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## Speak Out!

One of the "PV 19"  
speaks to PV voters



Donna Shelton, junior

By Donna Shelton

As one of the 19 students who are being falsely accused of registration fraud, by the Waller County D.A., Albert "Buddy" McCaig, I feel that it is time for me to speak out!

Acting within the Constitution and exercising our right to vote, I, we were brought up on criminal charges. These charges hold penalties of two to ten years in prison, fines, or probation.

This is ludicrous. I feel that this is a ploy used by our enemies in the Waller county D.A.'s office to harass and discourage Prairie View student from voting.

Do you realize that there are over 5,000 students at P.V., and that if we acted as a whole, we could have an immeasurable impact on Waller county? Well I do, and I hope that you don't let this infringement on our voting rights go unchallenged.

As students, in the past we have not been going to the polls enough. However, thanks to the strong leadership of the SGA and the extended P.V. family, who have been persistent in the struggle for students to be able to participate in the political system. But now we are now being discouraged from exercising our franchise.

I say to all P.V. students, don't let this incident stop you from doing the right thing, empower yourselves. If you are not registered, then do so, it is your right.

I would like to thank Mr. Frank Jackson, who has been at the forefront of this struggle, and I would also like to thank the entire Prairie View student body for being behind the P.V. 19!

The fight is not over, we have been indicted. Just remember, that if we don't take a stand today, there may not be a chance to do so in the future. The run-off elections are April 14. "We're proud and we're Black, and we ain't going down like that!"

# Students indicted

## Charges of perjury and illegal voting brought against students

By Kimberly Howard and  
Michelle Johnson  
Panther Reporters

Nineteen Prairie View students were subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury on charges of aggravated perjury and illegal voting.

On March 26th, Assistant District Attorney of Waller County, A.M. "Buddy" McCaig filed indictments against the twenty-three individuals, then had them subpoenaed to appear before grand jury on April 2nd.

Attorney Gene Locke, who represents some of those charged said the procedure was within legal realms, however, there could have been other recourses taken.

"The voting system is not a

perfect one," said Locke.

Locke explained that because there may have been a change of address, or lost registration cards, the individuals may have been wrongfully charged.

Some students who registered in registration drives assumed after filling out the registration cards that they had concluded the process of registering and with great confidence proceeded to vote.

When their names did not appear on the registration roll, they signed affidavits stating that they were registered to vote.

The voter registration office then notified McCaig of voting policies being violated. He then called for a grand jury investigation. "The right

to vote should never infringe or reduce anyone and if it does, they are stealing from the rest of the citizens in their right to chose," said McCaig.

On the morning of the hearings many P.V. students came out to support the "PV 19" and others.

Many carried picket signs and shouted demonstrative chants.

At 9 a.m., the grand jury began calling the "witnesses", one by one; by 2:15 p.m. the grand jury had seen its last "witness".

The grand jury deliberated and by 7:30 they had indicted 15 people.

# Becton holds ground on visitation policy

By Mark Waddleton  
Panther Reporter

The most recent president-student conference was held last Tuesday in the auditorium of the administration building. This, however, was a meeting with a twist, as KPVM broadcasted the proceedings live.

President Becton began by giving the participants a retrospective view of the campus when he was a student here thirty-five years ago.

He then continued to restate the new rules instituted by the university: 1) no visitation in Fuller, Alexander, Suarez-Collins, or Banks halls except in the given lobby hours, and 2) absolutely no fire arms on campus.

He strongly emphasized that both of these rules were nonnegotiable. However, this did not deter students from asking questions and complaining about the rules.

Nevertheless, after those issues were brought to the floor, President Becton still stood firm by commenting that the rule was supported by both parents and the administration. Eventually, a representative from the Student Government

Association seemingly came to the students' rescue.

He emphasized that the SGA has some influence over what happens to students on campus. Moreover, if students took time to complain to their parents, and got their parents to complain to the President, the rule could be changed.

Although the visitation controversy seemed to dominate the meeting, other topics were also discussed. Access to buildings on campus to hold student-run functions was one concern.

Another major interest was the condition of the dorm rooms after Christmas break, and the lack of proper fire outlet facilities in the Suarez-Collins residential hall. These problems were addressed by other members of the administration who were also present at the meeting.

Finally, on a more positive note, President Becton informed audience that on April 7th the university will be showcased on NBC's Today Show, in an attempt to change some ideas formed by the recent negative publicity about the school and its athletic program.

# P.V. hosts 16th annual R.O.T.C. conference

University Release

The 16th Annual U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command conference brought together representatives from 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities on the campus of PVAMU.

These colleges and universities have ROTC battalions on their campus as well as officials of the Cadet Command led by Major General Wallace Arnold, commander of Cadet Command.

The keynote speakers of the event were Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Calvin Waller, P.V. Class of '59, and Lt. Gen. Marvin D. Brailsford, P.V. Class of '59 spoke.

The conference culminated with a President's Reception/Dinner at which Col. (Ret.) Howard Daniel, Jr., P.V. Class of '59 spoke.

A number of important issues will be discussed at the conference including the affect of the decreasing Army size on black students, projected commissioning totals for the coming years, and scholarship funding.

The 20 HBCU's annually provide the U.S. Army with about half of its black second lieutenants. The Cadet Command historically has commissioned some 70 percent of the Army's new second lieutenants each year. For the past several years, 18 percent of ROTC cadets have been black

# Cynthia Lester crowned new Miss P.V.

By Vanessa White  
Panther Reporter

Nineteen-year-old sophomore Cythia Yvette Luster, from Tuskegee, Alabama was crowned the new Miss Prairie View A&M University 1992-93, on March 21.

Since her enrollment as a computer science and mathematics major in 1990, Cythia has participated and joined numerous organizations and groups. She is a member of Mega Omega Beta, the university cheerleading squad, she is an usher for the Johnson-Philip All Faiths Chapel, and has continually achieves high academic grades.

Cythia's pageant experience did not begin at Prairie View. She was also a contestant in Alabama's Young Women of the Year, 1990 pageant and Macon's County Women of the Year, 1990.

She attended modeling school for two years, and studied classical piano for seven years. It is no wonder that Cythia placed first in the talent category with her musical selection on the piano.

Other contestants in this year's pageant were Mor-

enike Efuntade, 1st runner up; Camille Lewis, 2nd runner up, Antoinette Butler, Donna Jamison, Maya Rockeymore, Deirdre Holland, Shawnette Stewart and Alisa Johnson.

By emerging as the winner, Cythia received the Miss America official crown and case, a bouquet of roses, a scholarship award of \$1,200, competition wardrobe for the Miss Texas Pageant, an expense-paid trip to the Miss Texas Pageant, and numerous other prizes and gifts.

"During the forthcoming year, I hope to be involved with the activities the student body promotes. I never want it to be said that I was too busy to attend activities that students ask me to attend. I want to reign as a campus queen, not a queen of the campus."

Cythia also stated how much she enjoyed working with the other contestants and staff, but most of all she thanks her family for the support and courage.

She also goes by the policy that you should "Always try to do your best and you will not disappoint yourself nor will you disappoint others."

# Students receive honors at convocation ceremony

By Kimberly Howard  
Panther Reporter

One of the largest honors convocations in university history was held on March 25 in the University Field House.

The speaker at the event was Dr. Leo Sayavedra, president of Laredo State University in Laredo, Texas.

Sayavedra said he was honored to have been chosen to address the gathering, because Becton could have chosen anyone in the United States to speak.

He told the students that this event was a joyous one, and to enjoy it because they are the role models for the next generation to follow.

"In order to be the creme of the creme, and the best of the best, you must have integrity, pride, commitment, and persistence," commented Sayavedra.

He said that it is false to think that our educational system was inferior to all others because everyone's values and history were taught by different ethnic groups.

Two students receiving outstanding honors during the

ceremony were Margaret Ann Smith who received \$180,000 to attend any graduate school of her choice, and Joseph A. Davis, who received the honors for Most Outstanding Cadet. This honor has not been attained at Prairie View since 1974.

This year's convocation honored 840 students who achieved G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher in spring 1991, and another 827 for their achievements in the fall of the same year.

Members of Prairie View's College of Nursing also passed their board examinations one-hundred percent.

President Becton informed the audience that Prairie View was still alive and well despite the basketball team's losing streak. Prairie View will appear on NBC's Today Show on April 7th, because Bryant Gumbel knew there

had to be something positive about Prairie View other than its 0-28 loss in basketball. Originally Gumbel was supposed to visit for four hours, however he found enough of interest to stay for two days.

# NEWS FRIDAY

## Key Dates

**April 6 & 7**  
Student Service Fee Hearings  
John B. Coleman Library

**April 14**  
Waller County Run-Off  
Elections



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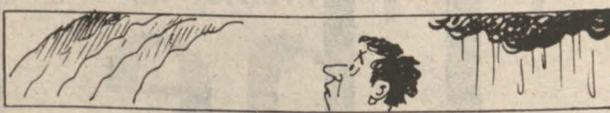


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## FYI



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A rainbow in the morning may mean rain is on the way, not over.

## Countdown

# 16

Days until  
Easter

# BRIEFLY

## Gallery of Art Internship

The National Gallery of Art will offer three paid internships for 1992-1993 to qualified African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Native American, and other minority U.S. citizens. Interns will work on special projects in the Gallery from Sept. 14, 1992 through June 11, 1993. The stipend is \$14,000.

Now in its third year, the program is designed to provide an introduction to the operation of museums and professional experience for minority students considering careers in museums.

To be eligible applicants must have completed at least an undergraduate degree by September 1992. The deadline for applications is April 17, 1992.

For more information about the program and an application, contact: Amy McCampbell, Academic Programs, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 20565. Phone (202) 842-6182.

## National Law Camp

National Law Camp, the original summer program for America's future lawyers and leaders will offer programs at Loyola Marymount Univ. from June 28-July 11, 1992 and Georgetown Univ. from July 26-Aug. 8, 1992.

During each two week program, college students are introduced to law school courses and the legal profession under the guidance of law professors and legal scholars from law schools across the country.

A limited number of scholarships are being made available to certain academically deserving and/or financially needy applicants. Application deadline for scholarships is April 30, 1992. For further information contact: National Law Camp, P.O. Box 811086, Boca Raton, Florida 33481-1086 or call (407) 276-7577.

## TASP Test Announced

The next TASP Test will be administered at Prairie View A&M University on Saturday, April 25, 1992 at 8:00 a.m. in W.R. Banks Classroom Building. The postmark deadline for regular registration is midnight, March 27, 1992. The regular registration fee is \$26.00; late registration is an additional \$20.00. Registration bulletins are available in the lobby of W.R. Banks Classroom Building.

All freshman students who took the placement test prior to enrolling and who are presently enrolled in at least 15 semester credit hours of college-level courses and who are not exempt from TASP must take the April test. Failure to take the test will prohibit re-enrollment except in developmental courses.

## Baptist Student Movement

The Baptist Student Movement of Prairie View A&M University will celebrate its 57th Anniversary on April 10, 1992. In recognition of this joyous occasion BSM will sponsor an anniversary concert and praise service in Houston, Tx.

The 57th Anniversary Concert will be held on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Paul Baptist Church located at 149 Wrinkler Dr. The concert will feature Charles Tyrone and The Faith Community Singers and Darrell Pitts and Friends. Price for the concert is \$5.00.

The Praise Service will be held on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Spears, Pastor of Olivet Missionary Baptist Church. Guest choirs include Texas Southern, PV, Sam Houston, University of Houston, Lamar Univ. and Texas A&M. This event is free of charge and for more information contact Senecca Gilbert at 826-8830.

## NSBE Spring Banquet

The National Society of Black Engineers will hold their 2nd Annual Spring Awards Banquet on April 15 in the West Wing of Alumni Hall. The theme for this year is "I Dream A World Afrikan Community - 1992."

The cost of the banquet is \$3.00 and will feature awards ceremony, food, fun, and live entertainment. For more information on how to attend the banquet, call the N.S.B.E. office at (409) 857-2040.

# PEOPLE

Margaret Ann Smith, a senior physics honors student at PVAMU, has recently been named a recipient of a National Physical Science Consortium Fellowship. This fellowship will pay up to \$180,000 for six years, allowing Smith to pursue her PH.D. at the univ. of her choice. Smith has been on a full academic scholarship at PVAMU since her freshman year. She is also a Benjamin Banneker honors student.



Margaret Ann Smith

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## Departmental News

### Accounting

Attention accounting and finance graduating seniors: If you are moving to the Dallas area, a job leads network is available to aid in your job search. The group of 50 financial professionals meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Wilshire Baptist Church to exchange job leads, contract work information, and job search resources. Group membership is free. For more information, contact Brian Burton at (214) 824-4531.

### Marketing

The American Marketing Association was designed to enhance the communication, leadership, and marketing skills of all students. Its motto is, "You - your biggest asset. One we must all learn to market." The Prairie View A&M Chapter of the American Marketing Association is asking for your support to help finance their National Conference trip to New Orleans, on April 9-11, 1992.

Despite AMA's hard-work, its effort has not been enough. AMA would like to fund the expenses for about twenty-five of its members. The estimated cost for each member is \$265. The organization has come a long way but it needs your help to finish the job. Please support this positive group of young professionals in their effort to attend the National Conference.

To help AMA on their conference trip, mail donations of any amount to The American Marketing Association, P.O. Box 638, Prairie View, Tx. 77446.

### Nursing

A reception will be held for prospective Prairie View A&M University students and their parents at the PVAMU College of Nursing located at the Houston Medical Center, 6436 Fannin St. on Thursday, April 9 1992 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Prospective students will have an opportunity to talk with alumni, financial aid officers, and other university staff members. The reception is sponsored by the Office of Admissions and Records. For additional information, please contact them at (409) 857-2626.

# NEWSWEEK

## NAACP membership fees increased

By Vanessa White  
Panther Reporter

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at Prairie View, had a general membership meeting on Thursday last. Since the fall of 1991, the chapter has had approximately 150 persons to join. The cost of membership has increased this semester.

For persons under 21 years of age, the price has increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per year and for adults over the age of 21, the price remains at \$10.00. Gary Floyd, president of the NAACP here at Prairie View, has utilized his position to inform our student body of several events around campus and nationwide. At last Thursday's meeting several topics were discuss-

ed. Among them the NAACP's sponsorship of several seminars throughout April, namely, 'Focus on the Family, Economics in the Black Community; Politics-Yes, Maybe, or Maybe not, and Black Business-Surviving the Permanent Recession.' The guest speaker was Jose Luna, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He stated how Alpha Phi Alpha has

helped numerous organizations, such as the NAACP UNCF, and others through donations of approximately \$1 million dollars. Luna concluded by stating the services and awards given to the community by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Both presidents, Luna and Floyd, agreed on how important it is for Prairie View's students to exercise their

right to vote. "A voteless people is a hopeless people," said Luna. Floyd stated that there are about 1,300 students registered to vote but only a few over 300 have exercised voting rights. The NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha are trying to work together to change the statistics of our voting usage at Prairie

View. The NAACP is currently working on mentorship programs, Community Reinvestment Act that helps low income persons, and prepares high school students for higher education, and other programs. "Make that move, get that membership, 'cause freedom ain't free."

## B.S.M. wins at retreat with largest delegation

By Nicole T. Dyson  
Panther Reporter

The theme of the 1992 National Baptist Student Union Retreat was "Be Thou An Example" and Prairie View's Baptist Student Movement was among the universities which participated in the event, held in Nashville, Tennessee, from March 19 through to the 23rd.

The retreat involved workshops and seminars on topics such as: Can Christians Have a Social life?, How Can We Save The Black Male?, Should Blacks Be Functioning in the Republican Party?, Should Christians Pledge Greek Organizations?, and Is Sex Before Marriage Right, If It's Safe? Jacqueline Nickerson and Bobby Thomas, Prairie View's current Mr. and Miss

Baptist Student Movement competed in the National Pageant and Beautification. Thomas was successful in becoming a finalist in the competition. This year, with a delegation of 116 students, the BSM was able to win the award for the largest organization attending the retreat. They also competed in the college choir competition, along with some twenty-one other choirs, all vying for the position as top choir in the nation. There were three categories open for competition, these included the small, medium, and large divisions. The choir performed a selection which includes a combination of the following songs, "Come On Everybody Let Us Praise God", "Praise Him", "Hallelujah", "Highest Praise", "The Lord Is In His

Holy Temple", and "I want to Love You", By John P. Kee. This presentation also included extensive choreography as well as speaking parts which included quotes from the Bible. The competition song was written by an elected retreat committee which included Timothy Reid, Reginald Young, Alisia Matthews, Roger Allen, and other members of the choir. Nineteen-year-old sophomore Candace Brigham said, "The retreat was an enriching experience. There was a unity among the young people there, because we all came with a purpose. The seminars were helpful and insightful and they helped me to know that I am not alone in the questions and problems that I face daily."

The presiding officers of the Baptist Student Movement are president, Kelly Brooks; vice-president, Ivan Cavauganall; treasurer, Gayla Knowles; and sponsors, Ms. Edna Smith and Mr. William Chapman. The Baptist Student Movement is a widely recognized organization in Houston and surrounding areas and the choir is one of the top choirs in the nation, having won first place in the choir competition at last year's retreat. The Baptist Student Movement hosts other activities such as weekly bible studies held on Monday's in the Animal Industries Building, the Mr. and Miss BSM pageant and various community outreach programs.

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## Engineers gain executive offices

By Calvin E. Hill  
Panther Reporter

Thirty-five P.V. students recently attended the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Convention in Manhattan, New York and brought home three Region 5 executive board offices. Lonnie Howard was elected Region 5 chairperson, Sandra Jones, Region 5 program chair and Brandon Taylor, Business/Entrepreneur Network. Kimberly Gordon

was elected 1993 National Committee Planning Chairperson and also received an award for chapter president of the year in the Southern zone. Patti Verner won an award for most improved G.P.A. and Anthony Washington was fourth runner up in the NSBE amateur night at the Apollo competition. The theme of this year's conference was, "I dream a world; African Community 1992."

workshops, career fair, gospel concert, NSBE night at the Apollo, an awards banquet and various other social functions. Those who attended had mixed views on the convention which did bring back some new regional positions for P.V. students. The NSBE will sponsor the second annual awards scholarship banquet and will continue to promote socials to continually develop strong engineering students.

## Deltas sponsor 2nd annual elephant walk

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will sponsor the 2nd Annual Elephant Walk on the 4th of April. Proceeds of the elephant walk will benefit the Hale House, a hospital for babies with AIDS, KPVV, the PV marching band, and other groups at Prairie View A&M that are in need of monetary support not covered by state or university funds. The elephant walk begins at 8:00 a.m. at the flag poles and follows a

path around the university. Plaque awards will be given for most participants by a Pan Hellenic Organization, most participants by a Council of Student Organization, and the five most pledges collected by individual participants. The athletic department is also lending a "helping hand" by donating water coolers for the walk. The First Annual Elephant Walk held last year was a tremendous success. Ninety-six persons participated to generate over \$2,500. Epsilon Gamma Iota Engineering

Social and Service organization won the award for most participants. Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity won the award for most pledges collected with \$100.00. Proceeds of that 1st Annual Elephant Walk were donated to many needy causes. Recipients of the proceeds included the All Faiths Chapel, KPVV, a needy Houston family, the Prairie View Day Care Center, and adopted grandparents in Hempstead.

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# NEWSWEEK

## P.V. represented at hi-tech expo

By Roland Lemonius  
Panther Reporter

Prairie View was recently represented at one of the most outstanding presentations of new developments in multi-media technology held in New York.

Carol Means, radio and television instructor in the department of communications was among 19 persons from across the country selected to participate in the week-long seminar host-

ed by the Freedom Forum.

Mrs. Means described the Freedom Forum as "a place professionals dream of, a fertile foundation which allows professionals to develop and explore research opportunities and endeavours."

The multi-faceted organization sponsors in-residence fellowships with scope for broad-based communication research. The objective of the seminars was to expose media technologists

to the latest concepts in the mass media realm.

Among the innovations presented was the prototype for an electronic newspaper which is 80 percent complete. In this news format information would be transmitted directly to homes either via satellite or through telephone lines to a touch-sensitive screen.

The customer could then scroll through the pages and select various sections by icon and have the option of printing the text. Similarly, major decision makers of

the USA Today newspaper network presented their latest developments in the transmission of print.

A demonstration of the new computer designed to compete with the Macintosh brought the seminar's participants in contact with the ultimate in computer electronics. The computer is designed to generate both audio and visual representations of processed material. Graphics can also be made without the aid of hypercard and integrated directly onto any text typed onto the

screen.

An interactive video of the building of the Berlin wall which contained video coverage, interviews, newspaper coverage and audio excerpts prompted criticism from Mrs. Means. She pointed out to the gathering that the presentation excluded the input of and the effects on members of other ethnic groups and cultures. They agreed with her observation that an event as historically retrospective as the building of the Berlin wall should have a sense of multi-cultural diversity.

Former Freedom Forum fellow Adam Calyton Powell gave a presentation of the focus of his study on multi-cultural diversity in the media. He is currently involved with a KMTP television, a multi-cultural station with a highly diversified programming appealing to a wide audience.

Means, however, ques-

tions the effects of multi-cultural diversity as to whether it supports polarization by keeping people within their particular scope of interest and limiting their exposure to aspects of other cultures.

One of the most fascinating developments at the seminar involved entertainment, namely the introduction to virtual reality. Originally designed for military operations, virtual reality allows the user, equipped with specialized sensory devices, to participate in an environment which exists only within a computer. Examples of these are the halo deck in the Star Trek series and events in the recent movie 'The Lawnmower Man'.

The expo was successful in bringing to a sector of the public a glimpse of what the future holds for electronic communication in the forthcoming years and on into the 21st century.

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1:30-5:00 PM, April 10, 1992  
Room 15, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center  
Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

Time of Presentation	Contestant and Co-Author	Time of Presentation	Contestant and Co-Author
1:30 PM	F. Kusi* and J. Konan	3:00 PM	R. Chapman*, L. Haywood, S. Marquez, T. McDaniel, and I. Muhammad
1:45 PM	M.M. Kande*, Y.W. Park, K.B. Chin, W.G. Pond, and L.D. Young	3:15-3:30 PM	
2:00 PM	M.L. Sasabo*	3:30 PM	M. Ball*, B. Curtis, N. Le, and L. LeBlanc
2:15 PM	F. Asaad*, L. Bond, C. Brooks, R. Graham, W.R. Haze, and M.M. Newsome	3:45 PM	P. Gardner*, and V.G. Stanley
2:30 PM	G.C. Emesih*, G.R. Newton, T.H. Teh, and J.H. Jia	4:00 PM	A.C. Washington*, K.B. Chin, and Y.W. Park
2:45 PM	D.L. Vincent*, and H.G. Ballard	4:15 PM	S.P. Marquez*
		4:30 PM	K.B. Chin*, M.M. Kande*, and Y.W. Park
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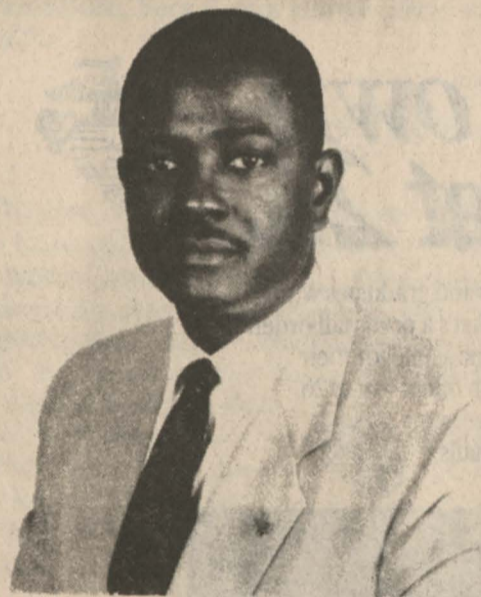
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# LIFESTYLES

## AKA/ TBS prevail at step shows

By Omar D. Harris  
Lifestyles Editor

This year's non-Greek and Greek shows were once again far too much to take in all in one sight. Many felt it was well worth the price to see those long prospective sorors and frat brothers groove to the latest and step with pep.

On Friday night the non-Greeks gave it to us with the latest and the old combined. Majic 102 was also on the scene to lend a hand in emceeing.

The Rhomeos from the University of Oklahoma "skee skee meowed" their way on stage in their bold blue and gold. Next was Kappa Kappa Psi from Arkansas who started with several cuts from the Boyz to Men album. Thirdly,

one of our very own organizations made a grand appearance, the ladies of Gamma Sigma Sigma in their burgundy and white.

Tau Beta Sigma impressed us with an opening scene with Hammer's, "Do Not Pass Me By" and ending with very well synchronized dance moves. The one and only Alta Vista Posse bared all while entertaining us through intermission. The Alpha Phi Omegas were next with some very hard stomping grooves.

The men of Kappa Kappa Psi who never fail to hold the crowds attention came out in blue and white diapers. As always they "let us have it." Those hard coeds of Epsilon Gamma Iota showed us their new moves.

Prairie View's own Classy Gentlemen gave us a peek of their finest men showing us much bicep and pectoral muscle. Last but not least were those Mighty Squires who reminded us that they exist. First place was won by

those hard working girls of Tau Beta Sigma with a \$1,000 dollar prize. Second place was held by the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi with a \$500 dollar prize. Epsilon Gamma Iota came in third with a \$250 prize.

On Saturday night we were entertained by those famous Greeks from as far as Louisiana. They came at us hard with plenty of moves to keep us thoroughly entertained.

Our very own Alpha Kappa Alphas let us know they are in effect, by winning first place overall with a \$1,000 cash prize. The ladies of blue and gold, Sigma Gamma Rho showed us their many talents with canes and more. They won second overall with a \$500 dollar prize. Alpha Phi Alpha from University of Texas showed us their own unique style and won third overall with \$250 dollar prize.

Those dignified and aggressive men of Phi Beta Sigma were strong in attendance. Xavier University in Louisiana gave us their rendition of a Sigma man. The Sigmas from Texas Southern University and University of Houston combined their talents to perform for us.

The men of red and white, Kappa Alpha Psi from University of Houston showed us their twirling abilities. The

talented women of Zeta Phi Beta, Sam Houston style left us with wanting to see more.

In the female category the AKAs won overall with the Sigma Gamma Rho's second winning best lead, best dressed and best tail. Third place was held by the Zetas from

Sam Houston. In the male category the Sigmas from Xavier won best tail and best dressed taking the second place. The Alphas from UT won best lead and first in male division. Third place in male division was held by the Sigmas from U of H and TSU.

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## First christian sorority for PVAMU

By Nicole T. Dyson  
Panther Reporter

The first christian sorority, Alpha Lambda Omega, Beta Exodus Chapter, was commissioned and became an official organization on Prairie View's campus March 27, 1992.

The purpose of the sorority is to exemplify unity in uplifting God, fellowship with others, community service and discipleship.

The speaker, Mrs. Jackie McCoy, a member of the Joy Tabernacle church in Houston, TX., admonished the sorority to maintain its uniqueness of purpose by not conforming to the world's view of sisterhood, but to reach out through their ministry to touch those within the body of Christ as well as those who are not.

The idea of the sorority came about through the efforts of several young women who are no longer

students at the university, but the organization's current president, Ms. Kelley Doakes, was one of the founding members who expressed an interest in forming such an organization and in 1990, this sorority was birthed, on the campus of University of Texas at Austin, out of a sincere desire to see strong Christian women who know their purpose.

In September of 1991, the group of women got together and held weekly bible studies and forums in the hopes that these activities would draw them closer and that they could develop genuine relationships with other women.

The group was also able to visit the University of Texas at Austin, to meet the founders and members of the original chapter of Alpha Lambda Omega.

During the ceremony, sophomore Candace Brigham's rendition of the

song "In Return", by Be-Be and Ce-Ce Winans questioned the members who were being inducted as to "What do you have to give?"

Brigham said, "I wanted to let them (the inductees) know that the reason we joined is not for prestige, or national recognition or even to belong, but the sole reason we should want to be a part of this organization is so we can be of service; to others, their community, and the body of Christ."

The organization's vision includes goals for the group, the campus and city of Prairie View, as well as the world. It hopes that it can saturate these bodies in the word and effect positive changes and unity among people.

Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority is the sister organization to Gamma Phi Delta Christian Fraternity, which was founded in 1990 at Prairie View.



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## Rising stars shine at talent jamboree

By Montoya Warner  
Panther Reporter

Prairie View's rising stars displayed their talents in fine style at the Springfest Talent show and Jamboree. They competed for recognition and prizes in the categories of vocal, rap, dance, and variety. The talented Norton Campbell, from Basis, won best overall performer for his rendition of the ballad "Where will you go." Other winners included IBM, (Intelligent Black Men) in the rap category, Shakey B in the variety competition, and Ice Cold part II who won in the dance competition and pumped up the crowd with their unique style of hip-hop dancing.

The Springfest Jamboree was described by Eric 'il freek' Jones as "...smashing, dashing, and full of excitement."

Many of the amateur performers who participated have goals of becoming professional artistes one day. Sean Grant, who says his talent is a gift from God captivat-

ed the audience when he sang "Ribbon in the sky", "I can only be me", and the black version of the Flinstones.

Among the other performers were vocalist, Mr. Prairie View Deosick Burney, the dance group Mercedes, the rap group Nodoz, vocalists Alfred Fulton, Jaquata Stafford and the Daryl Jones jazz combo.

The female vocal group Infinity, Tawanna Walter, Tonya Hall, Katina Alexand-

er, and Jonna Tomlin entertained the crowd with their unlimited range and versatility in singing. Another show stopper was Gregory Stewart, of the popular vocal group Basis, who at one point

brought the crowd to its feet.

The talent show and Jamboree gave people a chance to see fresh new talent and also presented students with the opportunity to shine.

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# SPORTS

## Prairie View A&M University 1992 Football Schedule

September 5	Texas Southern University
September 12	Angelo State University
September 19	Langston University
October 3	Grambling State University
October 10	West Texas State University
*October 17	Alcorn State University
October 24	Alabama Sate University
November 7	Southwest Texas State
November 14	Jackson State University
November 21	Southern University

\* denotes Homecoming date

### SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 1992 BASEBALL STATISTICS REPORT #2 (INCLUDING GAMES PLAYED THROUGH MARCH 29)

#### EASTERN DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W	L	T	PCT	STR	W	L	T	PCT	STR
Alcorn State	7	5	0	.583	W-1	12	12	0	.500	W-1
Jackson State	6	5	0	.545	L-1	11	16	0	.407	L-1
Alabama State	6	5	0	.545	W-2	16	9	0	.640	W-2
Miss. Valley State	4	8	0	.333	L-2	5	15	0	.250	L-2

#### WESTERN DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W	L	T	PCT	STR	W	L	T	PCT	STR
Southern U.	11	1	0	.917	W-5	18	5	0	.783	W-9
Grambling State	6	6	0	.500	W-4	14	11	0	.560	W-5
Texas Southern	5	6	0	.455	L-4	7	22	0	.241	L-5
Prairie View A&M	1	10	0	.091	L-8	8	24	0	.250	

## Football training begins

By Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Prairie View's Football team is presently undergoing spring practice in preparation for the 1992 Football season. With the "fall out" of the 1991 football season behind the university and the team, much improvement is in the overall objective for the '92 school year.

At the present time, 76 students are involved in spring practices. Out of the 76 people practicing, 32 are returning letterman in which 17 of whom are returning starters. This is a dramatic increase in experience if compared to the total of six returning lettermen who entered the '91 season.

Returning will be four outstanding players: LB Alphonse Provost (4th leading tackler in SWAC), DB Dominique Artis (3rd leading tackler in SWAC), P Samuel Bonner (2nd team All Conference), and WR Bo Gilliard. Unfortunately, Gilliard who was one of the leading reception leaders in the SWAC did not receive any conference honors.

Head Football Coach Ronald Beard stated "The goal of spring football is to build and develop concepts. We hope that this will help the players visualize how the game is supposed to be."

Prairie View football is utilizing filmed practice as a

learning technique. With this type of instruction plus the increased number of participants, the coaching staff feels they could possibly have the first Spring Purple & Gold game in many years.

The 1992 football schedule was released earlier in the

month and features many of the classic opponents that P.V. faces. Out of SWAC play includes games versus Angelo State Univ., Langston

Univ., West Texas State Univ., and Southwest Texas State Univ. The eleven-game season begins in September with Prairie View's annual rivalry with Texas Southern.

## Annual relays postponed rain causes premature end to 63rd annual relays

Roosevelt Huggins  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Despite the postponement of the 63rd Annual Prairie View A&M University Relays last Saturday due to heavy rains, many events were completed on the first day of competition.

The universities which participated at the relays were Southen, Prairie View, and Texas Southern. Praire View

prevailed in the rain-shortened meet with a score of 58 to Southern's 23. No date has yet been announced for the rescheduling of the "rained out" events.

Prairie View athlete Michael Cooper won the Hammer Throw and Shot Put with distances of 87' 11" and 46' 5 1/2" respectively. In fact, Prairie View dominated most of the field events.

In the men's 110 meter high

hurdles, PV's Broctor Williams (14.47 secs) edged fellow team member Darnellio Waites (14.67 secs). In the women's 200 meters dash, Terri Clayton prevailed over Southern Univ with a time of 24.35 to 25:08.

The men and women's track team hope to better their performances in future track meets as they continue to prepare for the SWAC Outdoor Track Invitational meet.

### P.V.A.M.U. Intramural Basketball League

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L
JUCO	3	0
Jr. Trotters	2	1
X-Clan	1	2
Untouchables	0	2
N.R.O.T.C. Posse	0	2

#### West Division

	W	L
Juice	3	0
Back to Business	2	1
A-Bad Panthers	2	1
Got It Like That	1	2
Shades Of Gray	0	3

#### Central Division

	W	L
Old School	4	0
Black Magic	1	2
Hope A.M.E.	1	2
Wisconsin Sleepers	0	3
W.G.3.B.	0	3

#### Mid-West Division

	W	L
Running' Rebels	3	0
Rockets	2	1
Look-Out Now	2	2
Hustlers	1	2
Second To None	1	2

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# VIEWPOINTS

## The right to vote; the struggle continues

Michelle Johnson  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The students' right to vote in Prairie View has been a huge issue for some time in Waller County.

Just a few years ago, citizens of Waller fought to stop students from voting because they were temporary residents, but Prairie View received the right to vote based upon the rights guaranteed in the Fourteenth Amendment.

This amendment not only gave them the right to vote as citizens, but as students in a college town. Yes, PV students finally received their constitutional right; a right that was never questioned in College Station, Huntsville or

Beaumont.

The next trap Waller County had waiting on PV was one of the most stringent Gerrymandering "jobs" ever perpetuated on a school campus. They carved PV into three different districts to weaken the effect of the populous vote.

I suppose that the county officials thought, 'carving PV up like a Christmas turkey' would deter the students from voting. When PV underwent redistricting their (Waller County) hopes went up in smoke, because redistricting gave PV one vote that carried a lot of power.

Running scared they called on 'Buddy' McCaig, who, (if anyone) could find something wrong with PV.

McCaig called the grand jury to indict members of the athletic department on charges that funds were being unlawfully handled, but of course nothing came of it.

He's trying once more, with unsuspecting students, who were only trying to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Although 'Jim Crow' laws are out dated in most parts of the U.S. It's quite evident that the new and improved 'Jim' is alive and well in Waller County.

McCaig's grand jury investigation led to 15 of the 'PV 19' being indicted, but just as our forefathers overcame prejudice and discrimination so will we at PV be it in the courtroom or at the polls.

## Tyson vs. morals

By Manning Marable  
Letter-to-the-Editor

One of the central tenets of the struggle for freedom in African American history was the idea that what was politically necessary also had to be morally uplifting. From Fredrick Douglass to Malcolm X, the ends never justified the means. Ethical behavior toward each other was an important feature in the African American community. The violence of Black vs. Black crime and the peddling of drugs to innocent children was denounced as socially destructive behaviors which have to be expelled from the Black community, if it is to survive.

However, during the recent rape trial of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, disturbing trends developed within the national African American community. Some compared Tyson's prosecution unfavorably to the acquittal of William Kennedy Smith in last years controversial rape trial. Others complained that the behavior and motives of Tyson's victim were "highly questionable." Why would Desiree Washington, an intelligent woman who had been crudely propositioned by Tyson earlier in the day, willingly go back to his hotel room in the middle of the night? Black Baptist ministers clustered and prayed for the Black pugilist in his hour of need.

With Tyson's conviction, some of these sentiments assumed ugly dimensions. A Black student newspaper in

New York City declared that the young woman raped by Tyson "willingly went to his hotel room to win his fame and fortune, but realized that a one night stand would not have been enough." Tyson's conviction was "a grave injustice to the whole Black community," because the "loss of another Black role model means the imprisonment and death of many of our Black youth."

At some Black radio stations, telephone calls ran at least five to one in favor of Tyson against the woman he had raped. Many of the callers supporting Tyson were Black women. Some argued that the woman's decision to enter a man's bedroom void any right she held to claim that she had been sexually violated. The same attitude could be observed on the streets. In Los Angeles several days ago, I witnessed several Black young adults male and female alike-wearing sweatshirts which protested the Tyson rape conviction in bold letters. In vulgar, sexist language, the shirts proclaimed: "The b--- set me up!"

Enough is enough. On this issue, we must draw a line. To stand with Mike Tyson, is to stand for everything the Black freedom struggle has been against.

No man has the right to rape any woman, no matter what the situation or context. When people argue that the woman shouldn't have gone to his hotel room, our response must be "So What?" People who use poor judgement deserve to be raped? There are no excuses for criminal behavior and the evidence

indicates that Tyson was indeed guilty of rape.

Within the African American community, we need to discuss the social destructiveness against the Black male within society. Our young men are bombarded by values and images of violence, vulgarity and self-hatred within the popular culture. In rap music, Black women are routinely described as "b---" and "h's." On NWA albums, there are titles such as "Findum, F---um, and Flee." Given this social conditioning and sexism, is it surprising that too many young males make the connection between violence and sexuality?

We must challenge the glamorization of male brutality, the concept that males with status, money and power of whatever race can act in ways which are destructive to women. By placing Tyson on a pedestal, by ignoring the evidence and accepting his brutality against one of our sisters, we are embracing that same violence against our daughters, mothers and ourselves. Instead of projecting a vision of humanity which enriches the spirit, we devalue and degrade ourselves.

No doubt, Black men suffer disproportionately from the violence and discrimination of the political and criminal justice system. Racism is alive and well, limiting Black males' economic opportunities. But the pain of oppression doesn't justify violence against another person. Tyson is guilty, and for the sake of our own humanity, we must draw the line.

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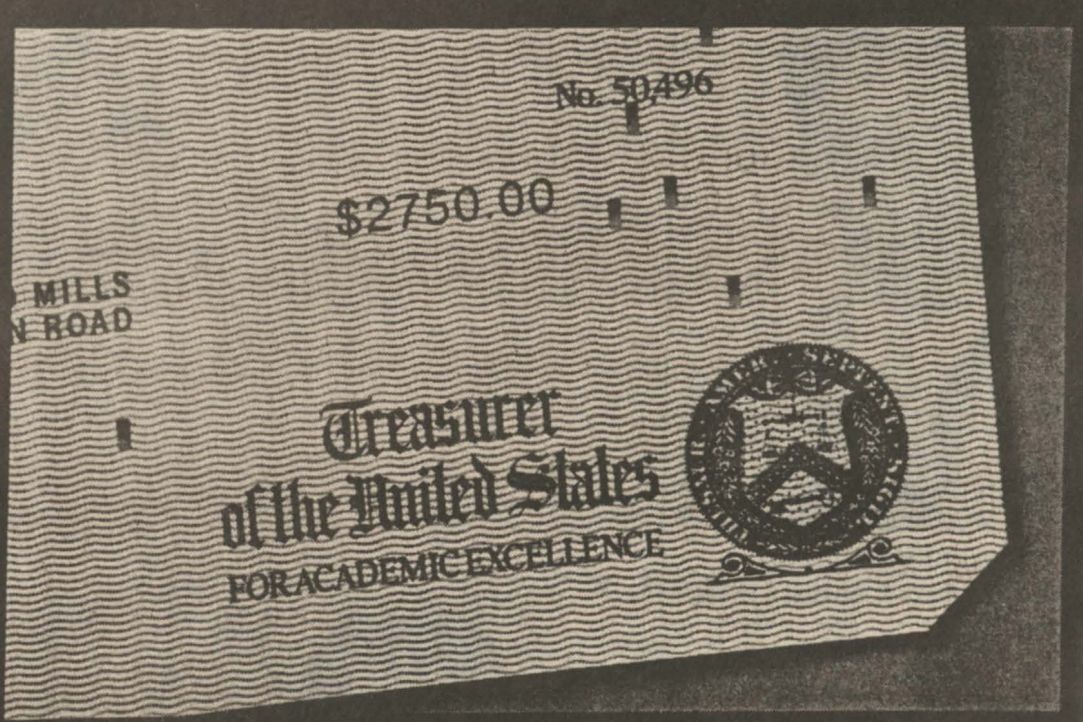
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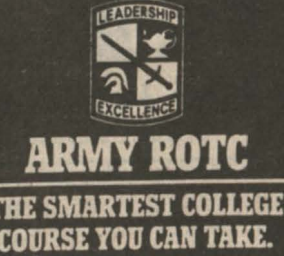
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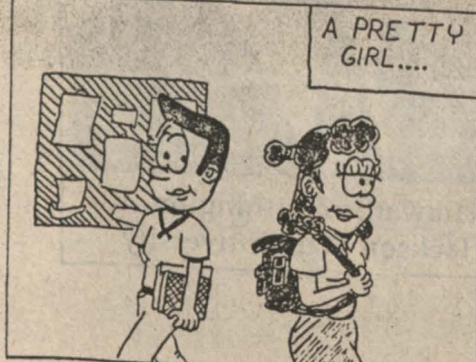
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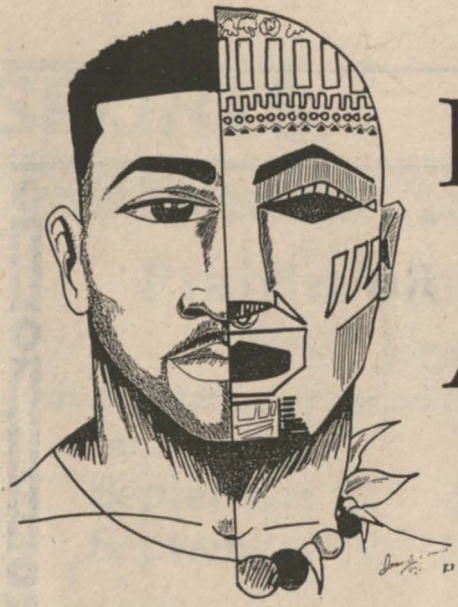


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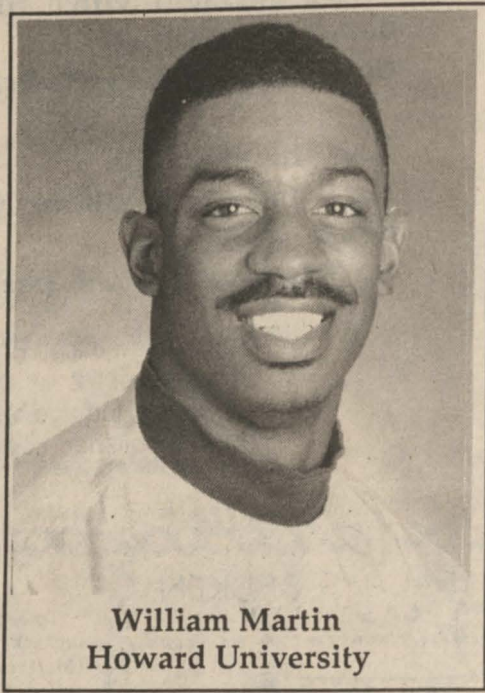
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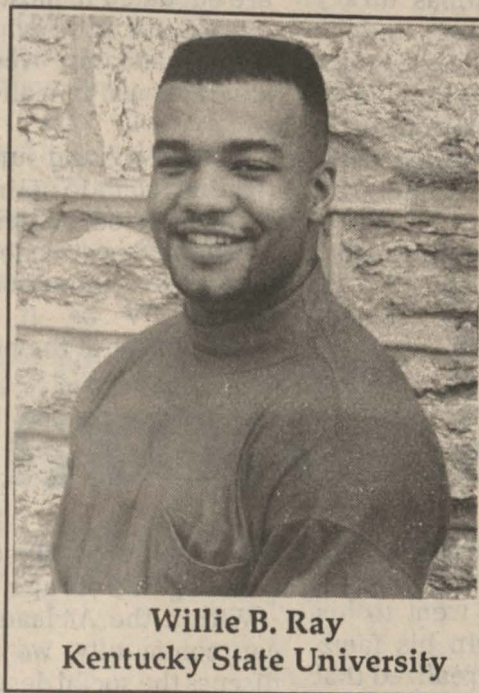




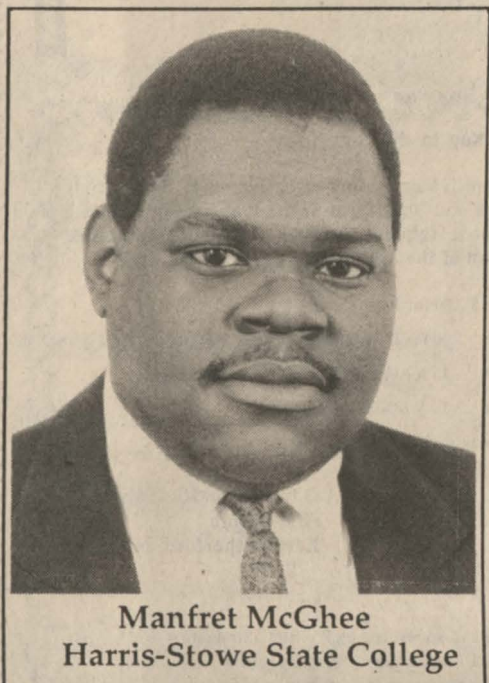
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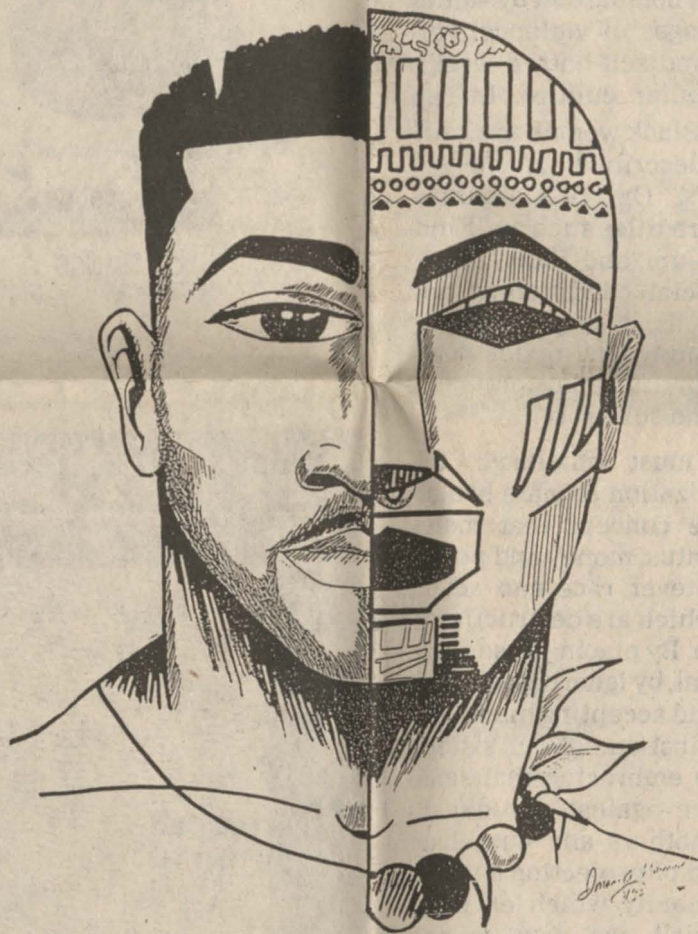
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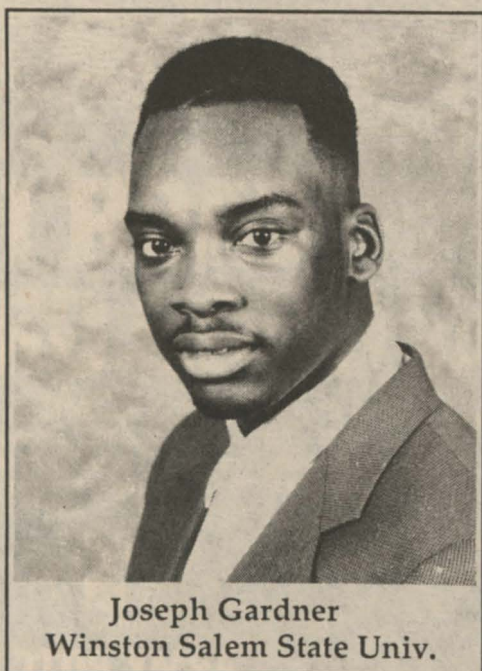
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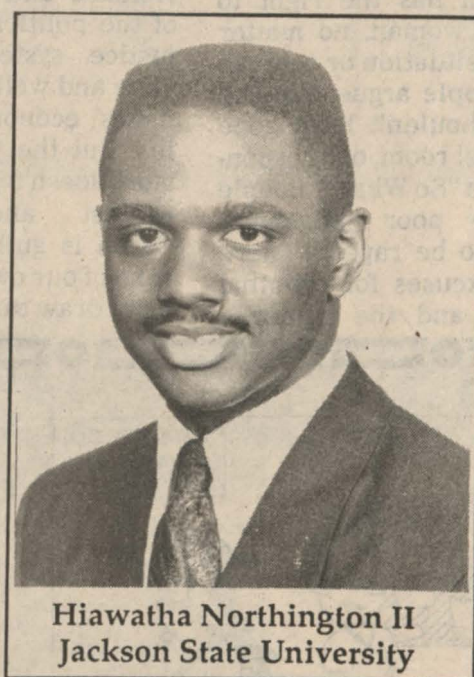
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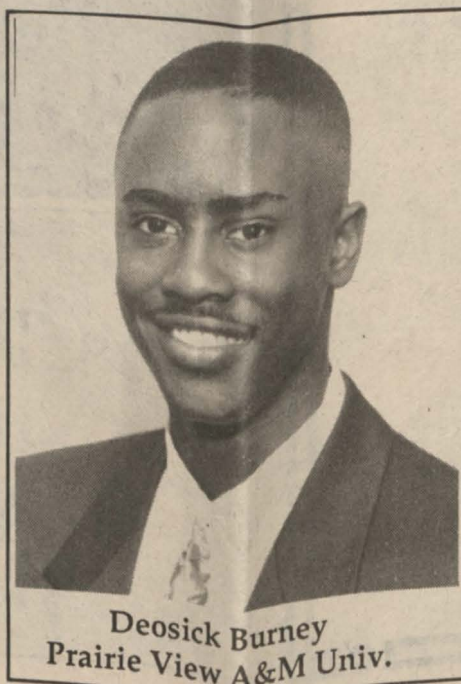
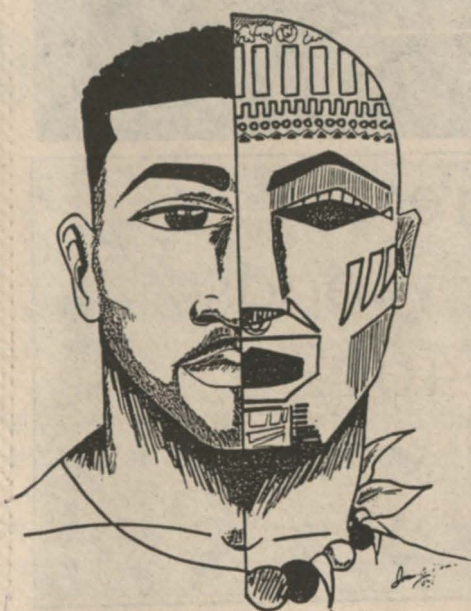
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