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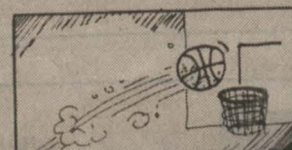
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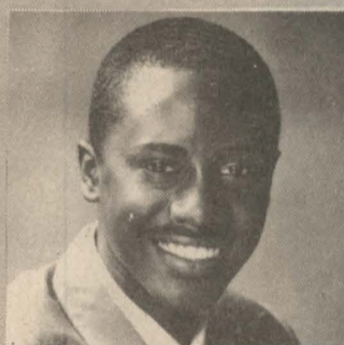
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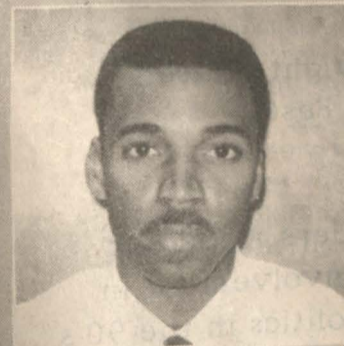
As a Black Male, do you think you should give back to the Black Community?



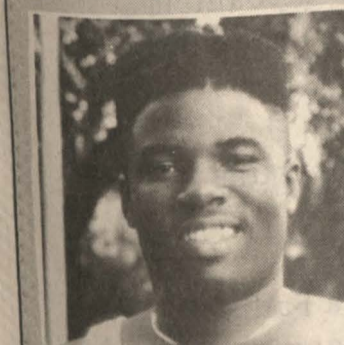
Deosick Burney-Sophmore Accounting. "Yes, I think we should step forth and take back our streets and community from the misled and the uneducated to bring about a positive change."



Michael Prince, Senior Communications, "Yes, because without the Black Community there wouldn't be any black families without the families we have no purpose."



Brynt Wesley -Junior ADSY management. "Yes, I feel it is important to give back what I have received such as love, self-esteem, respect for Black women to show youngster how to be good role models through example."



Damion Nevilon, Junior-Law major, "Yes, I feel that I have a responsibility to help other Black males who are not qualified for and ordinarily wouldn't have opportunity in other communities."

Jacket beginning work as olympic coach

By Morenike Efuntade
Staff Writer

"It is the chance of a lifetime," explains Prairie View Athletic Director Barbara Jacket, about her opportunity to coach the United States' Women's track team in the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Jacket is the second African-American female to get this position, following in the footsteps of Dr. Nell Jackson, her college coach. As coach of the Women's track team, Jacket will be in charge of all events, but will basically be responsible for the sprints and relays.

But exactly how did Jacket receive such an honorable position? Well, as she explains it, "Besides being qualified, I've paid my dues....I think I've been a coach all my life."

Originally from Port Arthur Texas, Jacket attended Lincoln High School, received her Bachelor's degree from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and her Master's degree from Prairie View A&M University in Texas. During this time she played on the basketball team and ran track.

Her first coaching position

was in 1958 at Van Buren High School in Eufaula, Alabama. She was a Physical Education teacher and started out as a basketball coach. Then she decided to start a track team and coached it for one year.

From 1959 to 1964, she coached track at Lincoln High School, but on September 1, 1964, she returned to Prairie View, this time as a swimming instructor. As Jacket explains, "I was young and had nervous energy!"

When Coach Jacket arrived at PV, the university had withdrawn from women's intercollegiate athletics. Once again, Jacket took the initiative, and used her energy to develop a women's track team in 1966. She continued to coach the team until she became Prairie View's Athletic Director in January 1991.

In fact, Barbara Jacket has coached every team except the Olympics. Since 1973, she has coached international teams in the Pan American games, World Championship, Olympic Sports Festival and the World College games. She has already begun her work as Olympic coach, and on June 19-23, she will attend the

Olympic trials in New Orleans, and will begin picking the teams.

And what factors have led to Jacket's success as a coach? "First, the Lord has always come first in my life, and I believe that with his leadership and guidance, all things are possible," she explains.

Jacket describes herself as a disciplinarian and a motivator. "In order to coach, there are so many personalities to deal with. I must be a mother and father to all the athletes and their personalities."

It is important to Jacket to develop a relationship with her students. "You must be friendly," she says. "You can be a friend to the athletes, but you can't be running buddies--and you have to know where to draw the line."

After the Olympics, Coach Jacket hopes to continue as Athletic Director and instructor at Prairie View. She hopes that the University will return to awarding athletic scholarships so that Prairie View can develop the total athletic program.

Saccharin discovered in dining hall

Cancer-causing sweetener used in drinks

By Morenike Efuntade
Staff Writer

While the Alumni Hall has attempted to improve dining services for students, its introduction of four new fruit drink machines may cause students more harm than good.

In addition to the soda machines, students are now being offered grape, lemonade, orange and fruit punch from the new machines installed this semester. Unfortunately, Alumni administrators failed to inform students that the drinks are sweetened with saccharin.

Saccharin is a synthetic sweetener made from toluene and petroleum. It is used as a sugar substitute, and can be found in low-calorie sodas, sugar-free gums, jellies and salad dressings.

This would seem harmless enough, but in 1977, the Food and Drug Administration

found that saccharin causes cancer in male laboratory rats, and moved to ban its use. This ban was blocked by Congress, but in 1978, the FDA ordered that manufacturers include a health warning on all packages of food that contain saccharin.

The indication that saccharin may cause serious health problems has led countries, such as Canada to ban its use. Still, over 80 countries still approve its use. It is only by chance that some students became aware of the saccharin contents of the fruit drinks in Alumni.

One student employee confirmed that the cans used to mix the fruit drinks do warn consumers that the contents contain saccharin, a product that has been found to cause cancer in laboratory rats.

The question is: WHY

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Judgment sparks controversy

students hold conference to discuss sentencing of former student.

By Kimberly Howard
staff writer

On January 22, several students met in the All-Faiths Chapel to air their concerns and to be briefed on the outcome of the murder case involving former Prairie View student, Brent Livingston.

On August 29, 1991, Brent Livingston shot and killed Tommy Sanders, a law enforcement major.

Albert 'Buddy' McCaig, Jr., assistant district attorney for Waller County, R.V. Stevens, police chief of Prairie View, and Waller County District Attorney Valda Combs, were present to speak with the students.

Controversy has surrounded the judgment of the case, wherein Livingston received a \$10,000 fine, 1,000 hours of community service, restitution for the family of the deceased for funeral and burial expenses and 10 years probation. This ruling disappointed many students.

"For murder you only get 10 years probation? What justice is that?" asked Trey O'Neil, a senior geography major. "Tommy was killed in broad daylight. I bet the jurors saw it as just another black man down."

"Brent got off too easy!", said Penny Johnson, a senior psychology major.

According to McCaig, the jury consisted of one black male, one black female, one white male and nine white females approximately between the ages of 40-65.

"These are the ages of many grandparents," said Stevens, "and how many grandparents do you know would convict a nicely dressed guy who works two jobs and is a member of the army reserves?"

Stevens added that the differences in height and size between Livingston and Sanders had a lot to do with the ruling, since Sanders was so much larger than Livingston.

Stevens said he felt relieved when they found Livingston guilty, but knew that because of the system we work under, the jury would not send him to prison.

McCaig stated that since Livingston had no criminal record, worked two jobs, had only one speeding ticket and had no arrest record, it weighed a lot with the jury.

According to one spectator, one has a better chance of doing less time for murder than for a drug violation.

Students were wondering why Livingston's wife, Carmen was not put on the stand, since she was apparently at the center of the controversy which resulted in the slaying.

"If Carmen Livingston got on the stand all she would do is boost Livingston's testimony, however, she was on the witness list," confided McCaig.

A question was raised as to why there were not more students on the jury. McCaig said that students who live in dormitories are sometimes purposely weeded out of the potential juror list mainly because they won't show up. However, he urges students to see just how many students actually qualify to be a juror.

Stevens stressed that there should be no firearms on campus and said that there were 18 separate firearms found on campus during the Fall '91 semester.

Students can be expelled for having a fire arm in their possession. "If you have a fire arm to turn in, you may call the police department and be instructed where to leave it no, questions asked," Stevens added.

Meanwhile, the Law Enforcement Club is raising money for a memorial plaque in memory of Sanders.

If you would like to donate please send it to:
Law Enforcement Club
P.O. 748 Prairie View
A&M University
Prairie View, Texas 77446

Memo: Tommy Sanders Memorial

Engineering appoints new dean

By Calvin E. Hill
Staff Writer

The Engineering college is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. John Foster, the new dean. After 18 months of searching, Dean Foster, the last candidate interviewed, accepted the challenge of leading the college of Engineering to even higher heights.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he received his B.S.E.E. degree at Tuskegee University in 1979 and went on to Stanford University to receive his M.S.E.E. in 1980 and Ph.D in 1982.

Dean Foster comes highly

recommended and his credentials speak for themselves. From 1982-84, he was a member of the Communications Systems Technical Staff at Bell Labs. In 1984, he became a professor of Electrical Engineering at his alma mater, Tuskegee.

In December 1988, Foster left Tuskegee to become chairman of the electrical engineering technology department at North Carolina A&T University. In 1990, he took over as Chairman of the Electrical Engineering Dept. at North Carolina A&T.

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Early elections to be held on campus

University Release

The Residence Hall Association is currently sponsoring a Voter Education/Voter Registration Program. In an effort to motivate the student population to vote in this important election year, the RHA will be visiting the Residence Halls to register students to vote.

The March Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, but unfortunately, this will be during our spring break. The RHA, in conjunction with County Officials, is working to have "Earlier Elections" here on campus to make it convenient for the students. Absentee Voting will

be held from February 19 thru March 6 at the County Election Office in Hempstead, Texas.

The Residence Hall Association will also be sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" reception on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m.. All the candidates in the Waller County area running in the March Primary have been invited to attend this reception.

The candidates will be available to answer and/or respond to any questions or concerns that students may have about the Waller County Area. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend.

NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

Feb 1-28
Black History Month Seminars

Feb. 14
Valentine's Day

March 9-13
Spring Break



In 1910, less than half the population over age 25 had completed grade school education. Only about four percent of the population had a college degree.



Congress authorized the first use of adhesive postage stamps on July 1, 1847.

FYI



The first written examinations in American elementary schools were initiated in Boston in 1845.



Fingernails grow faster than toenails. The average growth rate of nails is 1 1/2 inches a year.

Countdown

29

Days until
Leap Year's Day

BRIEFLY

NEWS

HOUSTON, January 8, 1991 -- A stellar cast of young Verdians led by soprano Sharon Sweet and mezzo-soprano Dolora Zajick headline Houston Grand Opera's (HGO) provocative new production of Verdi's *Il Trovatore*. Set by director Nicholas Muni and set and costume designer John Conklin in a dreamscape Spain littered with crumbling iconography, *Il Trovatore* opens in the Wortham Center's Brown Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, with further performances at 7:30 p.m. on January 29, February 1, 4, and 7, and at 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 1992. *Il Trovatore* is a co-production with Seattle Opera, and is sung in Italian with English surtitles.

On March 4, 1992, Black Issues In Higher Education magazine will present *Recruiting & Retaining Minority Students, Faculty & Administrators: Strategies for the '90s*. This live, interactive videoconference is designed to stimulate, inform and educate all who take advantage of this cost-effective program. The videoconference will highlight many factors that have been learned over the past 25 years about the do's and don'ts of managing a successful recruitment and retention effort. This broadcast will also utilize the sixth annual special report "Recruitment and Retention", which will appear in the January 30, 1992 issue of Black Issues In Higher Education. If you have any questions, contact Darren Price or Therian Blair at (703) 385-2981 or 1-800-783-3199.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Financial aid application for the 1992-93 school year will be available in the Financial Aid Office by March 1, 1992. Students who return the completed documents by the priority deadline date will be able to have their application processed through our electronic system. It is imperative that students apply early for their Fall aid as there will be NO FINANCIAL AID PENDING for presently enrolled students for the 1992-93 school year.

The Office of Student Activities will host the Spring Annual Organization meeting for all Presidents, Advisors, and concerned officers on February 4th, at 6:00 PM in the Administration Auditorium. We ask that you arrange your schedule to be present at this very important meeting to share your concerns and be informed.

The Houston Prairie View A&M University Alumni Athletic Purple & Gold Club will host a Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 25, 6:30 pm, at the Sheraton Astrodome. Several former Prairie View athletes who have won championships within the past year or two will be honored. Tickets can be purchased at TICKETMASTER outlets and Sound Warehouse for \$35.00 per person. At the door tickets are \$40.00. For additional information, please call the Houston Prairie View Purple & Gold info line 24 hours day at 713/867-7910.

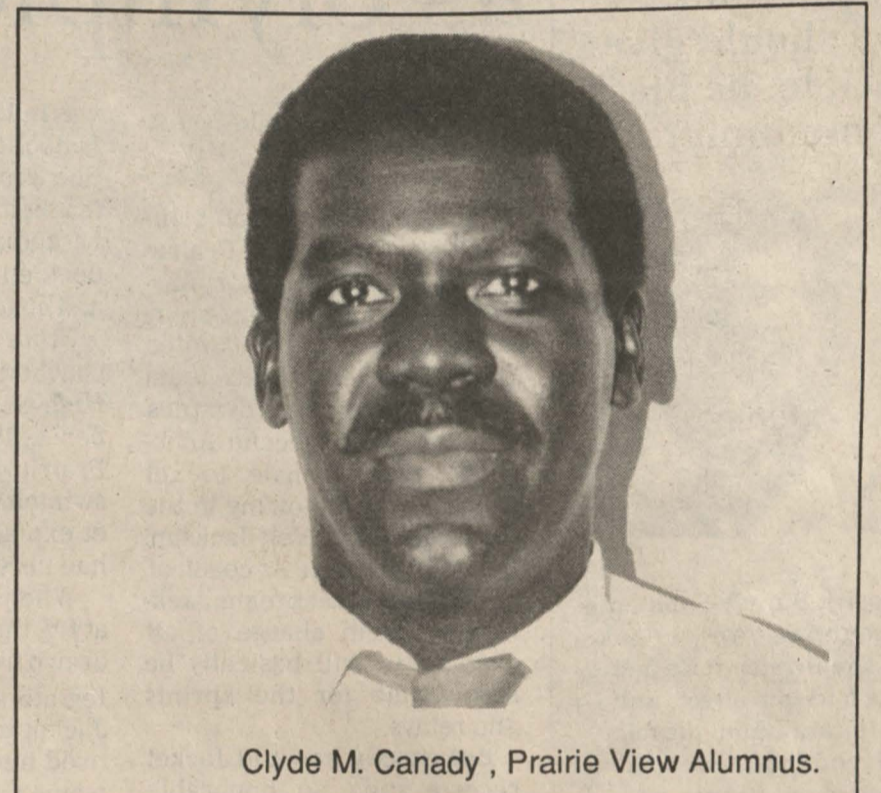
An Ordinance on the dumping of waste in Waller County went before the Waller County Commissioner Court on January 21 and the 27. The public hearing for that Ordinance will be held on February 3, 1992 at 1:00pm at the Waller County Courthouse.

Dr. Marvin Dulaney of University of Texas-Arlington will give the opening address for the "Speaker's Symposium" to kick off the celebration of Black History Month. Dr. Dulaney will be speaking on February 2, at 3:00pm in the Public events room in the John B. Coleman Library. His topic will be "Some Current Problems Facing Black Studies". Other speakers will be speaking 12 noon each Tuesday in February and 6:30pm on each Thursday in February. The events will end with a Food Festival on March 2, 1992. All of the events are free of charge and everyone is invited. For more information contact Eric Keys - Archivist or Dr. Howard Jones - History Professor.

PEOPLE

Clyde M. Canady was recently promoted from Plant Engineer to Plant Manager of the City of Austin Decker Creek Power Station, one of five providing electricity to the Austin community. Canady is responsible for the daily operations of this 988-megawatt facility, which includes power generation, financial budgeting, safety assurance, and supervision of about 100 employees.

Originally from Cameron, Texas, Canady holds a degree in mechanical engineering from P.V.A.M.U. and served as power plant engineer for the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport Board before joining the city of Austin. His career in the power industry spans a combined 18 years.



Clyde M. Canady, Prairie View Alumnus.

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Black History Month Speakers Symposium

- Feb 2 Dr. Marvin Dulaney
"Black Studies in the 90's"
3:00 p.m.
- Feb 4 Prof. Louis Williams
"Black Influence in Pre 1950's
Atlanta Mayoral Elections"
Noon
- Feb 6 Dr. Jewel Prestage
"Black Women in Politics"
6:30 p.m.
- Feb 11 Prof. Dwight Watson
"Poetry Fest"
Noon
- Feb 13 Dr. Sanders Anderson
"Black Involvement in
Local Politics in the 90's"
6:30 p.m.
- Feb 18 Dr. Alfred Parks
"Today's Plight of the
Black farmer"
Noon
- Feb 20 Dr. Clyde McDaniels
"Racism in the 90's"
6:30 p.m.
- Feb 25 Political Forum
Noon
- Feb 27 Ms. Diana Fallis
"Black People and the News
Media in the 90's"
- Mar 2 J. Harris Memorial Food Fest.
All events held in Public Events Room,
John B. Coleman Library.

NEWSWEEK

Liberia's civil war unfolds

Guest Writer

After returning from the Christmas break, I expected to only hear positive things flowing from the mouth of fellow students here at Prairie View A&M University. I was only back on campus a few hours and I encountered a friend sitting in the student center.

When I asked my friend about his holidays, he said, "My holidays were alright for a man without a country." This puzzled me and I asked him, "What do you mean?" He said, "My country Liberia is having a civil war." Our conversation encouraged me to investigate and write about the civil war in Liberia.

On January 27, 1992 my investigation led me to the office of Dr. Sirleaf in Evans Hall. Dr. Sirleaf enlightened me on the history of Liberia. He reiterated the fact that our history books here in America only tell half the story about our roots. In the early 1800's traders from the new world went to a specific region of Africa, then known as the Green Coast, to trade goods to the chief of the tribes in return for labor. The chief agreed to sending men and women over with the stipulation that they return to

their tribes in one year. The deceit of those men coming from the new world led to what we know today as slavery.

In 1820, the U.S.S. Elizabethan American vessel began to return former American slaves to Africa. These individuals began to form the nations of Nigeria, Ghana and

other West African Coastal nations. In 1822, the U.S.S. Neatilis arrived on an island off the coast with the second wave of slaves returning home. This group landed on what is presently Providence Island. This group later sailed to the mainland, known as the Green Coast and met with tribal heads to set up a new nation, known as Liberia, which stands for Land of Liberty. In 1847, Liberia became an independent nation.

From the first president of Liberia, J.J. Roberts in 1847 to the eighteenth president W.I. Tolliver, who lost control of the country on April 12, 1980, the presidents were descendants of those ex-slaves who had returned to Liberia. Tolliver was overthrown by military coup and lost 13 prominent leaders of his cabinet. Tolliver's administration, was accused of being corrupt,

practicing nepotism, not being able to provide jobs and his opposition felt that it was time for the country to govern by indigents.

Samuel K. Doe took over in 1980 and became the first indigent leader of Liberia. Doe promised freedom of press, speech and freedom to go as you please. From 1980-89, Doe failed to deliver on his promises. His cabinet was even more corrupt, their was high unemployment and his administration practiced nepotism. All these factors led to the out break of civil war on December 24, 1989.

Charles Taylor, is the leader of the rebel group trying to take over Liberia. The actions of Taylor and his rebel group drove many people out of the country. In September 1990, Doe was killed by rebel forces and succeeded by Prince Johnson. As fighting went on the (OAU) Organization of African Unity and (ECOWAS) the Economic Commissions of West African States began to step in. These groups set up peace keeping forces and arranged a meeting of all the key leaders of the three political groups. The result of this meeting was to call a cease fire.

see next issue.

Campus and homes looted burglar apprehended, items recovered

By Chandra Baty
Newsweek Editor

Over the Christmas holidays, 25 burglaries to businesses and student off-campus homes were committed within Waller County.

Kenneth Andre Clark, a local resident, is being held in the Waller County jail without bond, with five counts of burglary brought against him. More possible arrests are still under investigation.

Since burglary of a home is a felony, Clark will be charged with first degree burglary. If convicted he could receive a prison term of 5 to 99 years and a fine not exceeding \$10,000. He will be tried separately for each home he has been charged with burglarizing.

Five buildings on the campus were burglarized and among the items stolen were computers and \$1,200 worth of tools on campus. Televisions, VCRs, microwaves and computers were among those items taken from the houses. Eighty percent of the stolen property was recovered.

Officer Franklin of the Prairie View Police Department said that more than likely these homes were being watched when the students would leave their homes. Some of the houses had unsecured windows because they are older models and easier to open. Although dur-

ing the holidays these areas were patrolled, dim lighting or no lighting made it difficult for patrolmen to see, but easier for a burglar.

Officer Franklin suggests that a person who leaves home for a lengthy period of time should check all windows, secure doors, and get the areas well-lit. Another

helpful tip is to have a neighbor, friend or relative to periodically check the home for anything unusual.

A crime prevention program is offered monthly in Prairie View, Texas. Officer Franklin offers to schedule a program for persons interested in crime prevention and better security.

5,139 registered

Enrollment highest in three years

By Roland Lemonius
Staff Writer

The Spring '92 registration period formally ended on January 18th with approximately 5,139 students being enrolled. This figure reflects an increase of 447 over last Spring's enrollment of 4,692, and a return to the 5,134 mark of spring 1990.

According to Registrar Linda Berry, this semester's registration exercise was undoubtedly the smoothest she has encountered. She attributes much of this success to the fact that the computers were never 'down' or working slowly.

With regards to the alphabetized system which was first introduced in the Fall of 1990 and readopted this semester, Mrs. Berry indicated that the system worked well, however on the first day, "A number of students changed their last names all of a sudden." The computers in checking for holds was able to identify those individuals and the system was thereafter strictly adhered to.

According to Mrs. Berry, with the exception of that first day, people were in the stands for an hour at the most. She added that by the third day, the average wait was approximately fifteen minutes, and by Saturday, "people got their tickets and walked right through." She added that those persons who arrived close to the end of their specified alphabet period may be assisted if the front desk is not too busy.

Among the changes and improvements this semester was the 'zip-through' registration. Mrs. Berry stated that the response was disappointing as only 75 students took advantage of the program.

Those students who used the new system were pleased as they had to wait no longer than half an hour before being registered.

It is puzzling why students were reluctant to use the new system. Mrs. Berry theorizes that perhaps students enjoy some type of bonding which makes them want to remain in the stands rather than be registered quickly. The 'zip through' registration will be continued in future registration exercises despite this initial manifestation of the 'bonding theory'.

Another difference this semester was the concurrent running of the add/drop period with regular registrations. Previously, the add/drop period was extended into the weeks following registration, accompanied by a \$6 fee for each add/drop transaction. This semester there is no separate add/drop fee, but rather a fixed registration fee of \$6 for all students.

Mrs. Berry reminds students that certain fees such as the building and computer use fees, do vary proportionately with the number of courses added or dropped. This brings to bear one of her main concerns which always makes the registration process that much more difficult, whereby students elect not to pay their fees on the day they register.

The registrar's office performs 'drops' based on the list compiled by the office of fiscal affairs. Consequently, students may still be dropped from the computers even though they pay their fees on a particular day after they have been registered.

According to Mrs. Berry another recurring misconcep-

tion among students which slows down the registration process concerns closed courses. When a student arrives at the terminals, if a particular

class which they have indicated on their registration sheet is closed, this does not necessarily mean that the course itself is closed, but that a particular section has already reached full capacity.

The number of students needed fill a class in order for it to be closed varies according to the type of course. For example, remedial classes often take no more than 20 students, whereas, courses such as history and political science may take as many as 60.

The size of a particular classroom and the seating capacity may also be a deciding factor. Mrs. Berry pointed out that the respective departments ultimately determine the size of the classes. Therefore, the directive to reopen classes has to come from the heads of the departments.

To further assist in the registration process, the terminal operators are now equipped with screens which are able to locate open sections, and substitute alternate sections but not alternate courses.

Mrs. Berry suggests that in the advisement process, students and advisors list alternate courses rather than merely sections. Mrs. Berry also suggests that students should exercise more pre-planning and begin their advisement and selection way in advance of the registration period, as well as develop a good rapport with their respective advisors.

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NEWSWEEK

University policy to be fully exercised

By Dwayne Bennett
Staff Writer

One of the objectives of the Department of Student Affairs is that of providing students with an environment that is conducive to learning said Dean of Men-Col. Aldridge.

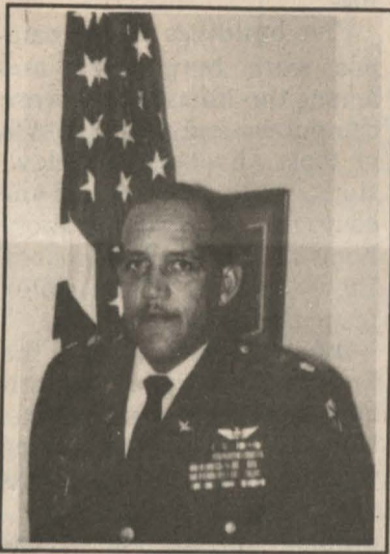
With a heightened concern about campus security, Aldridge says that university policy will be fully enforced for any violators.

Col. Aldridge encourages the use of the student amnesty service for crime watch and protection on a 24-hour basis.

The service allows persons needing to report a crime the opportunity to call in and do so confidentially. Every university must report a listing of campus-related crimes to the National Crime Bureau each semester. This information goes into a data bank. However, most cases are handled by the university thus allowing the student a second chance, stated Aldridge.

To be found guilty of a violation may result in being placed on administrative probation or administrative suspension. Aldridge supports this approach along with proper counseling.

A student is granted the opportunity to receive an education while stopping



Colonel Aldridge

the criminal activity before they end up with a permanent criminal record in the data bank.

Aldridge also stressed the importance of staff and faculty involvement in providing assistance and taking a stand against intolerable behavior on campus.

Prairie View and Texas Southern University along with others are working together, exchanging information that would deny suspended students entrance into any of the respective universities while being suspended from another university, stated Aldridge. He added that a suspension may have a positive result for growth and caring.

President gives state of university address at convocation ceremony

By Vanessa White
Staff Writer

President Julius Becton talked on several subjects concerning the University and student body at the Convocation on Wednesday. Becton emphasized the importance of gun control, decrease of student violations, and the enrollment at the University.

This Spring's enrollment of 5,139 is at its highest, and Becton expects enrollment to reach 5,900 in September 1992. Some 75 percent of stu-

dents enrolled are Texas residents, 50 percent of whom are from Harris County.

President Becton also addressed the issue of gun control and other violations at our University. Sixteen students have been suspended for the possession of weapons, six for fighting, two for rape, 108 students are on administration probation and several more have been suspended on other accounts.

"Once students have been suspended from the University, those who are thinking of

enrolling at schools such as Texas Southern University, will not be able to attend school or enroll on their campus. Prairie View has given (TSU) a list of each student on suspension" stated Becton.

Other topics discussed were student eligibility for Financial Aid assistance for the fall of 1992. Students will be able to reapply without sending in FAF forms. FAF counselors were seated in the audience to assist the students with necessary paperwork and additional informa-

tion. Becton also acknowledged Barbara Jacket, the 1992 women's Olympic track coach, the football team's effort in 11 games without available scholarships, and the women's volleyball team in placing second in SWAC.

The University's upgrading is also being enforced with a new writing laboratory, 42 new computers in the Business Department, new organizations such as the Black Christian Leaders Group and Toastmasters.

Students dissatisfied with SGA

By Montoya L. Warner
Staff Writer

It is clear that the line of communication between the SGA and the students is weak. But who is to blame? The student body or the SGA?

Some students claim they have not seen any progress made by the Student Government Association since last fall's elections. "Where is the SGA?" has therefore become a popular question on campus.

One student said, "I have not heard of any meetings, programs, or seen anything effective being done on campus...overall, I am disappointed with the SGA."

Monica Robinson, a junior, said, "As soon as people get into office they forget about their platform and the students who put them there."

According to SGA President Kahlil Yarborough, "Even if there is no publicity about a meeting, my office is always open, and it is the student's responsibility to find out what is happening on campus."

Janet Brotherton, vice-president of the junior class explained, "We have put a lot of time and brain power into

excellent ideas to uplift the student body but students don't come out and support us...I am only one person, I can't do everything."

As far as the weakened communication between the SGA and students is concerned, students want the SGA to voice their concerns to the administration about the dorms, parking, laundry services, and other important campus issues, but when meetings are held an average of 50 students out of 5,600 usually show up.

On the other hand, the SGA does not properly inform students of what is going on, leaving students unaware and disinterested. Can we really therefore point the finger of fault in any direction?

When students were asked about some of the things they would like to see done some said they would like the SGA members to be more visible, conduct more awareness seminars, have the Memorial Student Center renovated, and a campus clean-up, just to name a few.

Yarborough said he is currently working towards getting the constitution of the SGA ratified, providing more

scholarships for students and inviting guest speakers to address the student body.

"I guess the biggest change that I can make would be within myself," said Janet Brotherton.

"I will try to inform students more of what is going on and be more open-minded as a member of SGA. We need to work together."

Kahlil added "A leader is only as strong as his followers...we must have more student participation."

The vice-president and secretary of the SGA did not return this semester so the question of the SGA's productivity is up in the air.

Students want the SGA to relate to them better, they want know about meetings before they're held and get results they can see.

Kahlil wants students to get more involved and to stop using the line "I didn't know" as a 'cop-out'. But let's hope that by the end of his term students will have seen more results and are satisfied, so that he won't 'cop-out' by using the fact that the secretary and vice-president did not return to explain the SGA's ineffectiveness.

Saccharin discovered

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WEREN'T OUR HEALTH CONCERNS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION? There are NO signs posted to warn US of the harm this drink may cause us, despite the fact that cancer is a common health problem in the African-American community.

Prairie View students pay to eat in Alumni, and are entitled to know if food or drinks served to them may be hazardous to their health.

An assistant manager at Alumni also verified that the drinks were sweetened with saccharin. "We never really thought about it," he explained, when asked why students were not notified of the possible health threat. To address the current situation, he believes that posting warning signs would be a positive move.

Students voice concerns to president at forum

By Sholunda K. Osby
Staff Writer

On Thursday, January 23, a 'Chat with the President' forum was held in the auditorium of the Administration building. President Becton discussed and answered questions concerning the challenges introduced at the convocation exercise the previous day.

Students who attended the meeting were able to express their views and concerns towards the proposed challenges. Along with the president were Col. Aldridge, Vice-President Daniels, Mr. Frederick Roberts and other members of the administration attending the meeting.

Topics concerning the Student Government, school spirit, and scholarship money needed to boost our athletics department were discussed, as well as the Alumni Association membership. As Prairie View students we must have pride in our school and help to improve it.

We need to work together, and one of the first steps is to attend the meetings held with the persons in charge, so that we as students may express our views, concerns, and ideas.

New engineering dean appointed

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Dean Foster not only brings a reputable background, but new members to our growing family, his wife Mary Ann and their three children. He also brings with him a vision of bettering our program and an air of motivation that has begun to filter through the conversation of engineering students.

On January 16, at 4 P.M. in the A.I. auditorium, Dean Foster made his debut with the students. He opened the rap session by welcoming everyone back and wishing us a, "A Happy New Year." He let students know about his agenda items. The most important agenda item probably being accreditation visits scheduled for this year. Dean Foster emphasized the importance of accreditation by saying, "If we do not have accreditation we lose companies, money and interest."

His plan is to equip our labs with twenty Macintosh computers, twenty 386 personal computers networked together and a computer work station. Plans are also in the making to enhance the silverscreen room in the Engineering building and have it linked to an enter-net system.

With the new budgets approved by the state, we should also have new lab equipment. Dean Foster encouraged students to utilize these facilities, once they are activated.

Dean Foster enlightened students on the new building access hours. The building will now be open until midnight every day of the week. Dean Foster, wishes to create a one-to-one atmosphere with students. He let students know how to contact him during working hours and that he has an open door policy.

Students were encouraged to attend the monthly rap session held every first Tuesday. Dean Foster stated, "If we work together, we can make our program substantially better."

Dean Foster opened the floor to students for ques-

tioning. Walter Terry began by asking, "If there were plans for course consolidation to shorten the number of hours needed to graduate?" Dean Foster said the curriculum committee was working on changing this by the end of the semester in all disciplines.

Other questions were asked by seniors Eldridge Lee, Jerry Roach and Chuck Perry. Lee had concerns about off campus students being able to be a part of the computer networking system. This will be possible, but capabilities will be limited. J. Roach had concerns about the improvement of our graduate school.

Dean Foster stated that he was working on getting the graduate programs degree specific. Perry, was concerned about the dean's plans to expand the college of Engineering's research base. Presently the research budget is about \$450K. Dean Foster said, "We must enhance research to about \$4.5 million per year."

Dean Foster ended the rap session by acknowledging his assistant Mrs. Carolyne Oliver as the Industrial liaison for students. He thanked the students for coming out and invited everyone out to the next rap session. He encouraged them to work together and for seniors to stop by and visit him.

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LIFESTYLES

Students celebrate their heritage

By Omar D. Harris
Lifestyles Editor

Is Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream still alive? We would no doubt like to believe that the things he stood for, we all stand for today. Unfortunately, we as black Americans are neither united or unified, and without unity there can be no progress. On the 20th of January many paid tribute to Dr. King in one way or another. People of all creeds and colors commemorated the man who was a legend in his own right.

On the other end of the spectrum as sung by R&B/Rap group PM Dawn "...ignorance is not a fad," some of us are not even sure of just what Dr. King did and what he stood for. This spans across the color line as well and some people were happy to have another day off.

Many individuals found different ways to pay tribute on the national holiday and have plans to help expose their children to the topics of black history and Dr. King. Dometrius Hill, a junior journalism major, celebrated by going to church. He feels that it is important to stress the convergence of all races to children as Dr. King did.

Junior sociology majors Marrison Miles and Larry Williams had strong views on the subject. Miles felt that it was extremely important to send black children to black schools in order for them to receive the correct information on black ancestry. He insists that the true history of black Americans did not begin in the United States in 1619. Miles celebrated his

holiday in Louisiana where there were many festivities held in honor of Dr. King.

Williams said, "I would instill in my kids at an early age who the greatest black leader was, and that because he and others marched, we are first class citizens."

Valerie Johnson, a senior, watched the various programs on television but in the future she will participate in community activities.

Senior marketing major Cherrie Roberts said she will definitely start teaching her children about Dr. King at an early age. "Because of him I have more opportunities than did my parents, and so the future can be better. I intend to keep his dream alive."

Freshman accounting major Shawn Senegal commemorated Dr. King's holiday by attending the parades held in his hometown of Gavelston and ended the day by eating barbeque. Senegal

said he learned much about the civil rights activist and others through his grandparents.

Thomas Houston, a graduating senior could not have stated it better, "Although I can only tell my children of how Dr. King and others made their achievements, I would like to show them by being a positive role model and righteous man myself, everyday."

We often take the rights for which our forefathers fought and even died for, for granted. For example, little things such as eating in public places, drinking from public water fountains and going just about any place we like.

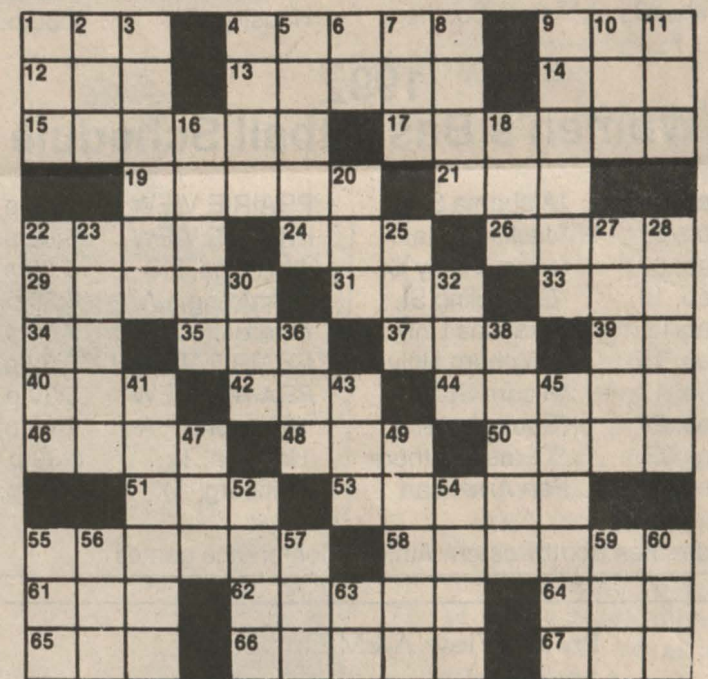
In the decade of the 90's there are much larger issues at hand such as over-coming reverse racism, black on black crime, genocide, drugs, single parent homes in the black commun-

ity and the dwindling numbers of prominent black males.

February is celebrated as Black history month, but why do we need someone

else to designate a specific time to celebrate our heritage and greatness? Black history should be taught and celebrated throughout the entire year.

Crossword Companion

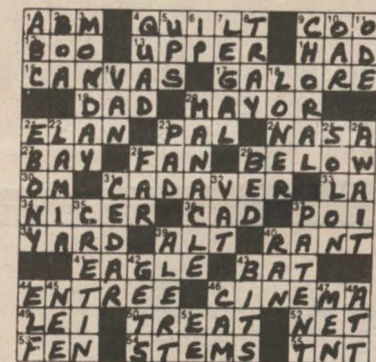


ACROSS

1. Automobile
4. Strip of leather
9. Small bug
12. Poem
13. Topic
14. Digit
15. Bother
17. Religious building
19. Shield
21. Can
22. Festival
24. Paper sack
26. Space organization (abbr.)
29. Build
31. Affirmative
33. Rule
34. Direction (abbr.)
35. Hearing organ
37. Meadow
39. Tantalum symbol
40. Officeholders
42. Disorderly crowd
44. Moving about
46. Dines
48. Stem growth
50. Distinct pitch
51. Direct a weapon
53. 39.37 inches
55. Evening meal
58. Life work
61. 2001 computer

DOWN

2. Royal
64. Soak flax
65. Before (poetic)
66. Banishment
67. Unit
1. Policeman (slang)
2. Lemon drink
3. Sell again
4. Slender stalk
5. Pound
6. Concerning (Latin)
7. Electric current (abbr.)
8. — moss
9. Lacking tone
10. Doze
11. Boston — Party
16. Follow a path
18. Alcoholic beverage
20. — Bolger
22. Spirit
23. Field of conflict
25. Jelly-like
27. Soft material
28. Conscious
30. — o'-shanter
32. Salt water
36. Steal
38. Spring flower
41. Fasten
43. Vagrant
45. Matador
47. Drink delicately
49. Transferred design
52. Nothing more than specified
54. Story
55. Her
56. Formerly Egypt (abbr.)
57. — Allen (cowboy)
59. Even (poetic)
60. Route (abbr.)
63. Enlisted man (abbr.)



Answers to last issue's crossword

Puzzle No. 168

Research society to host competition

Press Release

The Sigma Xi Research Society Club of Prairie View is beginning its annual Student Research Paper Competition. Sigma Xi hopes to promote a campus-wide productive research atmosphere through activities for students, scientists and engineers.

Students studying Animal Science, Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Home Economics, Nursing, Engineering, Engineering Technology, Computer Science and related sciences fields, are invited to participate in this competition.

The top 3 papers, selected by qualified panelists, will receive plaques, and cash awards as follows: 1st Place—\$300, 2nd Place—\$200, 3rd Place—\$100.

Students must submit and Abstract and an unpublished paper by Monday, March 16, 1992. They are also required to present their paper orally on Friday, April 10, 1992.

For more information on requirements and deadlines, contact Dr. Young W. Park at (409) 857-2209 or 2110.

911 now in Waller county

Press Release

On January 29, the Waller County area gained access to 911 emergency service. The system will be operational within the municipalities and unincorporated area of Waller County.

Previously, the cities of Waller and Katy had access to the 911 service through the Harris County system. As a result of a mandate, the Greater Harris County 911 Emergency Network, under interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston area council has implemented and administer the service in Waller.

The Public Safety Answering Points in Waller are at the Sheriff's Office, and the Brookshire Police Department.

MOMMA AFRICA

WHEN MOMMA AFRICA COMES
TO SEE HER LOST CHILDREN
WHO HAVE LONG-BEEN GONE FROM HOME,
I HOPE THAT I CAN SEE HER FACE,
TOUCH HER SKIRT
MAYBE HEAR THE RHYTHM OF HER HEART
OR FEEL HER ETHEREAL SOUL...
TO REKINDLE MY LOST
AFRICAN HERITAGE OF...OLD!

WHEN MOMMA AFRICA SEES ME,
I HOPE THAT SHE WILL SMILE...
THEN SAY "THIS IS MY CHILD,
THESE ARE MY CHILDREN!
TODAY I RECLAIM THEM,
THEY ARE THE ONES...
WHO WERE STOLEN FROM ME!"

Dwight David Watson

MOMMA AFRICA

MOMMA AFRICA

The above poem was presented to Winnie Mandela by an 11-year-old student from Kuumba House in Houston during her tour to 'Save the Children.' More than 2200 people attended the afternoon event at TSU where Kuumba House children sang for her and she was presented the poem on a plaque.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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3. BREAK THE TIES WITH YOUR PARENTS (DON'T BE OVERLY DEPENDENT) AND LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE. DON'T BE A MAMA'S OR DADDY'S BOY.
4. ALWAYS RESPECT AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN; NEVER CURSE OR BEAT THEM. REMEMBER, THE QUALITY OF A RELATIONSHIP IS BETTER THAN THE QUANTITY OF RELATIONSHIPS.
5. BOYS MAKE BABIES -- MEN TAKE CARE OF THEM.
6. STAY OFF THE CORNERS, TURN OFF THE TV SET, STUDY AND DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS FOR A CAREER OR TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
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SPORTSWEEK

1992 Men's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 1	*Alabama State	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Jackson State	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Miss. Valley St.	Itta Bena, MS	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Grambling State	Grambling, LA	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Univ of Arkansas	@ Little Rock	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	*Southern Univ	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Alcorn State	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Texas Southern	Houston, TX	7:30 p.m.

1992 Women's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 1	*Alabama State	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Jackson State	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Miss. Valley St.	Itta Bena, MS	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Grambling St.	Grambling, LA	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Arkansas Univ	Pine Bluff, AR	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	*Southern Univ	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Alcorn State	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	*Southeastern	Hammond, LA	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Texas Southern	Houston, TX	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Pan American	Edinburg, TX	5:00 p.m.

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Panthers lose to Tigers 85-70

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

No doubt the cruelest joke traveling the 'Hill' the last few weeks is "How does it feel to be a Prairie View Cheerleader?"

As we all know, the men's basketball team is currently in the midst of a nationally-known 19 game losing streak. The most prominent loss was at home against interstate rival Texas Southern University. Prairie View lost the contest 85-70. Despite the score, however, the Panthers were on the verge of an upset.

In the first half, Prairie View "stormed to the floor" with an early 18-8 lead over T.S.U. During this tremendous run, Senior Darrell Pope led the way with an open floor thunderous slam dunk. The Panthers seemed to be everywhere as they hustled on each play.

However, the official, determined to keep control of the game, called a break-away intentional foul when an unidentified T.S.U. player was fouled by a P.V. guard. This foul opened the way for T.S.U. to calm down and become productive on their offensive scoring. Prairie View was able to thwart the T.S.U. surge and cling to a 32-31 lead at intermission.

The halftime show was a tasteless facsimile of the newest 'Two Live Crew' Video. But even more tasteless was the shameful exhibition of the usually venerable P.V. crowd, particularly four disruptive students.

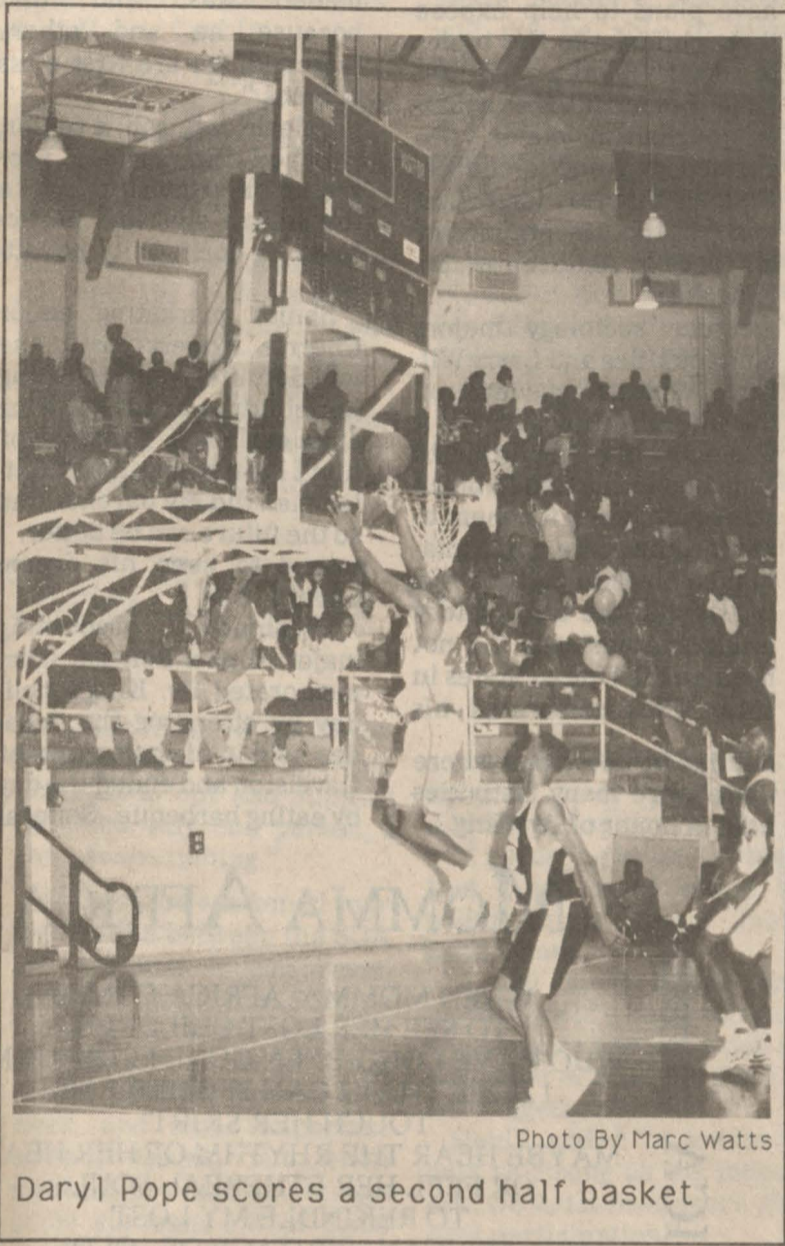


Photo By Marc Watts

Daryl Pope scores a second half basket

T.S.U. gained control of the second half through various ball handling mistakes and poor choice of offensive execution. T.S.U. outscored P.V. 54 - 34 in the second half.

Prairie View was paced by a superhuman effort of forwards Kirk Martin and

Culumber Ball. They had 14 and 19 points respectively.

Earlier that evening, the Lady Panthers lost to the T.S.U. Lady Tigers. The Panthers were led by freshman sensation Christina Dixon and Ms. 'All P.V.' Rosalyn Reed. They had 13 and 10 points respectively.

Athletics dept. raises \$5000

Supporters discuss scholarship reinstatement

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

On January 18, the university's athletic department sponsored an "Athletic Summit" with the main emphasis on restoring athletic scholarships through same day donations and future pledges by participants.

A crowd of over seventy alumni and friends of the university discussed the present and future status of the program while simultaneously raising over \$5000 to "kick-off" the cause.

In a letter to supporters of athletics, Athletic Director Barbara Jacket outlined the goal of the summit. Jacket wrote "Verbal and written support for athletics at Prairie View A&M are fine, however, WE NEED YOUR

FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW!" The letter stated that for Prairie View Athletics to be competitive, scholarship money is needed to recruit "blue-chippers" to the program.

Presently, Prairie View A&M University is prohibited from awarding athletic scholarships. This ruling, mandated by the Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, stemmed from the diversion of funds from student housing renovation and repairs to finance the athletic program in the late 1980's.

The department's donation goal was to raise \$300,000 in scholarships. If this amount is acquired, the department feels that it will demonstrate to the administrative levels

that they should be granted the right to issue athletic scholarships.

With this proposed donation, the P.V. athletic program would have a budget of almost \$800,000, but would, however, still be far behind similar universities with Div. II football programs.

One student, Jerry LaChapelle summarized the advantages of being involved in athletics. The interesting but almost never discussed fact of graduating athletes was also mentioned. According to the department and also published independent reports, Prairie View's athletics has an above average graduation rate over many universities.

To inquire into this Scholarship Reinstatement Fund Drive, call (409) 857-2236/4319.

P.V. Sports Alumni banquets set

Press Release

Prairie View's Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee is accepting nominations of persons to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Nominees will be judged and elected for induction based upon their athletic accomplishments at Prairie View, their community service record, and demonstrated leadership ability. The deadline for submission of nominations is February 15, and nomination forms may be obtained from Robert F. Ford, Sports Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 843, Prairie View, Tx. 77446-0843. Telephone: (409) 857-4710.

Those persons elected for induction will be announced on March 17, and the induction ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the West Wing of the Alumni Hall.

The Houston Prairie View A&M University Alumni Athletic Purple & Gold Club will host a recognition banquet on Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sheraton Astrodome. Several former Prairie View athletes who have won championships over the years will be honored.

Former Panthers to be honored are Freddie James, head football coach at Dallas Carter; Willie Dearion, head football coach at Dallas Roosevelt; James White, head basketball coach at Beaumont Central; Henry Henderson, head boys track coach at Willowridge; Ray Seals, head football coach at Houston Madison; Maurice McGowan, head football coach at Houston Yates; Clarence Stubblefield, head basketball coach at Houston Washington and George Dearborne, head football coach at Houston Washington.

Master of Ceremonies will be Ralph Cooper, sports director at KCOH, and all proceeds will go towards athletic scholarships at Prairie View. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster and Sound Warehouse for \$35.00. For additional information, call Houston Prairie View Purple & Gold Info Line at (713) 867-7910.

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MEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR
Miss. Valley State	5	1	.833	521	458	W-2	6	10	.375	1230	1318	W-2
Alabama State	5	1	.833	544	464	L-1	9	8	.529	1467	1415	L-1
Southern U.	4	2	.667	563	506	W-2	9	8	.529	1566	1463	W-3
Texas Southern	4	2	.667	484	442	L-1	7	10	.412	1249	1307	L-1
Alcorn State	3	3	.500	453	457	W-1	8	10	.444	1459	1530	W-1
Jackson State	2	4	.333	460	450	W-1	7	12	.368	1422	1491	W-1
Grambling State	1	5	.167	469	533	L-2	2	14	.125	1272	1549	L-2
Prairie View A&M	0	6	.000	387	566	L-6	0	16	.000	952	1634	L-16

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR
Alcorn State	6	0	1.000	481	340	W-6	10	6	.625	1230	1166	W-2
Jackson State	4	2	.667	401	345	L-1	8	8	.500	1032	946	L-1
Southern U.	4	2	.667	442	395	W-3	10	5	.667	1211	1017	W-4
Miss. Valley State	3	3	.500	398	377	W-1	5	11	.313	1002	1080	W-1
Alabama State	3	3	.500	366	349	L-1	6	11	.353	967	1181	L-1
Texas Southern	2	4	.333	384	449	L-2	2	13	.133	876	1128	L-3
Grambling State	2	4	.333	395	380	W-1	5	10	.333	966	1084	W-1
Prairie View A&M	0	6	.000	258	486	L-6	0	12	.000	482	951	L-12

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE - OFFENSE

TEAM	GM	FGM	FGA	PCT
Alcorn State	16	506	1180	.429
Southern U.	15	462	1088	.425
Jackson State	16	401	1008	.398
Prairie View	12	173	454	.398
Grambling State	15	372	1001	.372
Alabama State	17	393	1105	.356
Miss. Valley	16	389	1165	.333
Texas Southern	17	363	1104	.329

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE - DEFENSE

TEAM	GM	FGM	FGA	PCT
Jackson State	16	312	917	.340
Southern U.	15	370	971	.381
Miss. Valley	16	402	1016	.396
Alabama State	17	417	1039	.401
Texas Southern	17	505	1181	.428
Grambling State	15	406	930	.437
Alcorn State	16	502	1113	.451
Prairie View	12	350	692	.505



VIEWPOINTS

Phi Beta Sigma celebrates Founder's Day

By Calvin E. Hill
Letter-to-the-Editor
On January 9, 1914, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. was established on the campus of Howard University. The organization was founded on the principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service. In recognition of this historic day, the Delta Theta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, at Prairie View held a founder's day observance at Hope A.M.E. church on Saturday January 25.

The audience was treated to a dynamic speech, by P.V.'s James Porter, a Junior accounting major. Porter spoke on education and the need for our people to be warriors like Martin L. King Jr. He also emphasized the importance of knowing oneself and one's history and was greatly applauded upon completing his speech.

This day also marked the gathering of the members of our Panhellenic counsel,

whereby each organization participated and had an opportunity to enlighten the audience on a brief history of their organization. The various organizations were also represented by candles bearing their colors to signify unity.

As members of the Panhellenic counsel, we must remember the purpose of the unity candle lighting and carry it abroad in our hearts. We sincerely hope that this ceremony marks the beginning of better relationships among the organizations.

Several honored guests attended the program. Among them were Phi Beta Sigma's Gulf Coast regional director Arthur Thomas, and Vice-Regional Director Paul Griff-in as well as State Director Aiphonse Hubbud. Other distinguished guests were the organizational representatives. We express our gratitude to them for making the occasion a success.

Football raises debate

Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Over the past weekend, America was again afforded the opportunity to watch what has become a yearly flop—the Super Bowl! This year, however, the Super Bowl served the distinct purpose of raising the consciousness of Americans towards Native American Indians.

A debate had centered around the National Football League team which is named the Washington Redskins. Apparently I, as well as most of America had never thought of the term 'REDSKIN' as being derogatory or offensive. In my mind, the word Native American and Redskin did not even correlate. Shamelessly, I fell into the trap of allowing taught history to distort reality.

The reality of naming a mascot after a race of people is ludicrous. Native Americans were citing phrases such as, "How would people react if they were called the Washington Negroes?"

Just think, many schools which have the mascot rebel and the confederate flag are being challenged for their racist overtones. Those symbols easily rekindle the

memories of forced bondage of African Americans. Likewise 'Redskin' conveys the thwarted memories of a savage, blood thirsty race, when in reality they were a race with an established religion, social structure and government structure.

Although much attention was brought to Native Americans, nothing apparently was done. The owners of the Washington Redskins as well as N.F.L. officials brushed aside what they determined to be bad media. What does this all mean? Perhaps that America is still a nation of racism, not exactly the great melting pot.

As students at a predominantly Black university, we know first-hand the feelings and destruction of racism. Therefore, we should make a stern effort to become unified as a race. And while we become unified, we need to extend the hand of friendship to other races which attend our campus.

The moral is that we as African Americans, as the majority at an institution should not repeat the transgressions of the Caucasian race. Befriend your peers who are from other lands and let them know and feel that they are welcome a Pantherland.

Finding the real message



Michelle Johnson
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The cartoon's title disclaims America's double standard of Justice. Although the artist's opinion is evident, it is

only fair to weigh both sides. I am not being sacrilegious, but at this time when black teens are dying by the dozens at the hands of other black teens, the subject must be addressed. Are we sending out mixed

messages to America and to our youngsters?

It is good that another Black male will not be a part of the statistics of persons who have been incarcerated and lost in the system, never to be rehabilitated, nor will he be condemned for being a Black man.

On the flip side of that coin, however, it says that one's life is not worth anything. You die, your family and friends grieve and your murderer walks free with 10 years probation.

The system seems not to care about black teens at all. No doubt one might kill an animal and get more time in prison than killing a fellow class mate.

Does this say that society, the judicial system and America welcomes the destruction of young Black teens? and if so, how do we as educated Blacks fight back to save the future.

We must take a stand for justice and for the preservation of our nation. I ask you to wear red and black on February 6. Red for the blood that has been shed already and Black for the power and the strength that we possess to change the system.

Two of our fellow black teens have died. One mortally, which is more permanent, but the other died into isolation, the isolation of being labeled a murderer which may be far more dangerous and sad in the end.

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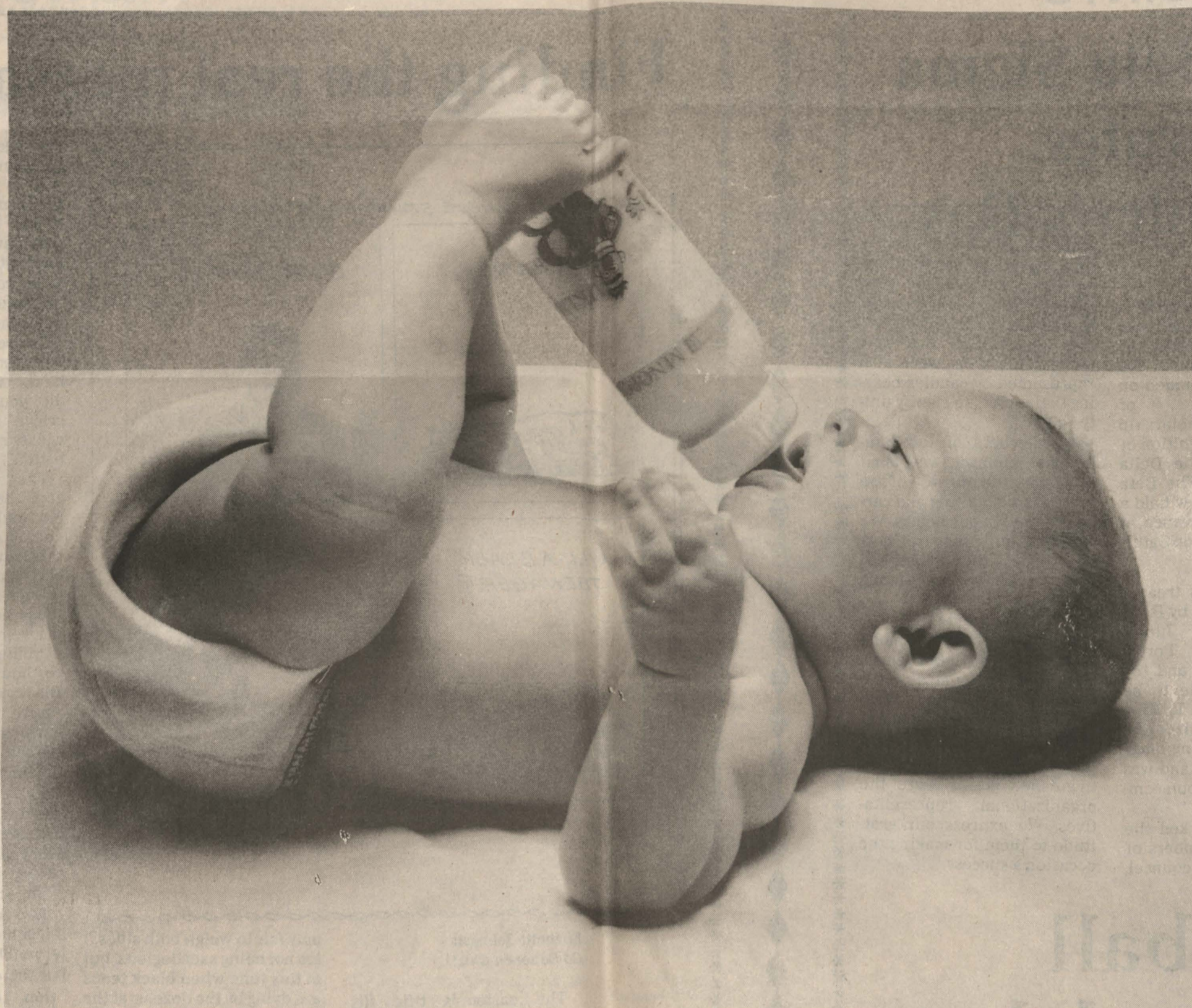
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