Becton and the Fire Safety and Security

staff meet on a daily basis to discuss methods of preventing further harmful occurrences.

After clearing the plan with legal authorities, Prairie View contracted the Institute of Criminal and

Civil Investigations from Waco, Texas, to bring canines to check the campus. The dogs are not dangerous, but are fully trained to seek out illegal weapons and narcotic substances.

Although students may

feel that it is a violation of their right to privacy, Director of Housing A.D. Aldridge disagrees. "No search is conducted without the consent of the owner of the vehicle or resident," he says. Listed in the Residence Hall Handbook are the set regulations which allow for searches to be conducted on campus.

The PVAMU police department's authority does not extend to this matter. On the other hand, only

authorized university officials including the residence hall staff, security, housing, and maintenance personnel, can enter based on the need.

The canines do not enter directly into the rooms, but are still capable of detecting

if weapons and abusive drugs are inside. Once the dogs have identified an area, the staff has probable cause to enter into the room or vehicle.

Weapons and drugs are prohibited on state property and therefore any person caught with illegal substances and weapons will be fined and/or jailed according to state law.

If illegal contraband are found on the PV premises, certain steps will be taken as previously outlined by the President. He has stated that the possession of a weapon or of illegal drugs, is a violation of state law and University regulations, and that all violators will be reprimanded.

# NEWS FRIDAY

## KEY DATES

**Sept. 28**  
Pee's and Vee's  
West Wing Alumni Hall, 9:00 p.m.

**Oct 12**  
P.V. Home Football Game vs  
Cameron - Okla. 1:30 p.m.



The six foot kangaroo has less than a 1 gram baby; the blue whale a nearly 10 ton one.

The land animals with the largest eyes are those of the horse and the ostrich. They are about one and a half times the size of a man's eye.

## FYI

The longest speech on record in the U.S. Senate was given by Sen. Huey Long in 1935. The speech lasted 15 1/2 hours. It filled 100 pages in the *Congressional Record*, and cost the government \$5,000 to print.



In 1900, the legal age for marriage in nearly half the states was 14 for males, 12 for females.

## Countdown

# 20

More days until  
Midterm  
Examination  
Period

## BRIEFLY

### NEWS

After an unusually low enrollment a year ago, Prairie View A&M University has rebounded with the third highest enrollment in its history with 5,590 students for the fall 1991 semester on the 12th class day. This number, a preliminary figure until approved by the Coordinating Board, represents an increase of 600 students, or 8.9 percent, over the fall of 1990.

"Male enrollment increased by 382 students, a shift in the percentage decline in male enrollment over the previous three years," said Jerry Gaither, director of Institutional Research.



The college of Engineering and Architecture received the second installment of a three-year, \$150,000 grant from the Vice President for Lockheed Corp.'s Engineering and Science Program Dr. Maurice Miller. The grant will be used to enhance its undergraduate and graduate programs in advanced manufacturing technologies. The final installment of \$60,000 is committed for 1992.



Applications for the second annual American Institute For Foreign Study College Division Minority Scholarship for the fall 1992 semester are now being accepted. The scholarship is being offered in an effort to help increase the participation of the ethnic minority college students in studying abroad.

The scholarship, which is applicable on semester AIFS programs in Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico and Spain, includes both tuition and room and board.

Applications for the scholarship will be accepted from African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Native-Americans, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.



The Houston Department of Health and Human Services plans a week of prostate cancer education and screening in observance of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Due to the disproportionately high rate of prostate cancer in black males and the large population in both the HDHHS Sunnyside and Riverside Health Center areas, prostate screening will be done at those sites on alternating days between Saturday, September 28 and Friday October 4.

For the dates and times for prostate cancer screening call Riverside Health Center at (713) 284-9600 and Sunnyside Health Center at (713) 732-5000.

"Prostate cancer has been on the upswing and is increasing, especially among black males. Participating in the screening can reduce the risk of cancer through early prevention, education and detection," said HDHHS Director Dr. John E. Arradondo.



The Prairie View A&M University Biology Department has scheduled a series of seminars titled "Environmental Restoration and Waste Management." On Monday, Sept. 30 at 3:00 p.m., John M. Cotterell, project manager of the Sheridan Site Trust, will present a seminar on "Sheridan Disposal Services Superfund Site in Waller County" in Room 102 of the Harrington Science Building. Public is invited.

## PEOPLE

True Musicians.....P.V. Band  
Directors: (l-r) Mr. Craig  
Marshall, Mr. George Edwards  
(Head), Mr. Larry Jones. The  
band will perform in Dallas  
Sept. 28 at the Cotton Bowl.



Photo by Cedric Williams

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## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### BIOLOGY

Physicians will have faster access to results of research on new and re-examined medical treatments, reported in a new electronic journal that will publish findings as soon as they have been reviewed by medical experts.

Slated to launch in April 1992, "The Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials" will be the first journal to make immediately available findings that could save or extend the lives of critically ill patients," said Edward J. Huth, M.D.

### HEALTH

North Americans could be in for a repeat of the 1989-90 influenza season when 50,000 people died of flu-related illness. High risks groups include people with heart disease; lung disease; and diabetes. Influenza usually strikes suddenly and produces fever, generalized muscle pain, weakness, and a dry, hacking, cough.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Washington Post is offering twelve-week, paid reporting internships available on the metro, national, business, sports and style staffs. Internships are also available for students interested in copy editing, photography, and graphic design. For more information, write: Summer News Program; News Department, The Washington Post; 1150 15th street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20071-5508

### ENGINEERING

There will be a new award program that will recognize, honor, and support outstanding young scientists and engineers in America's colleges and universities. Known as the Presidential Faculty Fellows Program, it will provide awardees with \$100,000 each year for five years.

Supporting young faculty members in science and engineering, the program will foster innovative and far-reaching developments in science and technology, increase the attractiveness of careers in science and engineering, recognize the interdependence of teaching, and research in achieving excellence.

## 1991 Junior Class Officers

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# Computer center opened

By Devonya Smith  
Staff Writer

A new Student Computer Center, temporarily located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center was opened to students on Monday, September 23. The facility is open from Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"This facility will allow students to gain access to information technology resources, as the key to solve their problems and help them with their homework assignments, and projects," explained Nate Johnson, executive director of Information Systems.

Johnson serves as the chairman for the Data Processing Governing Steering Committee (DPGSC). This Committee "is charged with establishing policy and making recommendations for the general use and employment of information and technology resources at Prairie View A & M University."

The committee recommended the computer access fee that has been charged to all enrolled students. As chairman, Johnson took it a step further by introducing the concept of a computer resource center. "This is not a laboratory but a computing center, consequently, it is not an environment where classes will be held. This is not a training environment

per se, not like a teaching or instructional experience," Johnson explained.

He added that paper and printer ribbons will be supplied but students must purchase their own disks in order to save their work. The best types are 5 1/2 high density or a3 1/2 low density diskettes.

After the committee finalized the plan, it was then presented to the Executive Council headed by President Becton, who approved the development. A special appropriation was obtained in order to purchase the equipment and software.

According to Johnson, many individuals contributed to the development of the computer center. Harold Bonner, VP of Finance Administration, helped initiate the idea. Phillip Jackson, located in Central Receiving, was the purchasing agent. His responsibilities included buying all the necessary equipment.

Also in Central Receiving, is Don Lindsey, who received the equipment. Due to its value, Lindsey said that he must be accountable for it by "tagging each piece and assigning a Prairie View property number." His assistants were Mr. J.J. Boyer and Mr. Thomas Williams.

Kim Washington-Garrett, the Director of the MSC, provided the much needed space in the basement. The Director of Auxiliary Services, Frank Jackson, provided tables and chairs.

Mr. Timothy McWashington, the Interim Head of the Maintenance Department, was responsible for the wiring. Other electrical work was handled by Lorenzo Tramble, Claude Hayes, Roland Kennedy and Joseph Harrison in the maintenance department.

Construction was approved by Elroy Stevenson, of Fire Safety and Health, and police Chief Rayford Stevens recommended proper security measures.

Through the joint efforts and cooperation of these people, the new student computer center was set up and ready for the next interval of the process. Thena Berry, the coordinator of the center, explained the three phases of production. "We are still in phase one, which is the implementation of the student computer center, setting up the programs and getting them running."

She added that phase two will involve introducing a Database and Statistical package and finally phase three will entail the movement of the student computer center to Farrell Hall, its permanent location. Margaret Rhodes and Doss Pruitt have been hired to assist Berry in monitoring the Center during the hours of operation.

Currently, the computer center houses three IBM Personal II computers, 16

UTI computers, which are IBM compatible with Hyundai monitors, six Panasonic Dot Matrix printers, and two Hewlett-Packard LaserJet III printers. The software packages include, Word Perfect 5.1, Lotus 3.1, Database and an anti-virus package.

This anti-virus package was purchased by Johnson as a safety precaution. A virus can cause havoc within computer files or programs and destroy them.

The anti-virus serves five purposes. "It scans, locates, and identifies" any present viruses, then ultimately destroys them before the viruses have the opportunity "to spread and infect" other computers. The package will also eliminate unauthorized plagiarism of computer programs or games.

Berry is really excited about the new computer center. "It is a great resource for students, especially since it is supported by their funds."

Students wishing to use the center must display a valid student identification card, then they must sign their names and record the times they enter and exit the center.

"There are two limited access terminals, for which students can sign-up for two hour time slots. There are also express terminals for fifteen minute intervals, during which they can print copies or edit previously sav-

ed information," explained Berry. In the event of long lines, a one hour time limit will be exercised for the remaining terminals.

Berry, Rhodes, and Pruitt are jointly preparing handouts and setting up a brief course to familiarize and introduce users with the computers and software.

Students appear to be pleased with the new center. Marlon Barnett, junior electrical engineering major, got the jump on many students. He worked on an assignment on the opening day. Barnett said he would frequent the center at least once or twice a week.

Freshman, mechanical engineering major, Celeste

Sears felt that the center offered another place for students to work, besides the ALRC (Accelerated Laboratory Resource Center), located in the library.

Sandra James, senior chemical engineering major, said, "I think it is great that we have a new computer center. I plan to use the computers regularly, since I have reports due every week. They will come in handy."

"The MSC does not have the available space to house what we want to ultimately provide as a computing facility. We presently have provisions for 26 microcomput-

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# Residence halls improved

By Vanessa White  
Staff Writer

The University is now in the process of upgrading the residence halls, a project costing some \$3 million. New fire, safety, and security systems are being installed.

In addition to new fire alarm systems, smoke alarms have been added to each dorm room, and magnetic doors are being installed in entrances and hallways.

In the past, there have been several complaints about young men roaming through the female dormitories, but now, with the new external doors, the complaints should decrease rapidly.

The doors are equipped to be opened for emergency purposes only. The residents and their visitors will enter and exit through the front doors of the halls. The side and back doors will

remain locked 24 hours per day.

"I think it's a good idea for safety reasons, because it will stop certain people from walking through the halls, not just Prairie View students, but outsiders who might be looking for trouble," said Tracey Starling, a junior Industrial Technology major from San Antonio. The new magnetic doors will be in full effect in the residence halls in about four weeks.

Several incidents have occurred on campus, involving students tampering with fire alarm pull stations and the smoke alarm systems inside the dorm rooms. Hereafter, students caught indulging in these violations will be fined a substantial amount of money and suspended from the university.

It costs the university \$55 per room to install the new smoke alarms.

"It makes me very upset when someone pulls the fire alarm, because the R.A.'s have to make us exit the building, when neither a fire nor planned fire drill is taking place. Students tend to get used to these pranks, and if a real fire occurs, a lot of students might not take the alarm so seriously," said Tajma McGinnis, a senior English major.

Drew and Holley Halls were almost closed down after not meeting certain codes established by the state fire marshal. The basements inside these halls were filled with water, breeding roaches and other insects throughout the buildings and creating moisture within the walls. The basements have since been drained and new air conditioning systems have also been established. Both halls now meet the state codes.

The upgrading of the halls

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# Newsweek

# Cooperative extension, building plans

By Chandra Baty  
Newsweek Editor

"The Cooperative Extension Program is the educational arm of Prairie View A&M University and the United States Department of Agriculture," says Mr. Hoover Carder, PV alumnus and 19-year director of the program.

The program serves 170,000 people in 28 Texas counties and distributes information and training in Agriculture, Home Economics, and Resource Development.

The PVAMU program branches from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System. As a land

grant college, the government provides support for extension outside the University. The program uses PV resources to assist in completing its purpose.

Cooperative Extension was started in 1915, but was disbanded because of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and reactivated in 1972. Its housing facilities were in Ander-

son Hall, but were later moved to the New Classroom Building in 1987.

Groundbreaking for a new building was held in late August and plans for completion are in December 1992 or January 1993. The one-story building will be designed with the necessary training facilities and an auditorium

to seat 300 persons.

The service holds a Youth Leadership Conference in Agriculture for surrounding area high school students, many of whom choose to attend the University. Small-scale, low-income farmers can receive training in livestock, natural resources, and other agricultural technol-

ogy. Families are given advice on nutrition, diet, and health, among others.

Although PV students have no direct contact with Cooperative Extension, students in related fields have been employed by the program and receive first-hand training that prepares them for jobs in this area.

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# Old buildings to go

By Montoya Warner  
Staff Writer

The old women's gym and the old science building will be demolished because they do not meet certain safety codes and are considered to be structurally unsound.

If you are at least a junior, you probably can remember the parties that were held every Friday and Saturday in the old women's gym, also known as the 'hot box'. Clubs, Greek organizations and student activities would throw the most popular parties on campus underneath that roof and have lines backed up to L.O. Evans.

The old science building was often used by students to study after the library closed at nights.

The Director of Fire Safety and Health, Elroy C. Stevenson explained, "These buildings are not safe. It would cost more to upgrade them as opposed to knocking them down and building new ones." The old gym does not have a fire alarm nor smoke detec-

tors and has asbestos.

The old science building does not meet the handicap fire codes, and needs to have an elevator installed. Mr. Stevenson went on to explain that the university desperately needs a new science building, and that the Texas A&M system will not let us build a new science building until the old one is torn down.

Monica Robinson, a junior, said "I feel that the administration should do what is best for the university, because having these condemned buildings on campus is hazardous. They should have a suitable place on campus that

can accomodate students who deserve to socialize and party after a long week of studying."

Indira Wilburn, another junior, stated "Both buildings have a lot of memories and are Prairie View's history. The administration acts like they do not care about what students think by not giving us a say in whether we want the buildings to be torn down or

not." Melonie Ellis, president of the Memorial Center Advisory Board, fought to have the board work on saving the 54-year-old gym. Through research and having architects look at the buildings, they found that their efforts at rebuilding would be in vain. Analysts advised them that students would never be able to get full use of the gym again, and if renovated, it would only be 70 percent usable at best.

"Looking at the long term, if we redo the old gym now, five years down the line we are going to have to do it again, and that would be wasting money," said Ellis.

For now, there are no plans for the land that these buildings stand on. The new science building will be built behind Harrington science, and the question as to where students can hold parties on weekends is still up in the air.

Vice-President of Administration and Finance Dr. Bonner, was unavailable for a comment at press time.

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ers, but we expect to double if not triple the workstations or terminals," explained Johnson. "Farrell Hall has the best potential for expansion in the event that the demand for information technology increases. Presently, there are plans to

renovate that area." In addition, Johnson has plans to setup a similar computer system at the Houston Nursing College.

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# LIFESTYLES

## PV's band makes season debut

By Cedric Williams  
Staff Writer

The 1991 Prairie View A&M University Marching Band strutted magnificently at their debut outing against Texas Southern University.

The marching Panthers displayed flash, glitter, and gold as they executed precision field manoeuvres and displayed superior musicianship.

Prairie View's half-time performance was highlighted by the rapping of Roy Richards and the singing of Liz Vaughn and Harmony.

Ms. Vaughn and Harmony have quite a reputation to live up to. Some of their predecessors include: Rickie Valentino Lafontanie, Terri Ellis, and Basis.

Lafontanie sings Gospel and is touring with a play in Oakland, California, Ellis sings with Envogue, one of the top female R&B acts, while Basis is the newest rising talent at P.V.

New things are happening with the band, among them is the addition of a new Assistant Band Director, Professor Craig Marshall. Marshall is a native of Michigan and a graduate of North Texas State University. He was a member of the nationally acclaimed 'One O'clock Jazz Lab Band' and played trombone. Marshall's teaching speciality is Lower Brass.

The new announcers for the band are Rolanda Malone and Karl Mayes. These two help illustrate what the band is performing. Karsha Kirkendoll, head majorette, led the beautiful Black Foxes on the field, while Tania Evans, flag corps captain, led the flags.

There has also been an addition to the Drum Major position. Guy Jenkins was named Assistant Drum Major to assist Head Drum Major Mark Gordon and Assistant Drum Major Elton McWashington.

The preparation however was not without some shortcomings.

Professor George Edwards, head band director, explained, "After working diligently to prepare and send newsletters about the annual two-

week band camp, we had to reissue letters stating there would not be a camp."

Two weeks before the semester starts the band usually reports to school to learn new music, train to get in shape, and hold marching practice.

This year however, Edwards had no place to house his students as the dormitories were not ready for students. Consequently, he lost several incoming freshmen. He went on to say that the band had to work twice as hard, even practicing on Saturdays and Sundays.

Another setback was the lack of money for the purchase of new uniforms. Edwards said that new uniforms have been expected since 1989. The uniforms that are presently being used are just too old, many are dry-rotted, seams have burst, and some have completely fallen apart. This meant losing students, because they did not have enough uniforms, only the best could perform.

As an alternative, some students purchased navy blue pants and put a strip of white tape down the side. The tuba section utilized the University Exchange bookstore and purchased Prairie View A&M University sweatsuits. Despite the disadvantages, the band still prevailed.

The band has a busy schedule, with six halftime performances and numerous oth-

er engagements. They have been invited to the New Year's Cotton Bowl Parade (to be televised on CBS), the State Fair Parade, the Martin Luther King Parade in San Diego, California, and a host of other venues.

Edwards not only stresses music, but also academics. He was quick to point out that he has everything from future Veterinarians to FBI Officers. There are tutors within the band to help freshmen get adjusted to college academics or anyone else needing assistance.

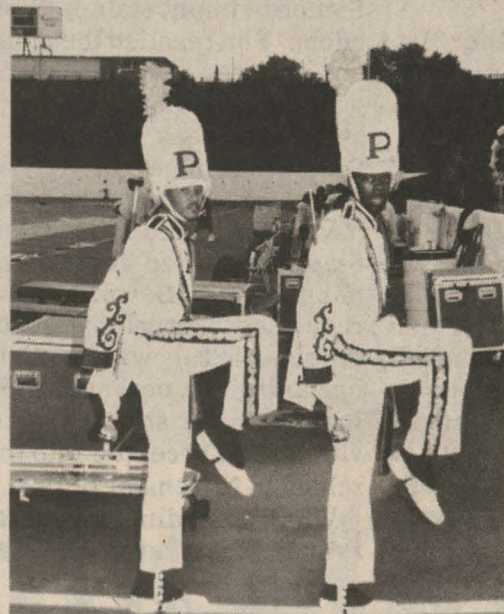
"Where There's A Will There's A Way" tapes have been purchased, in hopes of giving students added inspirations about excelling academically. Edwards and his tutors have their hands full with 75 new freshmen and 125 returning members.

Edwards added that our band provides a kaleidoscope of music. From Gospel to Jazz, R&B to Rap. Inspirational mentors such as John Coltrane, James Brown, and Sousa are sources for the variations of music performed by the band. Musically we all want to become better musicians as well as obtaining our academic degrees.

The band's achievements could not be possible without the help of talented people. Edwards's staff includes: Assistant Band Director Craig Marshall, lower brass speciality; Assistant Band Director Larry Jones, percussion speciality; Ms. Margaret Sharrod, majorette advisor; Mr. Dayl Kemp, sound technician; Mr. Joseph Jackson and Mr. Rodney Goods, percussion specialists; and Ms. Tamala Harper, graduate assistant.



Photo by Cedric Williams



The best drum majors in the SWAC

## BSM hosts crusade

By Omar Harris  
Lifestyles Editor

The marching started promptly at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night as Prairie View's own renowned Baptist Student Movement Choir made their way into the Baby Dome. Roger Allen, the director of the 250-member plus organization had the crowd joyfully clapping.

The BSM choir was founded in 1935, and has been going strong every since. Kelly Brooks, the residing president, and vice president Ivan Cavenal will lead them anew this semester. Roger Allen, who has always lead the choir in the right direction, has much help from his assistant directors Felecia Green and Adrian Medearis.

Ivan Cavenal gave a great welcome to the choir to the large audience. On behalf of the student body, senior Elliott Brice accepted and responded.

BSM's first selection was 'Look How Far We Have Come With the Lord,' a most befitting song with which to start the evening.

Among the many gospel songs performed were 'Jesus Is Real,' 'Lord I Need Your Anointing' and 'How Excellent.' Gregory Stewart, from the singing group 'Basis' gave

a wonderful rendition of 'Jesus.' Saxophonist Michael Hayes demonstrated his true talent with 'Amazing Grace.' This was only a small sample of the many talented members of BSM.

Gamma Phi Delta, a christian men's fellowship fraternity, which started last Spring, presented President Kelly Brooks with a bouquet of flowers. The christian fraternity had many positive words to say throughout the program. Hopefully, this will not be our last time hearing from them.

The program could not possibly end without someone accepting Christ into their life. Many had no hesitation after the convincing words from the evangelist team and the Chaplain, Reginald Grimes. Brooks brought the program to a close by stating that, "BSM is more than just a choir," they aid in leading others to Christ.

With teary eyes, most people left with feelings of joy as they hugged and encouraged one another to live for Christ. Freshman, Tracy A. Williams, said she was "simply overjoyed as she witnessed many young men giving themselves to Christ, rededicating their lives and asking for prayer."



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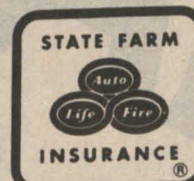
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# LIFESTYLES

## PV's latest talent makes debut

By Calvin Hill  
Staff writer

As we approach the 21st century, the list of talents continues to grow here at Prairie View A & M University. The latest name to be added to this list is Stephanie Sanford of Dallas Texas.

Sanford is a senior Electrical Engineering major, who elected to leave school this semester to pursue a modeling career. On campus, she is a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota, National Society of Black Engineers, the Society of Women Engineers and various other organizations.

When asked why she chose to pursue a modeling career, Sanford simply stated, "Boredom." She recalled the moment she was sitting at home watching television during a semester break and saw a Barbizon commercial.

Barbizon is a school of modeling located in Houston. Stephanie dialed the toll free number for Barbizon and requested a brochure about the school. This would be the beginning to a new and exciting career, for she was interviewed and accepted into the school in November of 1990.

While attending classes at Prairie View and playing

Basketball, Stephanie attended night classes at Barbizon.

After graduating from Barbizon, in February of 1991, Stephanie attended the Models Association of America International convention at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. The purpose of the convention is to help young, aspiring models find agents. Although less than 10 percent of the models do find agents, Stephanie exemplified true panther pride as she received offers from numerous agents.

She signed a contract with Margaret Models in April

and formally began her prestigious modeling career. In May she moved to New York, and by June had her first professional modeling job. She stated, "I only work about six hours a day, but there is a lot of walking involved, going from one designer or magazine, to the next possible appointment."

When asked about the money models make, Stephanie replied, "You work for earnings, your local agent gets 20 percent and then pays your home agent five percent of their earnings." When asked to further

explain in dollar figures how much models make per hour, Stephanie gave the following examples: in one, one-hour show, she made \$450, and in one, two-hour show she made \$1200. So, we can see that professional modeling pays well.

C.H.: "Where do you see yourself in the future and can you give us some words of encouragement for other aspiring to be models?"

S.S.: "In the future I want to continue my education and obtain a degree, because education is a key factor in success especially for those

interested in modeling. Do not be discouraged by the media or what society depicts to be the super model, because if you want it, it can be yours."

Stephanie Sanford is proof that there is a market for black models, yet another example of the talent Prairie View A & M University produces.

Faculty, family and friends, be on the look out as Stephanie makes her professional modeling debut in the October issue of "Glamour" and in the January issue of Essence" magazine.

## Faculty members publish books

by Tasha Griffin  
Staff writer

In addition to producing many fine graduates, Prairie View can also boast of the many professors who have become authors, the most recent being Dr. Imari Obadele, Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr., and Dr. Howard Jones.

With several books to his credit, Dr. Obadele, professor of political science, is no stranger to the publishing world. Some of his published works include "War in America", "Free the World", and "Reparations Yes!", which he shares co-authorship with Dr. Kwaku Walker and Abena Walker.

Obadele's most recent book, "The New International Law Regime and U.S. For-

eign Policy" updates NeoColonialism and discusses racial discrimination which the U.S. practiced against blacks and Indians, until the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965, which declared such practices unconstitutional.

"The Call for the Prophet", written by the Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr., professor of art, is a study of the common experiences of the Old Testament prophets. It also discusses the characteristics and personalities of the prophets, along with how they received and discharged their messages.

"This is the first time such information on the prophets has been assembled in one place," states Talley. In addition to teaching and hav-

ing published a book, Rev. Talley has also published articles on art and poetry.

The chronological history of the Houston-area blacks is written in "The Red Diary". Dr. Howard Jones, another political science professor, wanted to illustrate the progress of blacks in Houston and other surrounding areas such as Harris County, beginning with their arrival under the Spanish in the second decade of the 19th century. The book also describes some of the prejudices and racial conditions that blacks lived with, including experiences with the Ku Klux Klan and other obstacles that were put before them.

These books are available in area bookstores as well as the University Exchange.

## New Faces '91, a success

By Michelle Johnson  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

We are all victims of society as vicious crimes are committed daily, but 'New Faces 1991' warns that it is time to "WAKE UP & GET ON TRACK".

'New Faces 1991' showcased their talent with an array of songs, dances, monologues and original orations. The scene opened with the view of a depot station in a dead-end town, where the population was small and dreams were scarce.

The town resembled any small community such as Oak Cliff, Acres Home, Third Ward, Stop Six, Compton, Flatbush or the Bronx where crime and disrespect for one another have taken over. Yet, there were still those faithful few who believe that dreams and successes can be attained through work, education and prayer.

New Faces 1991 began the show with Tremaine Clark's performance of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom". There were three dance interpretations, "Deliverance" by Markeya Williams, "Echoes of the Past" by Charmae Theisz and

"Memories" by Consuela Axel.

Bridgette U. McIlveen presented a hilarious piece entitled, "What will your P.B be at P.V.?", and just when we thought we had heard everything, out came Dekar Bradshaw, stating that Black men should show some respect for themselves and their sisters. He also said that "what we do today can hinder us tomorrow", further asking the question, "When will we realize?"

Meeca Mitchell sang "God Bless the Child", which prepared us for Adrian Porter's rendition of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation". J.W. Johnson must have had Axel in mind when he wrote "The Creation", because Axel swept us to GENESIS with his smooth dance steps and thundering voice. What a way to end an Act!

In Act 11, Tracey Robinson told us of "The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker". Erik James told us that we're all the same, in his rendition of "Fences", and Michelle Farris said that "there are two ways to handle things, either you laugh or cry" in her monologue, "We Ain't Poor, Just

Broke!". Though some of us may be poor and broke, Yusef Miller illustrated that all men are created equal in "America Will Be".

The final act sang a melodious rendition of "I AM CHANGING", and if you have never heard the song, once you hear Sheran Goodspeed sing, you will change.

'New Faces 1991's' grand finale ended with the message that the way to stop the killing, the crime, the disrespect and the abuse, is to keep love for yourself and your fellowman in your heart, and get on the LOVE TRAIN!

The New Faces of 1991 kept the tradition by providing Prairie View with wholesome entertainment as well as thought provoking realistic point of views. In every production there are key characters that hold it together and those characters were Martha portrayed by Erica Ball and Zachariah, who was portrayed by Walter Lane. The nephew of Zachariah, Matt was portrayed by Peyton Woodson his friend John was Prairie View's famed comedian

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## Greeks host symposium

By Vanessa White  
Staff Writer

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, sponsored a symposium on "Black on Black Crime," on Tuesday, September 24, in the All Faiths Chapel.

Joi Dawson, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, introduced the program with a warm welcome to all students and faculty who came to support the symposium and discuss this significant issue which affects the African-American race. Kennon Tenison, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, followed her introduction with the Invocation.

Next was the introduction of the panel guests, given by Delisa Hernandez, also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The first guest was Kahlil Yarborough, a senior Electrical Engineering and Mathematics major, and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Yarborough stated one way in which black crime could possibly decrease. He suggested that "Black men and women need to come together as one, because we're all equal and should support each other, not pull

each other down".

The second guest was Officer R.S. Pentecost, a Prairie View campus policeman. Pentecost, stated that five guns had been recovered and 13 burglaries occurred on campus since the semester began. The campus police are here to protect the students, and if any student is caught with a weapon or committing a crime, they will be apprehended. "Young students tend not to open up to the police enough," said Pentecost.

The next panel guest was Shauna Galloway, a senior Political Science major and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Galloway focused on the political aspects of the issue of black on black crime, with the family unit as the main aim of her presentation. She also left the audience with intriguing questions concerning the black race and its community.

The final guest, Markee White, a senior Engineering major and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, spoke and emphasized several problems that African-Americans face, such as guns, the lack of good role models, and our Malcom X, Black Power Tee-shirt wearers.

"Some of us tend to want to be like these rappers, like N.W.A., who encourage negative feedback in our people, and we're losing the true meaning of role models," said White.

Then it was time for "Open Forum," where the audience had a chance to give their opinions, ask questions, and state possible solutions to the problem. "We need to serve as role models and teach the young children in our black neighborhoods what's right and wrong," said one student.

Issues such as guns, family, education, respect in relationships, helping the unfortunate, the relationship between the students and campus police, and togetherness of all campus organizations, both Greek and non-Greek, were discussed thoroughly during the forum.

Closing remarks were given by a member of each sponsoring organization, and finally the benediction, conducted by Kerri Winston, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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# Lifestyles

## CASHE still available

By Roland Lemonius  
Copy Editor/Staff Writer

Students have been responding to the CASHE program recently purchased by the Financial Aid office.

CASHE is an automated computer program and database which provides students with information on all types of financial aid programs that are available for college.

By using a code listing, students may complete an application, filling in information about their interests, abilities, potential college major, grade point average, and several other areas.

The CASHE system will provide a customized award and

summary report, giving the students specific listings of those criteria they will have met.

The student should then send a letter to each agency identified by the system, requesting the appropriate application forms and information concerning that particular program. The CASHE also produces a suggested form letter to be sent to the scholarship organization.

According to Mr. A.D. James director of student financial aid, off-campus students have been sending in their cheques in order to participate in the program. Mr. James also pointed out that the CASHE

program is open to students of all ethnic backgrounds, not just Blacks.

He encourages students to take advantage of the program, especially since student loans have been reduced due to the default in repayments by past PV students.

Students wishing to take advantage of the CASHE program must first secure an application from the financial aid office or from a high

school counselor. The completed application must then be returned along with a \$10 dollar Cashier's Check or

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Five working days after receiving the application, the Financial Aid office will mail the CASHE awards summary and sample letter. These can also be picked up in person by students on campus.

The CASHE system does not guarantee awards nor can the program promise results. Only the student and the sponsor of the financial assistance program can make the CASHE system fulfil the end results.

## Crime in Our Society

By Devonya Smith  
Staff Writer

"Crime In Our Society" was the main focus of an open forum for students and concerned persons sponsored by Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel Advisory Board.

Chief Rayford Stevens represented the University Police, Dr. Sam McClendon, Director of Student Life, and Mr. Ronald Server, a Sociology and Political Instructor, all conducted the meeting. Also present were President Becton, the Vice President for Student Affairs, Jiles Daniels, and Reverend Van Johnson.

Approximately 90 concerned students attended. Many

posed questions concerning dormitory security and maintaining dormitory policies. Specific questions about male and female visitation privileges, and protecting personal valuables were asked. Other matters addressed included illegal weapon possession on campus and the safety of female students who may be out after dark.

Stevens, McClendon, and Server, all provided sound advice. Stevens urged students to "take the initiative", McClendon ensured that all information "would remain in the strictest of confidence", and Server made a list of students' suggestions for some new safety programs to possibly be implemented in the future.

Students are encouraged to call Becton's direct

phone line if they want to report a specific incident. They are not required to leave their names. The number on campus is HELP and off campus people call 857-HELP.

## New Faces

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Brent Conley, and Douglas was portrayed by Stephen Solis. The spirits were Theresa Manuel, Anyika McMillian and Camille Sneed. These are former New Faces who have gone on to make their mark in the world of theater, here at Prairie View.

It would be an understatement to say that 'New Faces 1991' was good, so ask around and you will no doubt hear the words fantastic and great.

## Default affecting loans

By Roland Lemonius  
Copy Editor/Staff Writer

Prairie view has been notified by the Department of Education that our default rate for the Stafford Student Loan is currently in excess of 30 percent.

Consequently, students are now having their loan privileges reduced due to the fact that former PV students have not been repaying their loans since 1989.

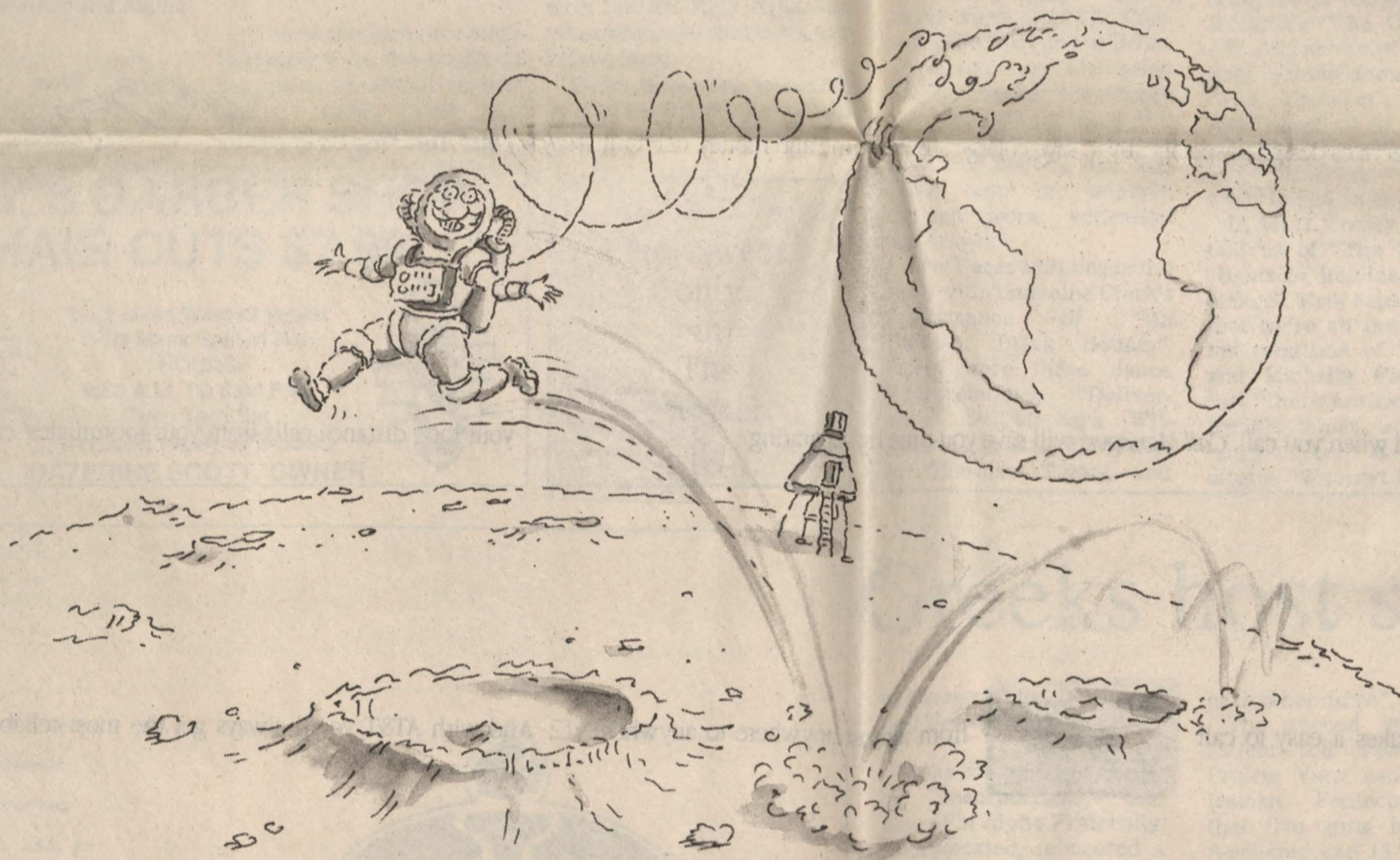
Because of this default, the university now has certain responsibilities. A default management plan is to be implemented, and loan applications are not to be certified for new borrowers under the supplemental loans for students program.

The university must also implement a pro rata refund policy for any student who has received a Stafford or SLS loan.

This refund policy ensures the refund of unused or undeserved funds to the federal source, based on the number of weeks a student attends classes and the number of weeks in the semester.

Prairie View's administration in conjunction with the loans collection office will also implement a default management plan. It is expected that the results received at the end of May 1992 should reflect a reduction in the default rate below 30%.

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## Viewpoints

## Clarence Thomas, political chameleon

By Dr. Manning Marable  
Letter to the Editor

Clarence Thomas's testimony before the Senate committee reviewing his nomination to the Supreme Court revealed a calculating, ambitious man, who has always been ready to advance at the expense of others. He holds no ideals, no beliefs, no relationships which impede his real goal—self-advancement. Thomas is, in short, a political and ideological chameleon, an inconsistent, opportunistic weathervane of the forces which have attacked the struggle for Black freedom and civil rights for the past quarter century. Thomas's political behavior, rhetoric and even his presumed political philosophy of "natural law" really rests on his central commitment to only one thing—himself.

One is first struck by the inconsistency of his own acad-

emic and professional career. In college, he called himself a disciple of Malcolm X. Thomas wore the black beret of the Black Panther Party, and signed his letters "Power to the People." He secured a position at Yale Law School due to its aggressive affirmative action program, which had set aside roughly ten percent of all places in each class to racial minorities. Yet less than a decade later, Thomas would condemn affirmative action as being destructive to Blacks' interests. When initially appointed as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Thomas embraced for a time the use of numerical hiring goals and timetables, as a means to increase the employment of Blacks. Yet following Reagan's landslide electoral victory in 1984, he reversed himself and strongly attacked affirmative action goals and timetables. But two years

later, when seeking reappointment to the EEOC from Congress, Thomas claimed that he would reinstate affirmative action measures inside his office.

Many African-Americans also sense in Thomas a deep but partially-veiled contempt he holds for Black women. By this, I am not referring to his divorce from his first wife, an African-American, and his remarriage in 1987 to Virginia Bess Lamp, a white Republican attorney. Thomas first came to the attention of white conservatives in 1980, at a San Francisco conference of Black Reaganites. In his address, Thomas attacked welfare programs for perpetuating dependent behavior among Blacks by focusing his remarks on his sister, Emma Mae Martin.

"She gets mad when the mailman is late with her welfare check," Thomas declar-

ed, as other Black conservatives laughed. "That's how dependent she is." Trouble was, Thomas's assertions were false, because his sister was not on welfare at the time. Thomas didn't mention that his sister had received none of the educational advantages and affirmative action benefits which he had taken for granted. It was also Thomas's sister who assumed responsibility caring for their mother, and took two part-time jobs to get off welfare. As columnist Julianne Malveaux notes: "For providing that kind of support in her family, Emma Mae Martin earned her brother's public scorn. What can the rest of us women expect from Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas as issues of pay equity and family policy come before this court?"

As expected, Thomas backed away from his more controversial and conservative

statements as he testified before the Senate Committee, attempting to "moderate" his image. But his most interesting statements focused on the issue of "natural law." Natural law refers to a set of values or ethical principles which should form the foundation of how laws should be implemented. For instance, one could argue that the principles of "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, are part of natural law.

In 1987, Thomas used the natural law thesis to applaud the position of conservative politician Lew Lehrman, who had argued that human fetuses have a "right to life" protected by the Constitution. In another article, Thomas declared that "natural rights and higher law arguments are the best defense of liberty and of limited government." But when pressured

by the Senators questions, Thomas disavowed any interest "for the use of natural law in constitutional adjudication." Thomas's desire for a seat on the high court was so strong that he was willing to deny his own beliefs and statements.

The concept of "natural law" is usually identified with conservative goals. But it can also easily be adapted to other, more progressive objectives. I would argue that our Constitution doesn't go far enough to defend the natural rights of human beings, such as the human right to decent housing, health care and employment. Unfortunately, such ideas would be unthinkable to this Black political chameleon. In his own "pursuit of happiness," Thomas is willing to sacrifice the interests of Black Americans.

## Regulations hassle organizations

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Prairie View is presently on the tip of a crisis. Organizations as well as students are finding it increasingly difficult to traverse the sea of regulations put forth by the administration. Granted some regulations and problems are instituted for public safety, but many other hassle rather than help.

According to Dr. Obadele's Macro-Level Theory, human beings organize themselves according to economic, state, and social structure. Since Prairie View is predominantly black, most students come from the same economic background. Likewise, most students are pursuing their undergraduate and graduate degree; they have only the time to be politically active by

voting. By basis of elimination, the social structure is the only one that allows the students to distinguish themselves. Therefore, it is natural and proper that student organizations organize themselves exclusively in the social structure.

The present scenario on campus is that the highest level of the administration is sincere in understanding the concerns of students. However, it is the secondary levels of administration that have the effective power of meeting those concerns. Presently, those concerns are not being met by the secondary level.

Building use is one concern of student organizations. Extortionist prices and appalling regulations are required to use the Bab-dome, M.S.C., and the West Wing. Others such as Hobart

limited in their use by students. It is ironic that a place called the Memorial Student Center is rarely used for organizational activities. The only group who can afford the M.S.C. is the university department, Student Activities.

The problem is that each building is controlled by different staff members causing inconsistency in regulation and types of allowable functions. Student leaders such as Ronnie Davis, C.S.O. President, has stated this problem in the past, but his comments are often interpreted as selfish and radical.

Police harassment has moved to the "fore-front also. Although, Prairie View does not have an example of the Rodney King incident, incidents of a lesser magnitude is pervasive on the campus.

Quick action is necessary in combatting incidents, but as in the case of many student, Prairie View is resorting to McCarthyism tactics. It is as if the Police has been given a license to enact a tight reign on the students of Prairie View.

Gatherings are dispersed and students told to go to their rooms on the weekends. Students vehicles are towed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Is that all Police officers have to enforce at night? I guarantee not a single car was towed on Career Day. I wonder why?

Do we as students get the respect that we deserve as consumers of this university? If your feelings are no, write to this publication, talk to your S.G.A. president, attend Presidential Forum's, and lastly do not be content.

## Fire alarm bandits at large

By Michelle Johnson  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Are you tired of being awakened by a loud annoying bell or someone banging on your door at 3:30 a.m.? Well I am tired of it, and I was fully prepared to intelligently blast the dorm directors for this treacherous act.

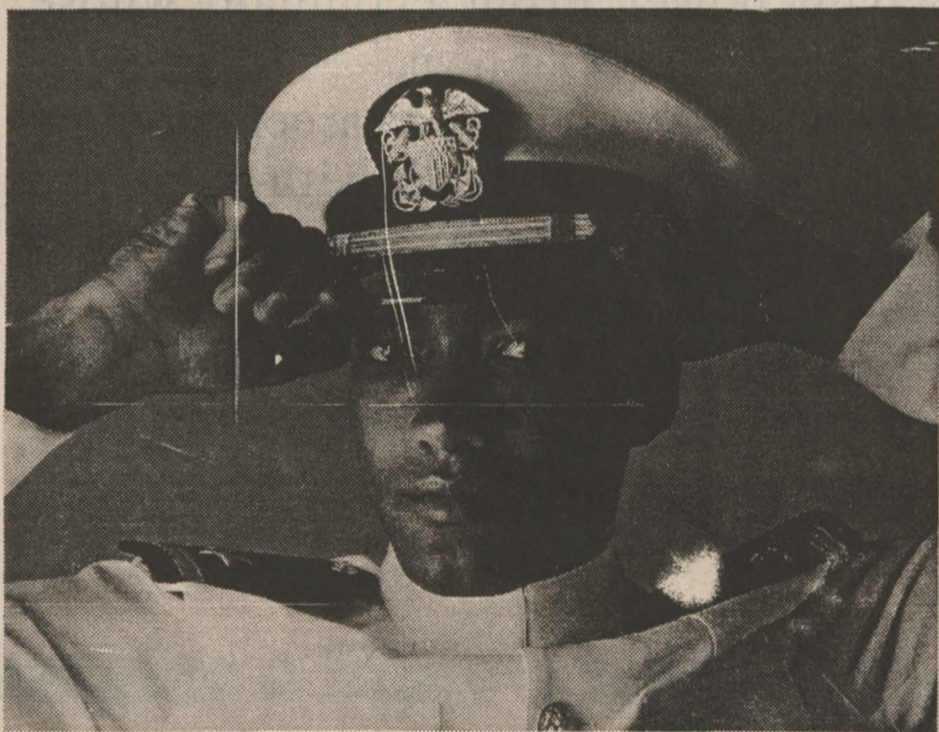
As I investigated, I found out some important news which changed the direction of my outrage. I discovered that whenever the fire alarm is pulled, be it at 8 p.m. or 4 a.m. it is the policy of the university to evacuate everyone from the premises until the problem is investigated.

It upsets me that 90 percent of the students who are trying to get an education, and as soon as we are trying to sleep some ignorant person decides to pull the fire alarm for fun.

Well it's not fun and speaking on behalf of the 90 percent, get a life and stop acting childish! I am completely fed up with those persons who continuously pull the fire alarms in the dorms because they have nothing better to do. I realize that you paid your money to attend a school of higher education, but if you're not learning or applying any of that knowledge, it's best that you go back home! If you're caught you'll be sent home or to jail because pulling the fire alarm is a misdemeanor, and punishable up to a year in jail and/or \$50 to \$2 thousand dollars in fines.

President Becton, last year, offered a \$100 reward to anyone who knew the identities of the fire alarm bandits. So a warning to the fire alarm bandits I would love to be \$100 richer at your expense!

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## Right to wear clothes

By Eugenia Reed  
Letter-to-the-Editor

There is a problem that needs to be addressed on campus. This problem has been discussed among many females, but it has not been brought into the open. The problem is males verbally and physically harassing girls because of their attire. This problem hits close to home because one afternoon as I left Alumni Hall on the way to the library I was publicly harassed, humiliated and approached in an obscene manner. I was talked to and about. Please be mindful that I had on some short shorts.

The young man asked me if he could carry my books and my response was "no". The issue was not whether or not he wanted to carry my books the issue was that I had on some shorts which he called "Daisy Duke Shorts".

To often females are stereotyped by their attire whether it may be tight shorts, skirts, jeans or revealing shirts. That does not mean that a female is a slut. Females should be able to wear anything they want to express themselves for any reason without being called names or having any problems. Males feel it is actually okay

to physically and verbally harass females because of the way she dresses.

The humiliation I received on that afternoon was demeaning and uncalled for. Because of the attention I received I no longer feel comfortable wearing the clothes I feel most comfortable in. Prairie View is my home away from home and if my colleagues and I can not wear them here, then where can I wear them?

My objective in writing this letter is to inform you (the Panther) and administrators of this problem.

## Toastmasters club formed

Press Release

A Toastmasters Club of some 35 students, staff, and faculty, has been formed under the auspices of the college of Business, and is now holding weekly educational meetings.

Toastmasters is an international organization with clubs throughout the U.S. and in several foreign countries. Its purpose is to promote effective speaking and listening skills among its members, and offer an opportunity for leadership experience through service as a club officer.

The organization is for all

who are interested in improving their speaking performance. New members are provided an instructional manual which assists them in giving 12 different types of five-to-seven minute speeches. Each speech is evaluated by other members of the club who give benchmarks for improvement. Other levels of training beyond the first 12 speeches are also available.

Officers of the Prairie View Club are Judge Davis, president; Deconda Sample, administrative vice president; Anita Scott, educational vice president; Kelly Smith, secretary; Garrett Dunn, treasurer; Melissa Hunter,

parliamentarian; and Linda Grant, information secretary.

An experienced Toastmaster, Dr. George Nelson, MBA Coordinator and assistant professor of management, serves as faculty advisor for the group. Dr. Henri Bailey, had of the department of Management and Marketing, also assists the group.

The club's weekly meetings are at 5:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, Hobart Taylor Hall, 2A204. Persons interested in further information can contact Judge Davis at (713) 466-6821, Linda Grant at (713) 587-8110, or Yolanda Kesse at (409) 857-4310.

# Sportsweek

## Panthers lose to SMSU

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Prairie View's Panther football team felt the reality of the "one-year hiatus" as they faced Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri. Prairie View was defeated 61-0 before an estimated crowd of 11,835.

The game was uneventful from the perspective of Panther fans, as SMSU led 40-0 at halftime, gaining 415 total yards against the Panthers. One strong point for the Panthers was the defensive secondary, as they allowed only 97 passing yards for the entire game. However, an equal assessment could not be

said about the offense. Although "strong in heart", Prairie View only gained 90 total offensive yards.

Although the season has entered the "dark stages", individual players are beginning to shine through. Going into the fifth week of the season, several players are among the SWAC leaders.

Receiver Bo Gillard is sixth in pass receptions. In three games, he has had 12 catches for 131 yards.

Kickoff returner Andre Riser is fourth in the SWAC in returning kicks. In three games, he has returned for a total of 153 yards and a 19.1 yard per return average.

Punter Samuel Bonner is the best punter in SWAC through the fifth week. He has punted 21 times for an amazing 806 yards and a 38.3 yards per punt average. His longest punt in the season is 52 yards.

In team honors, the defensive secondary stands out in SWAC play. The passing defense is second overall in the SWAC as they have held opponents to less than 151.7 yards per game.

The Panthers seek to change their fortunes for the better as they take on Texas A&I Javelinas in Kingsville, Tx on September 28. This is the first meeting of both teams. Prairie View enters the contest 0-3 while Texas A&I enters at 2-1. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

## Jaguars in uproar

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Southern Jaguars boycotted an early season practice to protest unsatisfactory living conditions, according to *The Southern Digest*.

The strike of practice centered around numerous issues. The main issue that compelled the Jaguars to strike was when workers were ordered to confiscate air conditioners from the players rooms.

Michael Green, wide receiver from Shreveport stated, "People can live without air conditioning. If the school

really wanted us to be relaxed, they could have put at least a \$12 fan in each room."

Other complaints include old football equipment and not being served balanced meals. According to Green, "We're wearing other people's shoes, other people's jocks, other people's socks and tee-shirts from way back when. You ask for a new jock, you get an old one and you have to turn in one to get one."

Chancellor of Southern University Marvin Yates stated at a press conference, that

measures had been taken to address the issues and concerns of the players. In fact, a part of their dining hall was reserved for them with their own private fountain drink machine.

The next day, players confirmed that improvements have been made. The strike at Southern University resembles the similar situation which occurred in February 1989, when P.V. football players boycotted spring practice. The concerns of P.V. players then were inhumane practices and poor academic facilities.

## Former PV track star still shining

Press Release

Former Prairie View A&M University track star Fred Newhouse, was named for the Clairol Personal Best Award for his performance and sportsmanship in the 1976 Summer Olympics. Fred Newhouse participated in the 400m and the 4X400m at the event.

He was chosen from among 95 former U.S. Olympians with certain criteria established by the US Olympic committee. The criteria include qualifying to participate in the Olympics, exhibit-

ing the ideals of fair play and olympism during Olympic competition, and demonstrating their "personal best" by improving the quality of life for countless others during their own post-Olympic life.

Other Olympians being honored with this award are track and field standouts Jackie Joyner Kersee and Bob Beamon, past World Record holder of the long jump.

Fred Newhouse began his olympic career by competing for the team in the 1972 Olympic trials in 400m. After faltering in the finals of the 1972

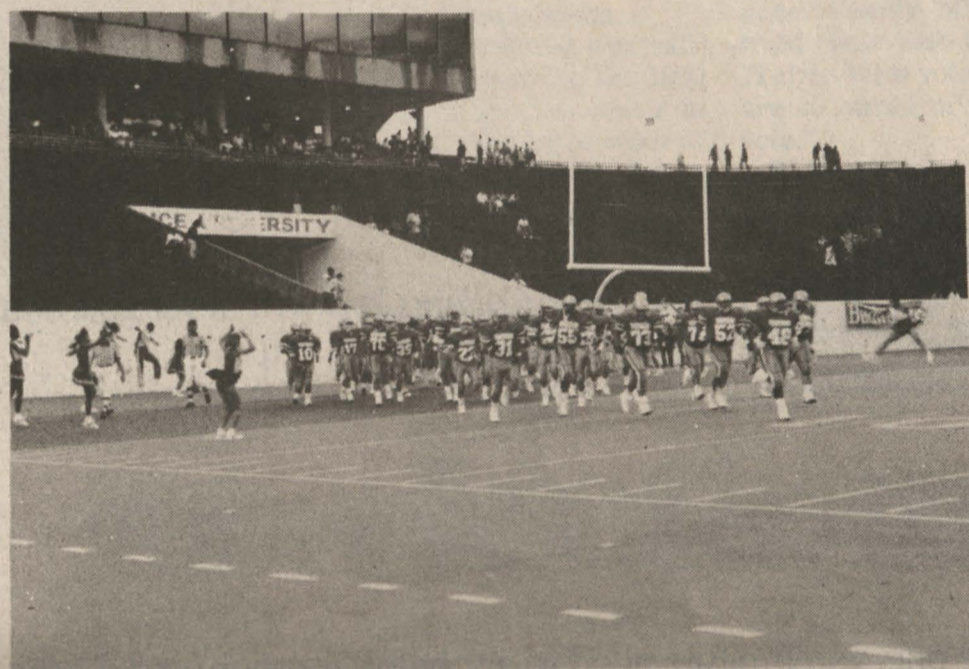
Olympic Trials, Newhouse rebounded to capture a silver medal in the 400m at the 1976 Olympics. At the same event, he ran a flawless third leg as the 4X400 Olympic relay team won the race by more than three seconds.

Today, Newhouse works with the Exxon Human Resources department. He spends most of his time participating in the Northwest Flyers track club. The club consists of 70 members focusing on young adults 6-17, on both athletic and cultural activities.

## Prairie View vs. Texas Southern Highlights



P.V. fans waited anxiously before the start of the game.



The Prairie View Panthers roar into Rice Stadium.



Q.B. Kevin Phillips (10) commanding the Panther offense.

### P.V. Sports Are On The Move

All photos by Cedric Williams

### 1991 SWAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	IN SWAC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Alabama State Univ.	3	0	0	1.000	65	56	3	0	0	1.000	65	56
Alcorn State Univ.	1	1	0	.500	40	40	2	1	0	.333	78	50
Southern Univ.	1	1	0	.500	54	49	1	1	0	.500	54	49
Texas Southern Univ.	1	1	0	.500	53	44	2	2	0	.500	78	91
Miss. Valley State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	0	1.000	131	23
Jackson State Univ.	0	1	0	.000	27	28	2	1	0	.667	99	63
Grambling State Univ.	0	1	0	.000	22	27	1	2	0	.333	83	94
Prairie View A&M Univ.	0	1	0	.000	6	23	0	3	0	.000	6	139

### WEEK #4 SCOREBOARD

ALABAMA STATE.....18	SOUTHERN.....38	GRAMBLING STATE.....24
ALCORN STATE.....13	TEXAS SOUTHERN.....30	Tennessee State.....21
JACKSON STATE.....31	MISS. VALLEY STATE....56	SW Missouri.....61
Stephen F. Austin...16	Miles.....0	PRAIRIE VIEW.....0

### THE SEPTEMBER 28 SCHEDULE

ALCORN STATE vs Hampton, 2:00 (EDT) in Pontiac, Mich. (Silverdome)  
 GRAMBLING STATE vs North Carolina A&T, 7:00 in Dallas (Cotton Bowl)  
 PRAIRIE VIEW at Texas A&I, 7:30 in Kingsville (Javelina)  
 SOUTHERN U. vs South Carolina State, 7:00 (EDT) in Atlanta (Bobby Dodd)  
 TEXAS SOUTHERN vs Lane, 7:00 in Galveston (P. S. Stadium)  
 Troy State at ALABAMA STATE, 7:00 in Montgomery (Cramton Bowl)

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