

Prairie View A&M University

Digital Commons @PVAMU

PV Panther Newspapers

Publications

2-28-1992

Panther- February 1992 - Vol. LXIX, NO.3

Prairie View A&M University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.pvamu.edu/pv-panther-newspapers>

Recommended Citation

Prairie View A&M University. (1992). Panther- February 1992 - Vol. LXIX, NO.3., *Vol. LXIX, NO.3* Retrieved from <https://digitalcommons.pvamu.edu/pv-panther-newspapers/372>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Publications at Digital Commons @PVAMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in PV Panther Newspapers by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @PVAMU. For more information, please contact hvkoshy@pvamu.edu.



Finding the new
Miss P.V.?

Page 4

A note from
the K.K.K.

VIEWPOINTS



All-male
model
revue

LIFESTYLES

Prairie View The Panther

Friday
Feb 28, 1992

The Official Student Publication of Prairie View A&M University

Volume 69, No. 3
Prairie View, Tx. 77446

SpeakOut!

We apologise for the absence of Speak out, pictures but.....

Chandra Baty, Soph., News-week, "I think that it's pathetic that our administration deliberately weakens the core of the student voice by depleting its funds. We are therefore unable to buy film for this week's issue".

Putting the false HIV rumors to rest

University Release

HIV RUMORS AT PVAMU UNFOUNDED

Several inquiries have been received concerning the number of HIV infected students at the University. The following are facts concerning this issue!

FACT.....PVAMU provides a County Wide anonymous HIV/AIDS pre and post counseling and testing.

FACT.....Following each blood drive, there are rumors

about the number of students with the HIV disease.

FACT.....Blood drives are conducted by St. Luke's Blood Center. During the March, 1991 drive, NO blood was rejected due to HIV disease.

FACT.....No student has reported to Student Health Services that they have HIV disease.

FACT.....PVAMU students are no more or less at risk than students in any institution of higher education across America!

Use of saccharin discontinued in Alumni Hall

By Morenike Efuntade
Panther Reporter

The artificial sweetener, saccharin, is no longer being used to sweeten drinks in the Alumni Hall.

Frank Jackson, director of auxiliary services was concerned about the effect saccharin might have on students.

"I was unaware of saccharin's use in the Alumni Hall until I read the article in *The Panther*," he explained.

Jackson investigated the matter and found that a saccharin can, along with two powder mixes were being used interchangeably. He called the local Food & Drug Administration to get more information on the sweetener, and found that there is still ongoing controversy over sac-

charin's use.

The FDA's basic position is that "...the substance should not be used in food and beverages except as a table top sweetener."

Jackson believes that although the risk of using saccharin is unclear, it would be safer to stop using it altogether. He is pleased that the situation came to his attention and has been cleared up.

Jackson reminds students that the Alumni Hall is under their control.

"We want to be able to give students healthy, safe food. If students see anything that appears unsafe, unsanitary or have any questions about it, tell us," he encouraged.

Students with concerns can also attend Food Service Committee meetings every Thursday at 5 p.m.

International student enrollment down

Admissions in 1991 numbered a mere 47, compared to 241 students admitted in 1985.

By Calvin E. Hill
Panther Reporter

International student enrollment is down at PVAMU. Not since the beginning of international student enrollment, has the university experienced such a low intake.

Statistics at the Office of International Student Affairs show a drastic decrease in international students from a maximum of 241 students in 1985 to an all-time low of 47 admissions in 1991.

January 21, President Becton released a memorandum stating the university's goal to admit 5,900 students during the academic year. One way of attaining this goal is to increase the

number of international students.

Some of the factors which have crippled the enrollment of international students are: (1) Tuition tripled from \$40 to \$120 per semester hour, (2) No direct recruitment of international students, (3) negative publicity, (4) slow admissions process.

Some recommendations to eliminate the slide in international student enrollment offered by the International Student Affairs Office are: (1) Designate staff from the Office of Admissions and Records to be trained on the job to serve as knowledgeable international student admissions counselors. (2) Students should be directly recruited by recruitment personnel. (3) The admissions process should be on-

going, not an intermittent one.

Admissions and Records officers were not available for comment.

International student

education is a part of the fabric of the university. International students bring to the university ethnic, cultural and educational diversity.

More than 1,000 international students have graduated from PVAMU and returned to their countries where they have become successful in various fields.

An increase in international student enrollment increases the overall PVAMU enrollment, which increases the budget allotted to the university by the TAMU system.

National engineering week held Department's first dean honored at luncheon for achievements

By Calvin Hill
Panther Reporter

The college of Engineering and Architecture recently celebrated National Engineering week, allowing students the opportunity to interact with other professionals in the engineering field.

The week's activities began with visits from the Brazoria County Alliance for Minority Engineers (BCAME) and L.B. Johnson high school from Aus-

tin. BCAME. consist of students from Alvin, Brazosport and Sweeny I.S.D.. The groups had the opportunity to tour the engineering departments, the departments of computer science and technology, the library, bookstore and dined in the alumni hall.

On Wednesday, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the Engineers Council of Houston hosted a recognition luncheon for Outstanding Engineering stu-

dents from Prairie View, the University of Houston and Rice University. The luncheon was opened by a warm welcome from Dean John Foster.

Mr. Terry Anderson, Harris County Engineer spoke to students about career paths, about the knowledge they acquire in their undergraduate studies and the small percentage actually used in the real world.

Anderson pointed out spec-

ifics such as; technical jargon he hadn't learned in college, and that he rarely used the higher mathematics skills, but rather that the most commonly used skill is communication. He pointed out that interpersonal skills cannot be taught but may just be inherited.

Dean Foster in closing the proceedings, recognized former Dean, C.T. Wilson, the first Dean of P.V.'s college of

Engineering. Dean Wilson is credited with starting the college of engineering and being a former 'Black Engineer of the Year'. Dean Foster also acknowledged the fact that all four of the past Deans of the college of engineering are still living.

The week's celebrations continued with visits from PVAMU alumni. The alumni held seminars and appeared at the Alumni/Student banquet.



Dr. Antonio Gonzalez (right), coordinator of the Office of Multicultural Services at Prairie View A&M University, presents an Indo-Chinese Cultural Scholarship Award to PVAMU biology major Phayboune Silvangkhot.

Michelle Johnson, Senior-Co-Editor-In-Chief, "It's unfortunate that the student body has to suffer. All students pay a \$90 fee which includes having "the Panther" at their disposal, but if you don't speak out, the Panther could fall into 'the land of no more.'"

NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

MARCH 4-6
Midterms Exams

MARCH 9-13
Spring Break
Permission to party!



A myoclonic jerk is not an insult. It's the sudden sensation of falling sometimes felt just before sleep.



The Australian walking fish can not only survive out of water, he can actually climb trees to feed on insects there.

FYI



Popcorn will pop better if you leave it in the freezer for a full 24 hours before using.



The average combination lock may hold as many as a million possible combinations.

Countdown

10

Days until
Spring Break
Vacation

BRIEFLY

"James Harris Memorial" Food Festival

Well Monday (March 2, 1992) is the day! The traditional food festival, the Division of Social and Political Science are sponsoring to "close" Black History Month." The event is scheduled for 12 Noon Monday. Food donation might be brought anytime Monday morning. (office#314 Social Political Science Building ph# 857-4024.)

MONTHLY AIDS SUMMARY As of November 30, 1991

This month's report shows the addition of 88 confirmed AIDS cases and brings the Houston MSA cumulative total to cumulative total to 6,072 cases of AIDS. To report AIDS cases, call 794-9441.

The Communication Department will send several students to represent P.V. at the Women in Communication Inc. Student Career Conference. It is an Annual event for communication student over the U.S. It will be held February 29, 1992. 8am-5pm. Cityplace Conference Center. 2711 N.Haskell Dallas Texas.

Engineering students will travel to the National Black Engineering Student Convention. P.V. has won the student of the year award in the past 2 years and they are looking forward to the third year.

HOBART TAYLOR BUILDING RECITAL HALL

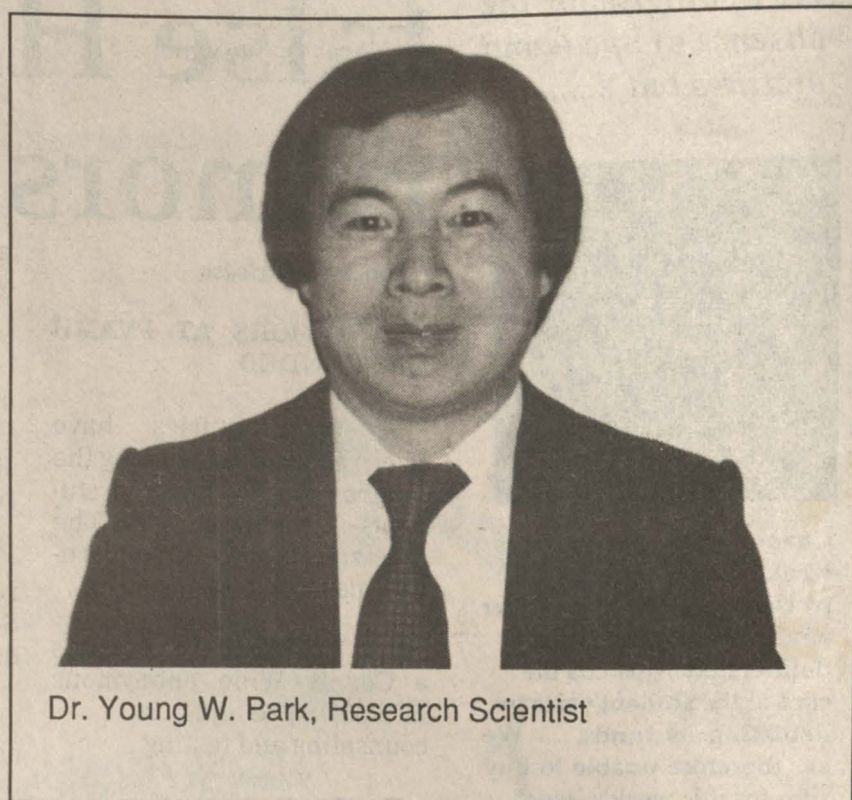
February 27, 1992, 7:00 p.m.
Percussion Recital of Joseph Jackson.

February 29, 1992, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Annual High School Choral Festival,
Directed
by Mr. Curtis Powell

March 5, 1992, 7:00 p.m.
Percussion Recital of Randy Raze.

GOOD LUCK ON MIDTERMS FROM THE PANTHER STAFF

PEOPLE



Dr. Young W. Park, Research Scientist

Dr. Young W. Park, a Research Scientist for the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, at Prairie View A&M University, has been invited as the symposium speaker to the fifth INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GOATS in New Delhi, India, March 2 to 9. Dr. Park will present two papers on the Advances in the manufacture of goat cheeses, and on the Nutrient composition in commercial goat milk yogurt produced in the U.S. Dr. Park is currently a member of the Editorial Board for the SMALL RUMINANT RESEARCH JOURNAL, the official Journal of the International Goat Association. He also serves as the President of the sigma Xi Research Society Club of Prairie View A&M University 1991-92.

THE PANTHER PRAIRIEVIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Co-Editors-In-Chief.....Michelle Johnson
.....Roosevelt Huggins
Newsweek Editor.....Chandra Baty
Lifestyles Editor.....Omar D. Harris
Copy Editor.....Roland Lemonius
Graphic Design Mgr.....Brian W. Jackson
Advisors.....Penny Williams
.....Lewis Smith

Panther Reporters

Morenike Efuntade, Calvin Hill, Kim Howard, Evangeline Mitchell, Montoya Warner and Vanessa White.

Advertising Manager.....Richard Griggs

Advertising Team

Robyn Ford Ad Layout
Cori Johnson..... Ad Layout
Michael Hodgkin..... Business Mgr.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Panther is a bi-weekly publication supported through advertising and student activity fees. Views expressed in the Panther are not necessarily those of Prairie View A&M University or The Texas A&M Board of Regents.

The Panther will accept news submissions from campus organizations and individuals at Hilliard Hall 209 on or before 5pm on Fridays.

The Panther reserves the right to editorial discretion concerning publication of submitted items and photographs.

Advertising rates are as follows: Students - \$2/ column inch (CI); local - \$3.75/CI; Local Agency- \$4.15/CI; National - \$5.67/CI

Mail inquiries to : The Panther, PVAMU, PO Box 156, PV, Tx, 77446

PLACES TO GO FOR SPRING BREAK

- ATLANTA
- CANCUN
- HAWAII
- BAHAMAS
- U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
- JAMAICA
- SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
- VIRGINIA BEACH
- FLORIDA
- ACAPULCO
- FRENCH RIVIERA
- GALVESTON
- SAN ANTONIO
- CORPUS CHRISTI
- LAKE TAHOE
- ASPEN
- VERA CRUZ
- BARBADOS
- BERMUDA
- LAS VEGAS
- NEW ORLEANS
- WASHINGTON D.C.
- SAN DIEGO
- RIO de JANEIRO
- NEW MEXICO
- NEW BROWNSVILLE



The fastest of all fish in the sea is the swordfish, which can swim 68 miles per hour.

NEWSWEEK

Conference held to address substance abuse on black college campuses

By Walter E. Smith IV
Special to The Panther

In an effort to stamp out drug and alcohol abuse on our college campuses, Grambling State University sponsored a Regional Conference entitled "The Role of the HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in Combatting Alcohol/Drug Abuse."

The conference was attended by Mrs Thelma Pierre, director of the Owens Franklin Health Center, Mr. Charles Crockett director of Holley Hall and Walter E. Smith IV Council of Student Organization Representative.

The topics addressed at the conference were (1)the implementation of campus-based substance abuse programs, (2) ways to involve campus organizations in the fight against substance abuse, (3)the role of local government and law enforcement agencies with HBCU's, and (4) reviewing general university policy on substance abuse.

The keynote speakers were Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell, professor of psychology at Coppin State College and Dr. Omowale Amuleru-Marshall, Southern Regional Director for the Center of Health and Development.

The two speakers captivated the audience which was represented by 21 HBCU's from Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Some of the solutions generated towards Prairie View's problem with drugs and alcohol included getting more students with problems to see counselors and warning students of the legal risks they take when using illegal substances.

If you know of anyone who is suffering from a chemical dependency problem, please contact one of the counselors at the Owens-Franklin Health Clinic.

Plans underway for honors convocation

By Morenike Efuntade
Panther Reporter

Students who achieved academic excellence during the 1991 Spring and Fall semesters will be recognized at the Annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, March 25 in the University Fieldhouse.

The guest speaker is Dr. Leo Sayavedra, president of Laredo State University, a predominantly Hispanic institution that is also part of the Texas A&M University system.

The College of Education is the official host of this year's convocation. According to Dr. Paul Mehta, dean of the College of Education and chairman of the Steering

Committee, a lot of work has gone into the event.

Invitations will be sent out to students and their parents, after Dr. Mehta has verified each honoree's G.P.A. and full time status.

The steering committee wants as many parents as possible to attend the Convocation. Dr. Mehta said "Last year, we had a wonderful turnout, we want parents to continue to come and hopefully we can exceed last year's numbers."

Classes will be suspended between 9:20 a.m. and 12 noon so that all students can attend the event.

All faculty members will participate in a procession in front of the fieldhouse at 9:30 a.m. in full academic regalia.

Multiple sclerosis still incurable

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central nervous system. People with multiple sclerosis may have any number of its many symptoms which range from dizziness to loss of motor skills. One in every 1,000 Americans has multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis is caused when the body's own immune system attacks the coating or insulation surrounding the nerves called myelin. Without this insulation, the nerves are no longer able to transmit the electrical impulses emitted by the brain. This results in disability, ranging from mild to severe.

Most people who have multiple sclerosis begin to experience their first symptoms around the age of thirty. Although it can be severely debilitating, it is not life-threatening. Multiple sclerosis cannot affect breathing, heartbeat circulation or digestion and only rarely does it affect thinking or memory.

Fatigue is the most common symptom of multiple sclerosis. For many, sustained activity can be almost impossible.

Heat greatly inhibits the activity of multiple sclerosis as nerves which have been stripped of their myelin coating cease to function when they become over-heated.

Although physicians know how multiple sclerosis is caused, they do not know why there is no cure. Because the disease can affect any part of the body, treatment of its symptoms varies from person to person.

Multiple sclerosis is not a hereditary disease, although your chance of having it is greater when someone in your family has it.

Some physicians have begun to treat their patients' multiple sclerosis with drugs, but there is no conclusive evidence that this treatment will lead to a cure.

Links between estrogen and coronary health

While researchers know estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) strengthens bones, a study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston will determine if estrogen also makes a menopausal woman's heart stronger.

"We suspect estrogen strengthens the heart and improves its ability to pump blood," said Dr. Michael C. Snabes, the study's lead investigator.

"If this is true, it helps explain why menopausal women taking estrogen have less cardiovascular disease than those not taking the hormone. It may also explain why estrogen protects premenopausal women from the heart disease that afflicts their male peers," Snabes said.

Snabes, a senior reproductive endocrinology fellow in Baylor's department of obstetrics and gynecology, is teaming with investigators in The DeBaakey Heart Center to learn how estrogen affects the structure and function of a menopausal woman's heart.

Menopausal women who are not taking estrogen begin the study with treadmill and ultrasound bicycle tests to

Minority-based firm soon to be established

Jfoxy Development Corp., a minority owned firm based in Richardson, Texas, is going on the offensive deploying the peaceful, nonviolent tactics of the civil rights movement of the 50's and 60's.

The company's President & CEO, Dr. Joseph O. Moore, is assembling an army of college students from all over America and of all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds to join in the battle to defeat the enemy of economic empowerment in Black America.

"This victory must be swift and decisive," says Dr. Moore, "and it, too, will be America's finest hour."

"When combined with the extraordinary purchasing power of all Americans, particularly college students, economic empowerment of Black America is indeed possible," says Dr. Moore.

In this effort, Dr. Moore has put together his first project; one within which every college student can participate by purchasing an athletic shoe that will come on the market in March 1992.

The goal, according to Dr. Moore, is to sell one million pairs of these shoes and use a percentage of the earnings to finance the construction of a \$12,000,000 athletic shoe manufacturing plant in an area of Dallas, Texas where there is a high incidence of underemployed and unemployed people.

Putting such a plant in this area will not only provide jobs, but will attract other businesses to the area, improve the quality of life of employees of the plant and their families, and increase greatly the expectation that

many of the dollars paid in wages will be recycled in the community thus stimulating additional economic growth and prosperity for the community and its citizens.

"If the battle is waged and won here in Dallas", says Dr. Moore, "then indeed it can be waged and won all over America."

If every college student in America gets behind this kind of national effort, the perception of a people being excess baggage, non-productive surplus population, or a taxpayer's nightmare will be dispelled forever, according to Dr. Moore.

Students interested in joining Dr. Moore's campaign can write him c/o Jfoxy Development Corp., 1143 Rockingham Dr., Suite 107, Richardson, Texas 75080 or call 1-800-776-4202

Elect Sherry Robinson

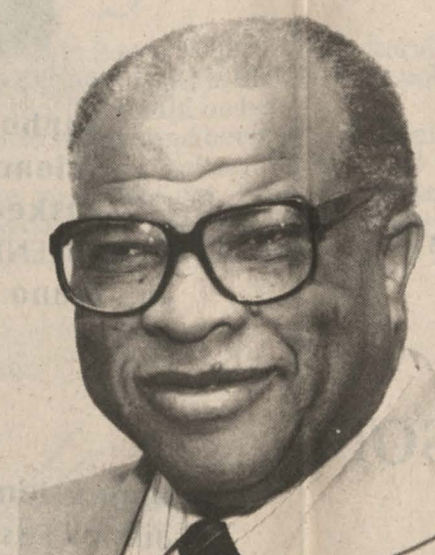
Waller County Attorney

- Interested in the Future of Waller county
- New Positive image for Our County
- Trail Experience in All Facets of the Law
- Experienced Attorney
- Guarantees cooperation with Law Enforcement
- Ready to Accept This Challenge
- Improved Communication with County Officials
- Tough, Aggressive prosecution
- You Make the Choice

Make the Choice for INTEGRITY

A paid political advertisement, Sherry Robinson Campaign Fund, Emily Hillman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1598, Brookshire, TX 77423

"In Unity there is Strength,
Unify for A Stronger Waller County"



HULEN M. DAVIS SR.
County Commissioner
Precinct 3
Waller County
Primary Date - March 10, 1992
Early Voting-February 19 - March 6, 1992

DO THE VOTE & ELECT RIGHT THING

Paid Pol. Advertisement by Hulen Davis Sr. for County Commissioner Campaign, Prairie, View, Texas. Irene Davis, Treasurer

Who will be the next Miss P.V.?

The 23rd Annual Miss Prairie View A&M Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 7 p.m. in the University Field House. The theme of this year's pageant is "Harlem Renaissance".

There are 9 beautiful young ladies vying for the title of Miss Prairie View.

The contestants will be judged in several categories including: interview, swimsuit, talent, evening gown and overall poise.

GENERAL DENTISTRY Dr. Jyron Walls

Appointments available on Tuesday and Thursday
from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
in the Owens-Franklin Health Center

Call for on campus appointments at 857-2511

or

937-3800 for appointments at
290 and Jones Rd location.

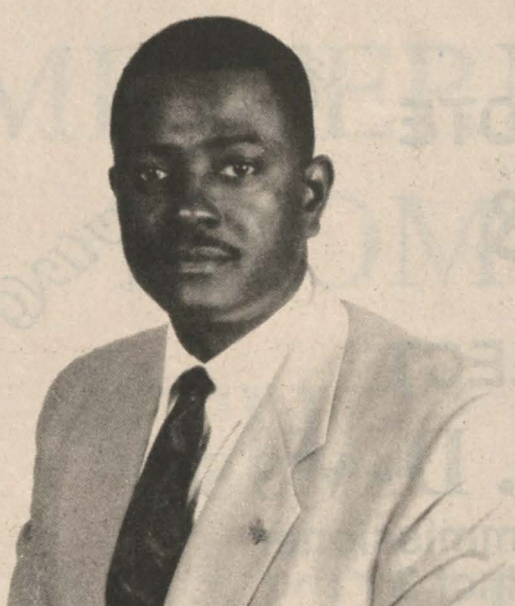
Fee not included in Student health fees / Most insurance accepted

ELECT STEVE ELDER Waller County Attorney

Former Waller County Attorney ● Experienced, Effective Prosecutor ● Handled all County Litigation ● 16-year resident of Waller County ● Built Own Home in Monaville ● Married 22 years ● Two Teenage Children ● Army Veteran ● Awarded Army's Highest Security Clearance ● Lions Club ● Methodist ● Member A.A.R.P. ● Founder, Harrison Title Company ● Licensed Escrow Officer ● University of Texas, Undergraduate and Law School ● Charter Member of Texas Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys ● Charter Member Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association ● State Democratic Convention Delegate.

Paid Political Ad., Paid for by Tricia Elder, Treasurer,
918 Austin St., Hempstead, Tx. 77445 (409) 826-2403

"It Will Be A Whole Lot Better
If We Just Do It Together"



VOTE & ELECT

FRANK JACKSON

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3

VOTE
March 10, 1992 - Democratic Primary

Paid for by Frank Jackson for County Commissioner Pct. 3 Campaign,
Vanessa W. Jackson - Treasurer - P.O. Box 475, Prairie View, TX 77446

Camille Lewis



Junior Electrical
Engineer major
from Houston,
Texas.
TALENT: Vocal
Rendition

Alisa Johnson



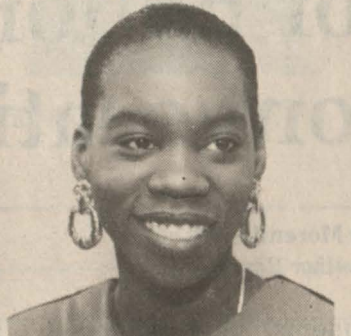
Sophomore Sociology
major residing in
Midland, Texas.
TALENT: Classical Violin
selection

Shawnette Stewart



Sophomore Pre-Med
Biology major from
Houston, Texas
TALENT: Dance

Morenike Efuntade



Junior Communications
major residing in
Washington, DC
TALENT: Dance

Deirdre Holland



Junior Marketing
major from Colorado
Springs, Colorado
TALENT: Gymnastic
Dance

Maya Rockeymoore



Junior Political
Science major from
San Antonio, Texas
TALENT: Vocal Rendition

Cynthia Lester



Sophomore Computer
Science major from
Tuskegee, Alabama
TALENT: Classical
Piano Selection

Antoinette Butler



Junior Civil Engineer
major from Port
Gibson, Mississippi
TALENT: Dramatic
Interpretation

Donna Jamison not pictured
Junior Fashion Merchandising
major from San Antonio, Texas
TALENT: Dance

LIFESTYLES

Models show all at fashion revue

By Kimberly Howard
Panther Reporter

It was a night of excitement and variety as young ladies eagerly awaited the All Male Fashion Revue hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc and chairpersons Hoi Ellis and Mike McCoy effectively conducted the evenings proceedings.

As the young men attempted to captivate the hearts of their audience Todd Thomas was to dazzle the audience with his acapella rendition of James Ingram's One Hundred Ways.

Eric Jones, Cedric Franklin, Rod Price, Thomas Foster and Bennie Hughes of the dance group 6 feet deep performed with bone shaking rhythm to three dance numbers.

Gary Tolbert blew his saxophone with heart and soul to

the tune of Pretty Brown Eyes by Mint Condition, while Norton Cambell sung Babyface's Where did the Love Go. The audience got so intrigued with his performance that they joined in.

Models Chris Adams, Nuerri Butler, David Davis, Yohn Ellis, Randy Floyd, Demetrick Hardy, Nathaniel Hollis, Kyle "Dreddman" Jenkins, Raymond Johnson III, Jeffrey La Chapelle, Charles Mosley, Kevin Rouse, Yobron Smith, Dareus Starr, Michael Stewart, Roy Wilson, and Vernell "Lit" Trigg presented dinner suit and swim wear.

Women went wild with excitement when the featured men emerged proudly strutting their stuff in their different attire. When asked

how he felt to be the feature model of the swimwear scene Trigg answered, "It's a privilege and an honor to model for Alpha Phi Alpha."

The ticket sales for this event exceeded the Memorial Student Ballroom's capacity, however the fire marshall was on hand to control the situation.

Despite the apparent success of the program, there were many upset young ladies peering through the glass doors just trying to get a glimpse of the show. "All I want is my money back. They should have just sold enough tickets to meet the fire codes," said one disappointed young lady.

Alpha Phi Alpha did return the money to those who did not get to see the show.

Reknown classical pianist performs at P.V.

Michelle Johnson
Co-Editor-In-Chief



Pianist Armenta Adams

A real artist recognizes talent when they see or when they hear it; on February 26, only on star shined as she tickled the ivories of the Baby-Grand piano.

An acclaimed pianist, Armenta Adams Hummings dazzled Prairie View's music appreciators as they listened to her renditions of several famous pieces music including *Maple Leaf Rag* and *Sonata Op. 27, No. 3*. She enticed the

audience with the sweet melodies of some of the world's greatest musicians such as: Bach-Hess, Bach-Gounod, Howard Swanson, Scott Joplin and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Armenta was dressed in some traditional African attire that immediately caught one student's attentions as she verbally marveled at Armenta's outfit.

"Unfortunately, the crowd was small," said Kennon Pops' Tension, but she was worth hearing.

Armenta began studying music at the age four and soon she was accepted into Julliard School of music at the age of 16. Armenta won several awards at Julliard.

How to love the black woman; the unanswered question.

By Vanessa White
Panther Reporter

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., sponsored a program last Monday entitled 'How To Love The Black Woman'.

The discussion panel consisted of eight student representatives from sororities and fraternities here at Prairie View. Deosick Burney and Rodney Kellie of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chris Cash and Brandon Taylor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, LaShonda Johnson of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Jackie Rhodes of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, William Fuller of Kappa Alpha Psi, and finally, Larry McKenzie representing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The panel members each gave a brief statement of their definition and perception of 'How to love the black woman.'

Burney said that if one knows how to love him or herself, then he or she will know how to give love, and in order to be respected you

must first respect yourself. Chris Cash gave a brief definition of how men and women are internally and inherently different.

Brandon Taylor further emphasized the importance of knowing how to love the black woman with the same return of how to love the black man.

"In order for love to exist it has to fall into three categories, spiritual, mental, and physical, these are the answers to how to love the black woman, but if one of these are missing there isn't love."

LaShonda Johnson, giving a female's point of view, aroused the audience with her definition of how to love the black woman.

"Earth mother, goddess, international trend setter, she is the black woman. As a wife, friend, sister, and mother, the role of black women is truth, strength, and endurance. Love your black woman, because there is no woman

like the black woman."

Jackie Rhodes also emphasized the significant roles of black women of the past and present. She undertook the rearing of children, working, cleaning, but yet still made a way out of no way.

"We need to read more about our heritage, because if we don't know and understand each other, how can we love one another?" said panelist, Larry McKenzie.

Provision was made for the audience to interact with the panelists to pose certain opinions and statements pertinent to the subject.

The issue of respect, the family unit, appropriate attire for women, and several other statements were also addressed.

The debate continued for over an hour and several disagreements were made. Unfortunately although the program was a good effort at addressing the topic, many left still curious as to "How do you love the black woman?"

After her New York debut, Armenta began a performing career which took her to five continents and 27 countries.

After a twenty year absence, Armenta returned to the stage to perform in a recital at the University of Maryland International Festival.

safe
vacations



The beauty of America is calling many travelers this year.

The New Management of BRUNO'S BBQ

OFFERS TO PV STUDENTS WITH VALID STUDENT ID A 20% DISCOUNT OFF ANY PURCHASE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH!

Phone (409) 372-5707
SUN.-SAT. 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
HWY 290 WALLER, TEXAS

\$1.00 OFF

Any Regular Priced Footlong!

(HEMPSTEAD)
SUBWAY

Phone (409) 826-6606

Limit: One coupon per customer per visit
Not to be used in combination with any other offer.
Offer Expires April 1, 1992 P.V.

FRANK JACKSON FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

An Open Letter to the Prairie View Family Greetings:

Fellow members of the Prairie View Family, as this Election Primary Season nears an end, it is extremely important that each one of us not only goes to the polls and votes, but make sure that everyone we know who has been registered to vote, votes.

It is a well known fact that the electoral power of Waller County is in the Prairie View Community. This electoral majority can decide any election in Waller County whether it's a city council/mayoral election, School board, County Commissioner/Judge, Justice of the Peace, Tax Assessor Collector or the race for County Attorney.

The sad part is that our historical voting record has been very poor. This must change now! It will take a unified effort of the entire Prairie View Family to make this change. Students, Faculty, Staff, Farmers, Retired Teachers, Members of the Clergy, Parents of Prairie View, Unite! Rise up you mighty citizens and Vote! You can accomplish what you will!

The economic Power is here, the electoral Power is here, the knowledge base is here, therefore the political decision-making authority should be here.

If we are to survive and become a self determinant people, the time is now for action. While I will most certainly appreciate your vote for Frank D. Jackson for County Commissioner, the important thing is that you vote.

Remember, It will be a Whole lot better if we just do it together!

Sincerely,

Frank D. Jackson

Frank D. Jackson

Paid pol. ad. by Frank D. Jackson, Vanessa Jackson
Treasurer P.O. Box 475, P.V., TX 77446

U.S. Department of Energy
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SERS RESEARCH SEMESTER

- Computer Sciences • Engineering
- Physics
- Environmental & Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physical Sciences

BENEFITS
Stipend • Housing • Round-trip travel

Off-campus semester opportunities at national laboratories: Argonne, Brookhaven, Lawrence Berkeley, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, and Pacific Northwest.

DEADLINES: October 20 for Spring Term March 15 for Fall Term

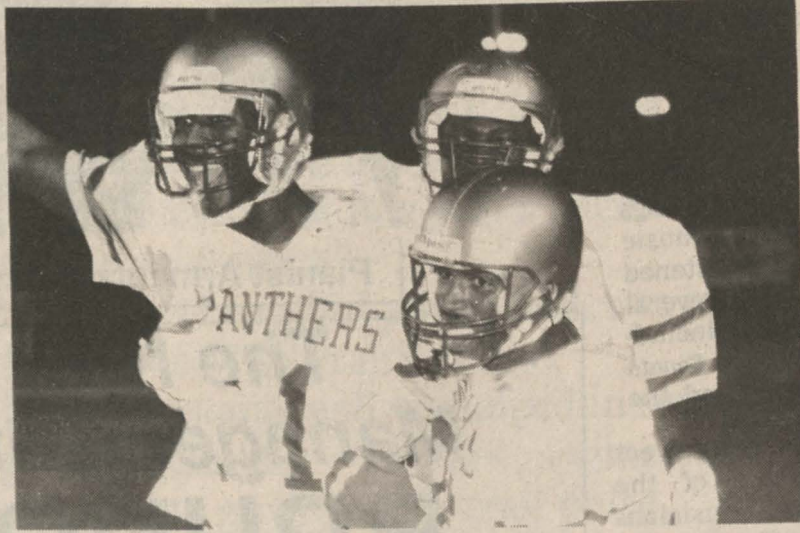
For Application Information Please Contact: Science and Engineering Research Semester - 5 901 D Street, S.W. - Suite 201 A Washington, D.C. 20024 • (202) 488-2426

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

SPORTS

Spring football brings renewed enthusiasm P.V. cagers end season

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief



Spring football brings about a lost attitude

By Mark Waddleton
Panther Reporter

Once again, the time has "rolled around" for our football players to begin getting in shape for the Fall football season.

Many players are excited and have expressed their confidence in the larger variety of talent now participating in the spring practices. The consensus seems to be that through hard work and dis-

cipline the next season will be a more positive one.

Team member Cortney Parham is a Mechanical Engineering major and began as the defensive right cornerback. When asked how Spring football seemed to be progressing, he mentioned that the 'talent pool' was much deeper and that the team has a very good recruiting year.

"Unlike last year, we have more players with SWAC experience to more effective-

ly lead the younger players."

He feels that the added size of the team and the new positive attitudes will give P.V. a more competitive edge.

"Basically, we are looking to surprise and pay back some teams from last year!" Parham added. "The new faces give me extra incentive."

For the team to be successful the extra support of students and alumni will definitely be needed.

Prairie View's men's basketball program 'limped' into the two final games of the season versus Alcorn State and Texas Southern. And as expected, P.V. lost to Alcorn State 61-73 and to Texas Southern 86-108.

The loss brought the nationally-known losing streak to 29 games. In both games however, Prairie View was nonetheless the more competitive team.

The Panthers will try to avenge all the losses this season as they play in the first round of the SWAC tournament held this weekend in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Students' reaction to the basketball season have been mixed and opinionated. Mr. Prairie View Deosick Burney stated "I admire the fellows for the hard work and determination towards a more productive season."

Horace Bussey, junior mechanical engineering major stated "They need drastic improvement and the coaching staff needs to know how to use their players."

Sophomore Shawnette Stewart said, "The coach needs to reevaluate his technique towards basketball."



PHOTO BY MARK WATTS

Kirk Martin "slams" two for P.V.

Losing, a failure in three parts

Editorial

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Lets face it! Winning is the only measurement by which an athletic program is determined successful. Measurements of winning is experienced in every facet of society from little league baseball to the competitive job market.

As seemingly everyone knows, the men's basketball team is currently in a 0-29 losing streak. At the beginning of the season the administration, athletic program, and this publication believed that the men's basketball program would bring honor back to the hill. We were drastically wrong. In fact, the program brought increased shame.

The first cause to our failure in the basketball program is always stated in one word, "Scholarships." True, at this time Prairie View is not able to give athletic scholarships because of financial reasons. However scholarships have not prohibited the women's volleyball from placing second in SWAC for two consecutive years.

Likewise, it did not stop the football, which suffered a devastating fall season from having one of its finest recruiting years. The key phrase in both programs is that they are continually improving and striving to be the best on a day to day basis.

In addition, the notion that scholarships hinders P.V.

from being competitive is ludicrous. Very few students at P.V. arrived as "blue chip" scholars with SAT's of 1400 and above. However, when they graduate and enter the job market, they will be competitive and win against the graduates of Ivy league schools.

In the two years since the departure of Coach Duplantier, our team has shown minimal improvements. This year against Non-SWAC opponents P.V. averaged 57.6 ppg while allowing opponents 100.15 ppg. Against SWAC opponents, we averaged 70.14 ppg. while allowing opponents 96.92 ppg. What the stats suggests is that no matter the playing level, P.V.

could not stop them on defense.

As Coach Plummer enters his third year, it will be evident whether his coaching philosophy is effective in the SWAC. The talent base is there in Kirk Martin, Paul Queen, and Travis Hamilton. Effective and aggressive recruiting is needed to fill the many problems in the basketball program. If improvement is not achieved next season, possibly a new direction for P.V. men's basketball will be needed.

Unfortunately the blame for the season does not "fall" entirely into Coach Plummer hands. Administration and alumni are also equally to

blame.

The administration should not wait until a sum of over of \$160,000 is raised to ask the Chancellor of TAMUS for athletic scholarship renewal. The amount should be based on what the athletic program can actually afford to use for scholarships. If \$30,000 dollars can be raised yearly in excess of operating cost, then we should have the ability to give out athletic scholarships in the sum of that amount.

Also to waive the alternative issue of moving the programs down to a lower division sets a bad example of moral character. At an institute of higher learning, "run-

ning" from difficult challenges should never be an option.

Last but not least, the alumni is equally responsible. To imagine we have over 35,000 alumni and we receive only a \$100,000 a year from those organizations is pitiful. What is even more terrible is that we have faculty and staff who are alumni but don't bother to give back to this institution. But yet they walk on the Hill like they are participating in the Grammy's. These people are probably our favorite instructors.

Those are the problems. Let's be optimistic, next year we might only be 2-26.

MEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR
Miss. Valley St.	10	3	.769	1186	1038	W-4	12	13	.480	2061	2064	W-2
Texas Southern	10	3	.789	1008	938	W-2	13	12	.520	1927	1989	W-2
Southern U.	9	4	.692	1231	1123	L-1	16	10	.615	2441	2267	L-1
Alabama State	8	5	.615	1151	1076	L-1	14	12	.538	2308	2207	L-1
Alcorn State	6	7	.462	1054	1018	L-4	12	14	.462	2143	2182	L-4
Jackson State	6	7	.462	1027	986	W-1	11	15	.423	1988	2027	W-1
Grambling State	2	11	.154	1054	1158	L-2	3	22	.120	1967	2318	L-3
Prairie View A&M	0	12	.000	896	1249	L-12	0	26	.000	1645	2551	L-26



ASSISTS (Min: 3.0 apg)

NAME, TEAM	GM	AST	AVG
Marcus Walton, ALC	26	138	5.3
John Taylor, JSU	26	128	4.9
James Charles, GSU	24	118	4.9
Steve Rogers, ALA	26	121	4.7
Lindsey Hunter, JSU	26	114	4.4
Darius Mims, SU	26	112	4.3
Tyrone Silmon, TSU	26	107	4.1
Terry Thames, SU	26	100	3.9
Alphonso Ford, MVSU	21	77	3.7
Danny Carr, ALA	25	88	3.5
Travis King, SU	24	76	3.2

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Summer and Fall Financial Aid Applications Due March 2, 1992

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Do You Want VISA & MasterCard Credit Cards?

REGARDLESS OF CREDIT EXPERIENCE

AL SERVICES, INC.

VISA

AL SERVICES, INC.

MasterCard

Now you can have two of the most recognized and accepted credit cards in the world... Visa® and MasterCard® credit cards... "In your name." EVEN IF YOU ARE NEW IN CREDIT or HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BEFORE!

VISA® and MasterCard® the credit cards you deserve and need for— ID—BOOKS—DEPARTMENT STORES—TUITION—ENTERTAINMENT—EMERGENCY CASH—TICKETS—RESTAURANTS—HOTELS—MOTELS—GAS—CAR RENTALS—REPAIRS—AND TO BUILD YOUR CREDIT RATING!

GUARANTEED GOLD CARD VISA/MASTERCARD GUARANTEED ISSUE OR MONEY BACK

No turn downs! No credit checks! No security deposit!

Approval absolutely guaranteed so MAIL THIS NO RISK COUPON TODAY

STUDENT SERVICES, BOX 224026, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33022

YES! I want VISA®/MASTERCARD® Credit Cards. Enclosed find \$15 which is 100% refundable if not approved immediately.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ S.S.# _____
SIGNATURE _____

NOTE: MasterCard is a registered trademark of MasterCard International, Inc. Visa is a registered trademark of VISA U.S.A. Inc. and VISA International Services Association.

100% GUARANTEED!

VIEWPOINTS

Dr. Freeman's philosophy on life

By Omar D. Harris
Lifestyles Editor

As we celebrate Black History Month, it is refreshing to remind ourselves that there are individuals in our backyards who are creating history in every aspect of the word.

Dr. Bee Jay Freeman is one among many on this campus who are turning heads and making dreams possible for students. She is keeping hope alive among our young scholars.

Many may know Dr. Freeman by her colorful African attire and gé lé (gay lay) head wear. She came to Prairie View three years ago from Shelby State Community College in Memphis, Tennessee. She currently teaches such honor courses as Advanced Composition and Business Communication to name a few.

This Banneker professor feels that knowing who we are is important. "Once we know who we are we know where we are." Getting to know yourself requires knowing about your heritage in-depth, she proclaims. Often

times she says, "we get caught up in trivial things."

Dr. Freeman's views on marriage and courting are interesting and truthful. They could only come from one who has lived and loved herself. She says, "It is always better to give than to receive, and laughter is contagious. In giving, richness is received as well as other wonderful. Also, having a sense of humor is important in any relationship. Laughing with others is fine but never laugh at anyone."

Dr. Freeman is a strong believer in completing, not competing with your mate. It takes strength to do such. She says that competing should be saved for the classroom etc. It is hard to compete in anything she states, "when you are a sore loser and/or an obnoxious winner."

"The more you complete him the more you complete yourself. Marriage should not be on the basis of what he or she possesses rather the coming together of two. The man as well must complete his mate. For example, where you are weak he is



Banneker Professor, B.J. Freeman

strong and vice versa."

Dr. Freeman's closing words on this topic to males was, "Be careful, do not date a young lady you would not want to marry." In other words be selective of the women you date as you are about your clothing and cars etc. Also, "treat and think of your dates as you would want your young men to treat your sister."

In the classroom Dr. Freeman tries to project a positive climate. She says, "teaching is not her career but her life." Dr. Freeman has had the unique experience of teaching overseas in Tokyo as a Fulbright Scholar.

This program is funded and administered by the United States Information Agency to provide American professors the opportunity to teach and research abroad. In her classes she never has assignments but ideas. She never collects assignments but gifts. They are sure to know never give gag gifts or you will be sure to receive gag grades.

In Dr. Freeman's vocabulary "why" is never a question, this implies doubt and neg-

ativity. In turn, worrying is negative and brings about self pity. "Stop asking why, and ask why not? Why not is positive so why not take a chance."

We as individuals need to acquire more confidence not cockiness. Confidence only armours us to fight against society's problems," she exclaims.

When asked how she felt about drugs she had this to say, "They only enable and tranquilize us not to cope with society."

Dr. Freeman's closing remarks in musical terms were "Never be sharp, never be flat, but be natural."

With Dr. Freeman's realistic views on the various topics she definitely is a scholar of life and her words of wisdom come from experience and a real zest for life.

A note from the K.K.K.

The Klu Klux Klan would like to take this opportunity to salute and congratulate all gang-bangers for the slaughter of over 4,000 black people since 1975. You are doing a marvelous job. Keep killing each other for nothing. The streets are still not for you n.....it is ours. You are killing each other for our property. You are killing what could be future black doctors, lawyers and businessmen that we won't have to compete with. And the good thing about it is that you are killing the youth. So, we won't have to worry about you n..... in generations to come. We would further like to thank all the judges who have over sentenced those n..... to prison. We are winning again. Pretty soon we will be able to go back to raping your women because all the men will be gone. So you gang-bangers keep up the good work. We love to read about drive by shootings. We love to hear about how many n..... get killed over the weekends. To all gang-bangers across the world, we don't love you n..... but we can appreciate you gang-bangers. You are doing a wonderful job in eliminating the Black race. Without men, your women cannot reproduce...unless of course, we do it for them. Then we will have successfully eliminated a race thanks to your help and commitment to killing each other.

If most of you n..... gang-bangers can not read this letter, it is okay. Go pull a trigger and kill a n.....

from a San Antonio paper

The way to save the children

Michelle Johnson
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Children are dying by the dozens, hooked on crack, trying to live the street life, but only the strong and the blessed will survive.

The question has been posed, "How can we save our kids?"

Some of Houston's political, socio-economic activists would have people believe that the problem is within the movies, songs and books that our children see, hear and read.

A minister in Houston, Rev. James Dixon, has spoken out against the perpetuation of violence depicted in films such as *New Jack City*, *Boyz in the Hood* and others. He argues that our teens are portraying different violent scenes on the streets of Houston today, because of the negative images the characters portray on the films.

While those particular pictures do involve a considerable amount of violence, the

films' main focus (to me) was to get people to think about the consequences of drug dealing and associating with the wrong crowd.

Now, how can we save our kids?

I believe the problem is not with the movies, but that it is the fault of the breakdown in home-training, church rearing and schools' educating.

These are the three largest institutions in a person's life that often fail to do their respective jobs. It is the work of this trinity that makes a well-behaved and complete human being.

Some of the material in the movies, songs and books may be unsuitable for minors, but who is responsible for allowing them to be exposed to such objectionable material? Yes, parents, churches and schools passively let our children do these things and then blame it on others.

Instead of producing productive individuals we are breeding ill-behaved, non-respectful and nonchalant

children who often become menaces to society. Then we tend to ostricize them from society, throwing them in jail with no hope of rehabilitation, but a longing desire for communication with the institutions that did not nurture them before.

Unfortunately, as the statistics of our dead and jailed teens increases, our hope of a brighter future for our Black kids decreases because the family fails to love, the church fails to love and the schools fail to love them.

I remember when I was younger my parents monitored my television and radio intake. They even answered questions about sex before I asked, so I didn't have a chance to get wrong answers from my friends.

I was an adolescent in the late 70's-80's, when physical abuse, drugs and murder were abundant, but the difference in my life was the cooperation of my parents, the church and the school.

Their main objective was to

love, teach and help me to become a responsible individual and they did so by working together.

They worked together to produce a productive individual because they knew, if one failed then they all failed.

My parents taught me the difference between right and wrong and disciplined me, when I was disobedient.

The church reinforced my parents values and gave me hope of a spiritual reward if I was obedient and believed in God.

The school nurtured my natural curiosity and fed me knowledge and when I got out of line at school or at church I was referred back to my parents where the rod was awaiting.

My parents used different disciplinary tactics such as the belt to reprimand me physically, a lecture to reprimand me mentally and punishment to sequester me from the things I liked most.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Black History Month Should Be Every Month

CLASSIFIEDS

CRUISE JOBS

Cruise Lines Now Hiring. Earn \$2,000+ per month working on cruise ships. World travel! Holiday, Summer and Full-time employment available. For Employment Program call 1-206-545-4155 ext. C 322

FAST FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

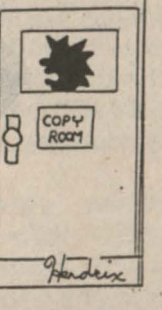
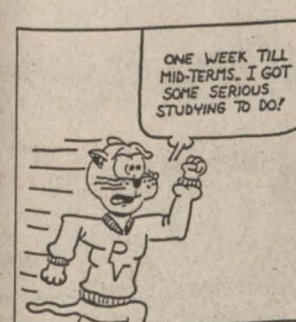
\$1000 IN JUST ONE WEEK.
For your fraternity, sorority, team or other organization.
Plus receive a \$1000 bonus for yourself!
And a FREE WATCH just for calling.
Call 1-800-932-0528 Ext. 65

FAST EASY INCOME!

Earn 100's stuffing envelopes. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to:
EXTRA INCOME!
P.O. BOX 811699
Chicago, IL 60681-1699

NO GIMMICKS - EXTRA INCOME NOW!

ENVELOPE STUFFING - \$600 - \$800 every week - Free Details: SASE to
Brooks International, Inc.
P.O. Box 680605 • Orlando, FL 32868



SPONSORED BY AUXILIARY SERVICES HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Dear PVAMU Student:

In 1959, my family migrated to Prairie View, Texas. My Father enrolled as a freshman student. Not much later, my Mother enrolled also and eventually obtained two degrees from Prairie View A&M University. My parents came to this university in search of a better life, not only for themselves, but for their young family. Thanks to Prairie View A&M University, they have lived productive, successful lives. Because Prairie View has exerted such a positive influence on my life, I think of myself as a product of Prairie View A&M University, even though I am not an alumnus. Today, some thirty-three years later, young men and women come to Prairie View for the very same reason Willie and Talmadge Combs did - to reap the many benefits of the Prairie View experience.

As a practicing attorney and elected official, I am committed to Prairie View A&M University. Since taking office in January 1989 I have mentored Prairie View student interns from criminal justice, law enforcement and the school of communications. I have served as a resource person for students interested in the legal profession. As an elected official, I have maintained a level of accessibility and visibility unequalled in the history of Waller County.

In the area of criminal justice, I have been equitable - treating all defendants alike, without regard to race, social or economic status. I have put an end to the 'good old boy' era of prosecution wherein the only thing that mattered was who you knew in the Courthouse.

The upcoming election boils down to one issue: Will we allow the clock to be turned back in Waller County, or will we control our own destiny? My opponents represent the backward, unfairness of Waller County's past, a past that we should repudiate. A past that I hope we shall never see

again. Steve Elder was County Attorney from 1976-1980, a time when Prairie View students were fighting for their voting rights. Despite the fact that Waller County officials were violating the law by not allowing students to vote, Elder never lifted a finger. As County Attorney, Elder was sworn to uphold the law. In the case of the students of Prairie View A&M, he failed.

Sherry Robinson claims she will bring 'integrity back to the County Attorney's office.' Robinson is a law partner to Karl Micklitz, former County Attorney at law Judge in Waller County.

While Micklitz was judge, Robinson employed Micklitz' wife as her secretary. She received lucrative court appointments from her law partner (Micklitz), and continued to practice law in Micklitz court. The Judicial Code of Conduct prohibits lawyer from employing the relative of a judge while practicing in the judge's court.

If Robinson thinks, that violating ethical standards is integrity, she doesn't know what integrity is. Micklitz lost his bid for re-election in 1990 by a large majority. Do we want him back in the person of Sherry Robinson?

From the very first day I decided to seek this office, I have been the subject of rumor, innuendo and accusations of all kinds. In spite of it all, I remain steadfast in my belief that God had a reason for making me Waller County Attorney. In spite of it all, I am still unbought and unbossed. In spite of it all, I am proud to be one of the productive people Prairie View has produced. Forward Ever....Backward Never!

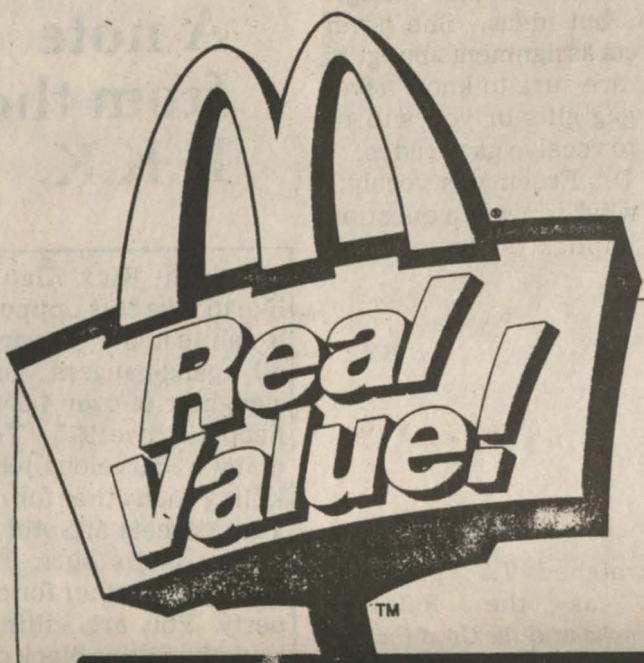
Your County Attorney,
Valda Jean Combs

VALDA COMBS



WALLER COUNTY ATTORNEY

A political ad. paid for by the Valda Combs campaign.



HAVE
A
GREAT
SPRING
BREAK!

Mc Donalds
290 @ 10 th St.

©1990 McDonald's Corporation McD#90-153

FC#MCDP-388 Printed in United States of America

