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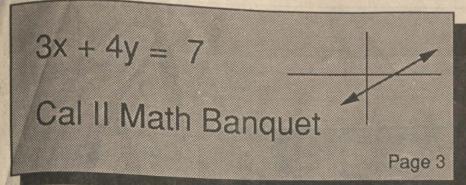
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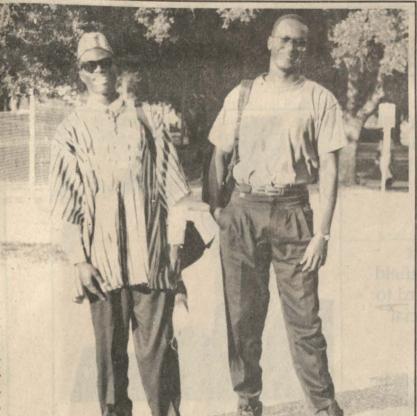


Photo by Betty Iroku

Michael Quaye, in his native attire, poses with friend Ishmael Obura during International Week

By Betty Iroku Panther Photographer

Friday

December 11, 1992

International week is a forum through which international students share their cultures with the student

This year's international week, Nov.15 - 20, was coordinated by Dr. A.F. Sirleaf and Ms. Jewel Dinkins of Counseling and Multicultural Services.

It began with a nonden-

conducted by Rev. Jehu Brandy. Other highlights included a cultural awareness day, an immigration workshop (in which Lynn Hawkins, Director of Schools and College programs was the guest speaker), and a food festival at which Prairie View students were exposed to a variety of delicacies. Closing event was a banquet during which all participants were awarded certificates.

Out with the old, in with the new

Baty named Panther editor

By Montoya Warner Panther Reporter

Co-editors-in-chief. Michelle Johnson and Roosevelt Huggins are graduating, giving up their editorin-chief positions to junior, Chandra Baty.

Baty, a communications major from Dallas, will officially take her office the Spring 1993 semester.

Co-editor Michelle Johnson said, "She was my choice. I backed her all the way. Through her capabilities and experience she convinced everyone she was the right person for the job. Baty will bring a breath of fresh air to the paper as well as new ideas.'

Co-editor Roosevelt Huggins went on to say, "Ms. Baty is going to be an excellent editor. She is very competent in the communications field and has a lot of common sense and judgement."

Baty has been working with the paper since her freshman year, spring 1990. She is currently the newsweek editor, a position she has held for over a year. Baty is also a member of the Wesley foundation and is reporter for her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Her goal is to eventually enter into public relations for a corporation or a non-profit organization. She started working for The Panther to increase her writing skills.

"When I first started working and was asked to be newsweek editor Johnson and Roosevelt trained me and encouraged me to do my best. We had a lot of fun together and made a great team. That is something I hope to obtain with my staff during my editorship," said Baty.

Her focus is to put out a

more positive paper about Prairie View students in comparison to the negative images the media has portrayed of Prairie View students in

"I would like to see it (The Panther) as a competitive and informative paper...," said Baty. "I want The Panther to be a better quality paper that can touch bases with everything on campus as well as off campus."

Co-editors Johnson and Huggins had goals of their that they have accomplished, setting a precedent for Baty.

Johnson said,"During our tenure we have renewed a lot of relationships between administrators, organizations, and students that were severed by past editors. Also, we have built an enthusiasm in print with some students who were not ordinarily intersted in writing."

Huggins said, "We have raised the level of consciousness on various issues on this campus. More students read and write to the paper. With the new editor and more student involvement, through the paper, can come change.'

Change is exactly what Baty says readers can look forward to. Readers can expect to see more features on students, more student input, classifieds, a "Dear Panther" column, horoscopes, critiques on movies and books, a list of weekly events, comics and a lot of pictures.

Other changes in the editorial staff that will take place next semester are Montoya Warner, Lifestyles editor; Janet Brotherton, graphic design manager; and Candace Clay, Newsweek editor.



The new Editor-In-Chief, Chandra Baty

Becton stands firm on visitation policies

By Omar D. Harris Lifestyles Editor

The final "Chat With the President" on December 2. 1992 left the small number of students attending much to discuss. Many tempers were raised over the dissatisfac-

tion with the imcompleteness of some of his answers.

President Becton opened the meeting with humor asking students about their Thanksgiving and commenting on the 30 individuals who attended dinner at his home.

The approxoimate 25 stu-

dents that attended the meeting asked questions ranging from why movies are not shown in Harrington Science and why students were not informed of the three week Christmas vacation prior to the article in the Panther?

The President commented on the article in The Houston Defender which suveyed some 800 students from Prairie View and Texas Southern University. From this survey, students responses were.

were. The President said he had a problem with this because based on the questions that were asked anyone can draw their own conclu-

The question was asked if room deposits were returned after graduation? The president said, "Yes, but I would hope that students would leave the money so that it could be used for the university."

President Becton also Texas Southern was given a reinerated that his policies while Prairie View was on visitation will stand as long given a C based on what the as he is president of the uniOrganization Review Board under review; called unfair

By Roosevelt Huggins Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Organizational Review Board has become the center of controversy in its attempt to govern effectively all Greek and non-Greek organizations.

Many organizations placed on disciplinary action by the review board have dissapproved of the procedures of the board and the increase of organizations under investigation.

Frederick Roberts, Director of Student Activities, said "The board is not working the way it is intended."

The Organization Review Board was formed in 1985 by Roberts to give student organizations a peer review. Before that violators of university policy were handled by the Director of Student Activities.

In the Organization Review Board Manual it states,"The board exists to provide student organizations the opportunity to become actively involved in the disciplinary process by offering students an alternative to a hearing

with a professional staff member in the Department of Student Activities." When asked if the board is meeting its goals and performing its duties professionally and fairly, Chairman Ronnie Davis responded with a resounding "Yes". Davis said, "People do not like the way we are doing it, but the process needs to be

Nathaniel Jones, president of C.S.O. and voting board member said, "The board has continued on page 4

Student information system on the way

Computer to ease registration woes

By Cottrell Jacobs Panther Reporter

A new computer system will be installed in the office of the registrars soon to speed up the registration process. The system known as the Student Information System will replace the current registration process and allow students to register within their departments.

Students will no longer have to stand in lines and walk all over campus to get approval stamps. decentralized registration process will allow students to select courses and go through the normal procedures in one

According to Ron Cornelius, project director, the new SIS came because of complaints by students and departments on campus. The financial aid office and registrar's office were complaining about the paperwork that has to be done manually. When the new system is in place, the process will be much faster and all manual work will be a to obtain transcripts in sec-

thing of the past. Students will be required their ID number and followto type in an identification number to gain access, and ree audit program will be once in, a list of all courses and their instructors will be look at a students degree plan listed. Students will be able to and obtain all courses taken, see what classes are closed their grades, and determine

before they sign up and have students

to go and have them opened

or make another selection. Cornelius said the primary reason for the SIS is to upgrade registration, but the system will be used for other things as well. Terminals will be set up randomly over campus and will be ready for use at other times besides registration. Students will be able onds, by simply keying in ing a few procedures. A deginstalled to enable advisors to

eligibility

scholarships.

Transfer students will be able to match up courses transferred as well. An automatic articulation program Will list equivalent courses next to transfered ones so the student can see for himself exactly what transferred and what did not.

The SIS will be implemented during the summer of '93. However, a mock registration will be held around mid-February to serve as a trial to see how the new system will work. If all goes well, students can expect an easier registration for the fall of '93.



Photo by Betty Iroku

The semester is over and Demarcus McQuiter is ready to go home for the Christmas vacation.

NEWS FRIDAY

Key Dates

Dec. 19 Final Day of class

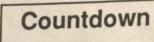
Jan 11
First day of instruction for Spring semester.



It is claimed in some legends that, in ancient Egypt, baboons were trained to wait on tables.



Two out of three adults in the U.S. wear glasses at least part of th time.



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Days Until 1993



In ancient rome, the cat was the symbol of liberty

BRIEFLY

Christmas at PVAMU

The University Choir at Prairie View A&M University will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 13 at 7:00. The performance will be in the Hobart Taylor Building - Recital Hall. The choir, with 80 members, is under the baton of Curtis Everett Powell.

The concert will include Christmas compositions as well as, Black spirituals and gospel music. This will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra with Dr. Danny R. Kelley at the organ. Among the soloists for the free public concert are: Imani Anderson and Katina Tarver of Houston; Latesha Hanson of Dallas; David Hughes of New Jersey; Timothy Reed of Waco; Elizabeth Vaughn and Todd Thomas from Oklahoma.

The major works being presented include: Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Regina Coeli, and William Dawson's Hail Mary. The university's brass ensemble under the direction of Mark W. Phillips, will also be featured in this concert. At the end of the program the choir will present the new arrangement of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, in addition to the Christmas Carol Sing-along led by the Student chapters of the Greek-letter organizations, which is being coordinated by the Pan Hellenic Council President, Marcus Searles.

PVAMU Student Honored by the Houston Urban Bankers Association

Kim Clarke, a senior accounting major, and Michelle Bragg, a senior management major, in the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University, were honored by the Houston Urban Bankers Association at its annual meeting on Saturday evening, Nov. 7. The two students were given academic scholarships for their outstanding performance.

Clarke, a native of the Bahamas, who now resides in New York, and Bragg, who hails from El Paso, were selected from a pool of minority students in the Houston area who are pursuing programs in business and other fields which could lead to careers in banking.

This is the 10th year that HUBA has given such scholarships and Clarke and Bragg are the fourth and fifth students from the College of Business to receive awards. The College of Business is very proud of the accomplishments of these students and equally encouraged by the support which the Houston Urban Bankers Association has given to the business program and to young African American men and women.

KPVU-FM Management Attends Orientation

Staff members of radio station KPVU-FM at Prairie View A&M University recently attended a station orientation program sponsored by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lori Gray, general manager, Larry Coleman, program director, and Carol Campbell, development and promotions coordinator, participated.

CPB recently awarded KPVU-FM a STEP grant which helps the station expand its programming and services to the community. This was the first orientation program sponsored by CPB, which distributes grants to more than 330 public radio stations and more than 350 public television station throughout the United States. More than 25 stations attended.

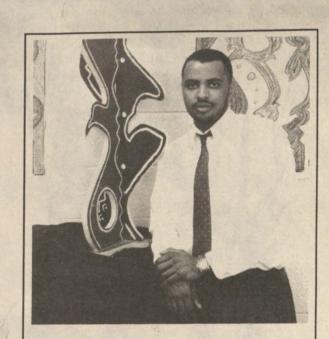
KPVU-FM is a non-commercial station licensed to PVAMU. Authorized by the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, CPB is the primary national organization charged with the growth and development of public radio and television in the United States.

People

The Department of Art, Music, and Drama at Prairie View A&M University presented a senior exhibiton by artist Mark Hartfield, in the John B. Coleman Library Gallery Nov. 17-30.

According to Hartfield, the exhibition was a visual narration of the *Songs of Solomon*. The exhibition consisted of ten pastel drawings that were illustrated with bold vibrant colors. Hartfield is a senior advertising art major looking forward to a December graduation. Presently, he is a special activities consultant in the Bryan Independent School District in Bryan.

When asked what his plans are, Hartfield said he enjoys working with young people. He finds them very challenging, as well as creative. He hopes to land a job working with children and plans to pursue a master's degree in art.



Artist Mark Hartfield

Fall 1992 Exam Schedule

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO EXAM SCHEDULE

FINAL EXAM WEEK:

- 1. All NROTC and AROTC examinations will be scheduled by the professors of NROTC and AROTC during this period.
- 2. All Physical Education Practice examinations will be scheduled by the head of the Physical Education Department during this same period.

*** TIMES FOR SECTION EXAMINATIONS ***

EXAM WEEK	8:00-10:00	10:30-12:30	1.39-3:30	4:00-6:00	7:00-9:00
MONDAY DEC. 14, 1992	M-W-F 8:00	M-W-F 11:00	M-W-F 2:00	ENGL 1001 ENGL 1013 ENGL 1123	M OR M-W-F AFTER 5:00
TUESDAY DEC. 15, 1992	T-TH 8:00	T-TH 11:00	T-TH 2:00	COMMON EXAMS	T/T-TH AFTER 5 COMMON EXAMS
WEDNESDAY DEC. 16, 1992	M-W-F 9:00	M-W-P 12:00	M-W-F 3:00	COMMON EXAMS	W AFTER 5:00 COMMON EXAMS
THURSDAY DEC. 17, 1992	T-TH 9:30	T-TH 12:30	T-TH 3:30	COMMON EXAMS	TH AFTER 5:00 COMMON EXAMS
FRIDAY DEC. 18, 1992	M-W-F 10:00	M-W-F 1:00	T/T-TH AFTER 5:00 M-W-F 4:00	COMMON EXAMS	COMMON EXAMS
SATURDAY DEC. 19, 1992	MAKE UP FOR COMMON EXAM CONFLICTS*	MAKE UP FOR COMMON EXAM CONFLICTS*	MAKE UP FOR COMMON EXAM CONFLICTS*	OPEN	OPEN

NOTE 1: Examinations for GRADUATE classes and WEEKEND college classes;
Saturday or evening classes during regular class period of exam week;
others according to grid.

2: If there is a conflict between a scheduled common exam and a time-scheduled exam, the student will be expected to work with the common exam instructor to schedule a make-up exam.

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University Suspensions

The following students have been charged with violating university policies and have been suspended or expelled. One case is in on appeal.

Nolan Aplon, Darrell Bailey, Gregory L.
Babers, Clement Boston, Chad Cotton,
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Hines, Trafton Hackett, Samuel Hubert,
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John Singleton, Charlie Smith, R.H.
Warren, Andre Washington, Colby
Williams, and Marlon Wright.

Deepest Sympathy

The Panther would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Tiffany Hauntz and Professor Diana Fallis who lost loved ones this week. May God strengthen you and be with you.

A Word Of Thanks

To the faculty, staff and students of Prairie View A&M University, and to the citizens of the city of Prairie View. On behalf of the entire Kemp family, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for all of the flowers, cards, kind words, and expressions of kindness during our time of grief. In times of death it is always difficult to smile, but your actions have brought smiles to us when we thought it was impossible to smile again. Again, we wish to thank each and every one of you and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Darryl Kemp

NEWSWEEK

Purdue programrecruits Co-ed competition spurs HBCU students

Prairie View students attend Minority Visitation Program.

By Maya Rockeymoore Panther Reporter

The annual Purdue Minority Visitation Program was recently held in West Lafayette, Indiana November 11-14. The program invites students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to visit Purdue in an effort to recruit more African American minority students to the graduate school pro-

grams at the university. ance were: North Carolina all-expenses-paid trip gave A&T, Hampton University, the students an opportunity Prairie View A&M, Spelman, to view the Purdue campus

Morehouse, Howard, Southern, Xavier, and Florida A&M University.

Prairie View students selected to participate included: Philip Bledsoe, Cheryl Oneal, Michael McCoy, Beth Mack, Maya Rockeymoore, LaChee Payne, Barry Fortune, Claude, and Mark Waddleton.

The students were selected to participate in the Minority Visitation Program after completing a graduate school HBCU schools in attend- application to Purdue. The and talk one-on-one with faculty within their area of interest.

Former Minority Visitation Program students who currently attend Purdue were on hand to talk to the visiting students. They offered valuable advice about graduate

school and answered questions about what it's like to attend a predominantly white institution. Prairie View graduates the largest minority contingency enrolled in Purdue's graduate schools from any one university.

1st Annual Math Banquet

By Candice Y. Clay Panther Reporter

The First Annual Mathenatics banquet was recently held to acknowledge student eaders in the math depart-

The idea stemmed from nath professor Dr. Frazier's Calculus II class during a friendly competitive game among the male and female students.

The ladies insisted their est averages were higher than the men and the men suggested the opposite. This argument turned into a competition where each time one group lost it was required to pay \$.50 to the class treasurer Erica Brown.

Two weeks later the men were in debt. At that time Dr. Frazier decided to side with the losing team, the men, and pay \$10 each week they lost. Dr. Frazier says,"Those guys nearly broke me.'

As a result of the competition the students grades increased significantly and so did moral.

Connie Wheeler, the Calculus II tutor, Earl Cotten, most improved student, Fred Jackson, male with highest average, and Erica Brown, female with the highest average were among the many students recognized at the banquet.

This banquet will be an annual affair in hopes of boosting student moral about

Sigma Xi holds research competition

By Michelle Johnson Co-Editor-In-Chief

The second annual Sigma Xi Student research Paper competition is coming soon. The final date to submit papers will be March 12, 1993. All papers submitted for competition will be evaluated on April 9 and the papers will be presented April 10.

The top five papers will be selected by qualified panelists and the winners will receive plaques, cash and certificates.

The paper must include abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusion (optional) and literature must be cited. For more information contact Dr. Young Park at 857-2209 or 2210.

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LIFESTYLES

Ideal gifts

Students make out their wish lists

By Omar D. Harris Lifestyles Editor

Toy cars, dolls, planes, trains and video games are a thing of the past for college students. Many can agree that as one gets older the gifts are less in number but greater in quality.

The most ideal gift for any student attending or thinking of attending Prairie View is a car. In a random survey this was number one considering we are in a rural area.

Derald Powell, sophomore felt that the ideal gift for a Prairie View student would be, "a bullet proof vest since we are in a war zone."

Chanel Jenkins felt that a blank loan check would be more along the lines of an appropriate gift for a Prairie View student.

Freshman. LaQesha Wil-

son wanted Wesley Snipes under her tree with nothing

on but a bow and Denzel

Washington to bring in the

New Year. "One hundred thousand dollars for reinstatment of scholarships athletics would be ideal to me," said co-editor Roosevelt Hugg-

The all-time favorite gifts to give when you are not sure what a person likes are: socks, underwear, ties, soap on a rope, and fruit cake.

We all know of those practical gifts that grandmothers give such as matching comb and brush set, mittens, and hand-me-down clothes from the 70s and the early 80s.

Lastly, senior Philippa Evans thought that that an ideal gift for everyone would be world peace and happi-

NEWSWEEK

Organization Review Board under review

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been professional, but not always fair because organizations might have similar cases but be penalized differently because of their specific situation. But on the same note, there is no standard penalty for similar violations."

Brandon Taylor, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. said, "They (organization review board) do not act fairly and they do not act professionally." Chancellor Archie, former board member and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., when asked of the professionalism of the board said, "It is not a non-partisan board. Most board members belong to organizations that are currently being disciplined or has been under disciplinary action. This adds to a hidden agenda."

Duncan Bennett, member

of Mega Omega Beta, said, "The board does not act professionally because they do not make it a point for all board members to be there. They should all be there in organizational cases requiring disciplinary action."

Presently, this semester has seen an increase in the number of organizations that have come under the scrutiny of the board. This is a direct result of organizations "squealing" on one another.

Roberts said, "More organizations are turning on each other once they are in trouble." Davis feels however that the controversy about the board did not come until prominent organizations were scrutinized. Davis said, "when prominent organization were disciplined, everybody else took notice."

Archie refutes the idea that the controversy of the organization review board did not exist until recent discipli-

nary actions of prominent organizations. "I served on the review board and things have completely changed. It's shocking." said Archie.

James Durham, president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., offers insight into the organization review process before Davis became chairman. Durham said, "Before you could get a review, it was all in the hands of Mr. Roberts. That situation is going on today."

According to Durham, he has been asking Roberts for a review in behalf of his organization since the second Monday in September. Durham said, "Every time I go to him, I receive some type of excuse in which my fraternity has not been reviewed. He has given excuses from bad timing to I have not had a chance to get around to it."

The controversy about the nize the authority of the review board has become very emotional for many

people. Davis said, "We have been threatened physically, mentally, and emotionally by students, staff, faculty, and administration this semest-

Despite the grumblings of students organizations many have solutions on how the process can be changed. Davis said, "I had two meeting with student organizations to discuss possible changes. Some of those changes we discussed are being implemented." Durham said, "Each organization should have a memo or format of the review process and get Roberts out of there. He is not

To this date, no recommendation by the present format of the review board has been overturned through appeal. In contrast to that Taylor said, "I do not recog-

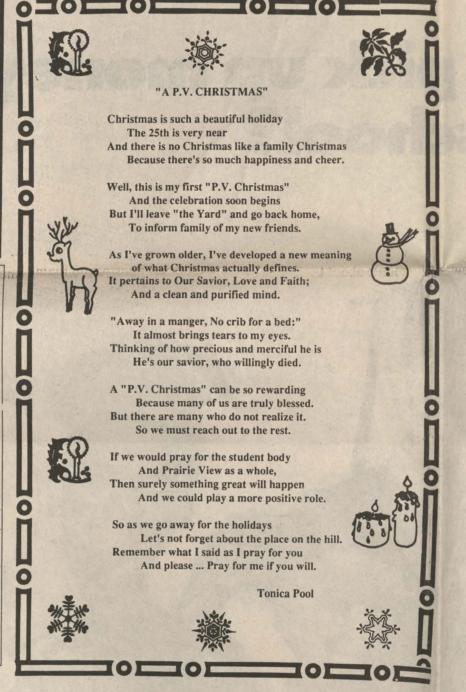
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Derek Walls



UNICEF cards make holiday gift giving

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By Derek Rose-Walls Panther Reporter

Wesley Snipes, one of today's rising stars has once again captured the screen in the action-packed, non-stop thriller Passenger 57. This character is a change for Snipes. In previous movies Snipes has personified smooth-talking, charismatic ladies men. Here he shows a different side of his acting ability.

In Passenger 57, Snipes portrays a tough, no nonsense airport security head, still haunted by the horrible memories of his wife's brutal murder. He is promoted to a high-ranking administrative position in his company, and is asked to take a short vacation prior to beginning his new position. En route to his vacation spot, his plane is hijacked by a band of notorious terrorists. Armed only with his wits, Snipes with the help of a reluctant stewardess, manages to oust the terrorists, acquire an even bigger position in his company and walks away in the moonlight with a beautiful woman.

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LACEMENT	08/22/93	8A - 5P	Harrin, Sci./Adm. Bldg.	T.B.A.	500

SPORTS - NEWS WEEK

Win breathes new hope for fans

Panthers wins halt streak

by Derek Rose-Walls Panther Reporter

The 1991-92 season for men's basketball was not what one would call a successful year. Having been defeated in all of their games, both Panther teams endured a dreadfully disheartening journey. However, that is now a part of Panther history.

On December 2, the Panthers and Lady Panthers overcame all obstacles of discontent and ridicule by capturing their first victories, snapping both teams' record-setting losing streaks.

The Panthers conquered the Arkansas Baptist Buffaloes, 90 to 76. Prairie View was led in scoring by senior guard Travis Hamilton with 24 points. Junior guard Derrick Hunter chipped in with 19 to help seal the Buffaloes fate.

This game was a most welcome victory by the players, as well as the students of Prairie View. After the Panthers lost their first game to Afterwards, they travel to Louisiana Christian College 108-96, many thought that P.V. would undergo embarrasing season. Scoring

leaders in that game were Derrick Hunter with 22 points, and senior guards Dakar Gibbs and Culumber"Bo" Ball with 15 and 14, respectively. Ball also pulled down 8 rebounds in the trying effort. For the Buffs, George Leday topped all scores with 38 points, followed by John Thibeux with 31.

Sophomore Randall Jordan said about the team and their first two games "Unity among the players this year is better. There is also a more positive attitude. After losing our first game (to Louisiana Christian College) we knew we had to come closer together. So, we did what we had to do and beat Arkansas Baptist. I think this season will be a notable improvement from last season. It already is!"

The Panthers followed their first win with a loss on the road in New York where they played St. Bonaventure. The final score was 92-48. Ohio to participate in the Wright State Tournament another December 11-13.

The Lady Panthers also

won the same night. Despite their crushing loss to the Rice Owlets, 96 to 28 in their season opener, they regrouped and successfully ousted Tugaloo in Mississippi, 65 to 51. Helena White paced the Pantherettes with 18 points. Denese Scott and Nichelle Hardy thoroughly cleared the boards with 14 and 9 rebounds, respectively.

"Last season was the most disappointing season I have ever endured," stated Andrea Vick, junior forward. "Nonetheless, I would like to keep that in the past and focus on this season. We needed that win badly. We were all so happy that most of us cried!

I'm looking forward to the rest of this year" said VIck.

The Lady Panthers hit the hardwood again December 12th away in Oklahoma. There they will face the Lady Sooners of the University of Oklahoma.

"Pantherball" definitely strikes back this year. It is going to be an invigorating and "swish-filled" experience, so get out and support

1992-93 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date Opponent December 11-12 Wright State Tournament Univ. Alabama @ Birmingham 28 Lamar University 30 **Tulane University** January **BROWN UNIVERSITY** 06 09 *JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY *ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY 11 13 TEXAS COLLEGE 16 *Grambling State University 18 *Mississippi Valley State 23 *ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY 25 *SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY 30 *TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY February LAMAR UNIVERSITY 06 *Jackson State University 08 *Alabama State University 11 **Oral Roberts University** 13 *GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY 15 *MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIV. 20 *Alcorn State University 22 *Southern University 27 *Texas Southern University

> **CAPS Denotes Home Games** *Denotes Conference Games

SWAC Tournament

Panther basketball teams feature new faces

By Derek Walls Panther Reporter

The 1992-93 season has brought about a new outlook as well as new faces to both squads.

The women's team, under Coach Robert Atkins, has eight returning players. They consist of Laini Fluellen, Denese Scott, Christina Dixon, Nichelle "Shelly" Hardy, Andrea Vick, Katra Irving, Charlette Jones (who is on

injured reserve), and Candy Stamps. Among these eight members, there are only two seniors, Fluellen and Scott.

The remaining part of this young team consists of all freshmen: Dawn Ross, Gulley, Angele Crystal Powell, Vitta Scott, Sonya Scroggins, Nikki Freeman, and Helena White. "We are a young team", said junior Andrea Vick, "however, with the experience we returning players acquired last year

and the addition of the new comments about their lack of players, we should have a more favorable year."

The Lady Panthers are notably anxious for the season to get underway. Spirited comments made by team members reveal that this should be a more exciting and prominent outing. Their first home game, however, is not until Jan.4.

Many derogatory comments have been made about the men's basketball team.

depth, intensity, ability and attitude have been prevalent. These insignificant remarks, consequently, have not broken the true essence of how the team actually is.

March

12-14

Under head coach, Elwood Plummer, those returning from last year are as follows: Kirk Martin, Culumber "Bo" Ball, Jeffery Boggas, Travis Hamilton, Chris Mullins, Dakar Gibbs, Paul Queen, Randall Jordan.

following personnel: V. C. Copeland, Lamar Hall, Nat West, Steven Ramsey, Derrick Hunter, Darrick McGriff, Parker, Morlon Johnson, Robert Lee, Kevin Newton, D'Lateef Clark, and Van Dickerson.

felt about this year, sophom- coaching staff are Michael ore Randall Jordan felt that Irving, former Prairie View "Unity among the players this star guard, Deon Sanders and year is better. There is also a Robert Vanderbilt.

The remainder of the team more positive attitude. will be comprised from the think we will do well throughout the season."

There also has been another addition to the men's team, Erik Rashad, former Jackson State player who is the new assistant coach under Head Coach Plummer. He is expected to help the team tremend-When asked about how he ously. Other members of the

Organization review board

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review board."

Roberts says, "No organization is bigger than the university. If an organization violates a rule, they will be dealt with and disciplined based on the severity of their charges."

Following is the listing of presently disciplined organization, their charges, penalty, and time period.

Alpha Lambda Omega -Violation of constitution - One year probation, 150 community service hours - 10/5/92 -5/31/93.

Alpha Phi Omega Social Fraternity, Inc. - Violation of constitution, Violation of sanction placed by Director of Student Activities - One year probation, 500 community service hours, fines, -10/12/92 - 10/11/93.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Participation in illegal pledging activities, hazing, sexual harrassment - Five years suspension, 1500 community service hours -11/12/92 - 11/12/97 ***Currently appealing to Vice-President of Student Affairs.

Club "Chic" - Violation of membership intake process, induction of illegal members, perjury - Expelled from the university - 11/10/92 -indefinite - ***Appealing to Vice President of Student Affairs.

Club Pantherette - Violation of suspension - Expelled from the university - 12/2/92 indefinite.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Meeting without approval, circumvented the membership intake process -One semester probation -8/31/92 - 12/31/92.

Fort Worth Foundation -Violation of constitution - one year probation, 250 community service hours - 9/29/92 -

Gamma Phi Delta - Violation of constitution - 250 community service hours - 9/22/92 - 5/31/93.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. - Hazing - Suspension -1/5/89 - to be determined.

Karnation Kourt, Inc. - Illegal membership intake process - one year suspension, 500 community service hours - 12/7/92 - 12/7/93.

Ladies of Distinction - Illegal membership intake process - Two years suspension, 1500 community service hours - 11/4/92 - 11/4/94.

Ladies of Phyettes - Violation of constitution - Two years probation, 1000 community service hours 10/21/92 - 10/21/94.

Ladies of Suavettes - Violation of probation - One semester suspension, remainder probation, 250 community service hours - 12/4/92 - 5/7/93.

Mega Omega Beta - Violation of membership intake process - One semester probation - 11/11/92 - 5/7/93.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Hazing - Suspension -1/5/90 - 10/31/95.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. - Forgery of university administration names on paperwork for membership intake process, induction of members illegally Probation -11/17/92 - 11/17/94.

Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Sorority, Inc. - Hazing and induction of illegal members - Three years suspension, 1500 community service hours - 8/15/92 - 10/31/94.

Wisconsin Sleepers, Inc. -Illegal membership intake process, perjury, induction of illegal members - Two years suspension, 2000 community service hours - 11/19/92 -11/19/94.

New organization admitted to the university are the Sooner Club, Students Against Driving Drunk, Mighty Squires, Association fo Counseling and Development, Goldent Triangle Awareness Club, National Coalition of Black Reperations in America, and Black Christian Lead-

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VIEWPOINTS

Nobody asked, but ...

By Michelle Johnson Co-Editor-In-Chief

There comes a time when one must move on and set new goals and meet new challenges; though the occasion is well anticipated it is also a sad one.

I thank all the Panther readers for their support and their criticism, both constructive and otherwise. A special thanks to all the reporters who have shared those long work-filled nights, and to the new staff; may God bless all of you. Also a special thanks to the Panther advisors.

I leave you with my views on a few issues.

Michelle on registration: I think the process should be reorganized to better accomodate both commuter and noncommuter students. I think that commuter students who live in Houston should be allowed to register in Houston at the nursing facility downtown, and non-commuter students should be allowed to register by mail or phone. I think this will cut down on a lot of confusion and frustration.

Michelle on Administration/student relations: To better the relationship between administration and the student body, everyone needs to know his or her role and perform in that capacity. Administration needs to treat the students as adults and the students need to act like adults and respect the administration. Respect is earned, not given; if you're respectful, you'll be respected.

Michelle on Organizations: Are we breeding Greek and non-Greek gangs? Since I've been at Prairie View, I've seen student leaders turn into warlords and criminals. They are accused of stealing, assault-

ing girlfriends and even murder. Are we our brothers' keepers? Yes, we are. We can't stop them from doing everything, but we can influence them and encourage them to respect others and stay out of trouble.

Michelle on Male/Female relationships: Love, respect, love, respect; all relationships need these ingredients to survive or even end on a happy note. There is never too much love or respect in a relationship if it is being reciprocated. Nowadays, monogamy should be expected of all of us men and women alike. Females respect yourselves and you'll find out that the guys respect you for who you are and not for what you wear or don't wear.

Michelle on Health: President Becton and Dr. Pierre, Director of Owens-Franklin Health Center cannot give the student body information on who how many persons have contracted the HIV virus or AIDS, but I can say that some persons who have attended Prairie View within the last five years have contracted the HIV virus. As much as men and women pass each other around; this virus could become an epidemic on the "hill". My advice is that you all be careful and protect yourselves.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And with all thy getting get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7) King James.

And this is the way it was December 11, 1992.

Inadequate services force student to reconsider P.V.

Letter-to-the-Editor

It is my resounding opinion that Prairie View makes it difficult for students to acquire higher education. There is already an enormous amount of stress that goes with attending college, i.e. tuition costs, studies and peer relations/ personal growth. Speaking presumptuously for older students. Prairie View is ill-equipped to deal with the student that is unaccustomed to their babysitting approach. The following issues should be addressed in order to produce an atmosphere more conducive to higher learning.

Parking - An across-theboard 15 dollar fee that will be added to every student's

tuition: this will increase funds for PV and will not discourage students, who can barely afford gas. It will also silence students who say that "PV is a patsy for off-campus wrecker services and this action only serves to undermine the relationship between PV and students."

Financial Aid - There should be at least two payment days per month, especially since there is a new transition process for loan payments. Students should not suffer because of pseudo-technology. Prairie View A&M should not be able to collect interest on student loan checks to settle debts they have incurred by overspending; even HCC (Houston Community College) has a better system for check disbursements. There must be a better way; however, it may not benefit Prairie View A&M University. The Financial Aid Department is a dinosaur. There must be an active role taken to upscale this department. Again, students suffer when paperwork is not processed on time.

Customer Service - I was once told by a student worker that "I don't have time for this." My question is - would any of the staff, administration, student workers, etc., have time, if all of the students at PV took their Pell Grants, Loan Checks and Scholarships and went elsewhere? Would this institution then make time for the students? This institution is only as valuable as the students make it. We do have a choice in where to attend college. I must surmise that I am constantly disappointed with the services that we as African-Americans shabbily show one another. We take each other for granted in the area of customer service. The student workers should at least attempt to be pleasant and professional.

I will not leave this institution; however, I am mindful of the change that must take place in order for my daughter to attend this university or for me to give one dime to PV's Alumni Association.

Angela M. Thomas

Class of 1994 challenges student body

Letter-to-the-Editor

Did you know that the class of 1994 was one of only two classes to enter the Homecoming parade? Or that the class of 1994 recently sponsored a raffle and participated in Hempsted Junior Highs Fall Festival?

I'm Phillip Bledsoe Jr. current president for the class of 1994 and if you as a junior were not aware of these events then the blame is partialy mine for poor advertise-

Ms. Yetra White's comments in the previous edition of The Panther prompts me to point out the fact that the student leaders on campus employ various means to get

their points across. Some are extremely effective in organizing the student body en masse by sheer power of personality. Others, like myself rely on traditional methods of flyers, primarily, and word of mouth as a last resort. The results of relying on these methods have thus far yielded some positive results but

one unfortunate thing remains the same: low student turnout. If I remember correctly from my studies government is supposedly "of the

people, for the people, by the people." In the case of the class of 1994 "the people"

have been missing from the general student meetings to man the various committees establisheed to carry out

class functions, to perform the legwork necessary to implement these functions, and above all to

interject fresh ideas in the class government structures. I write this letter as a challenge to first and foremost to my colleagues within the

class of 1994 and secondly to

my fellow student leaders particularly the class officers. We have all enjoyed some moderate success but Ms. White's and others' comments reveal to us that there is still much to be done.

Phillip W. Bledsoe Jr. ext. 3862 or 319C Holley

Thanks for the memories

By Roosevelt Huggins Co-Editor-In-Chief

As I leave this position, I would like to thank a few people for their guidance and help with the newspaper.

First of all, all the gratitude in the world has to be made to one of the best staffs a person can have. To each person on the staff, I will always hold a special friendship remembrance of our time at the newspaper.

Our advisors Dr. Maurice Hope-Thompson, Mr. Lewis Smith, & Ms. Penny Williams: I thank you for demonstrating professionalism and giving us the freedom that we as aspiring journalists needed.

I would also like to thank the administration for allowing us to access them at

almost a moment's notice. If there is going to be change, I feel the standards of communication with the adminstration set by this newspaper will be a starting point.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Prairie View students who supported the paper through thick and thin. Keep fighting for change, but remember this: To be inactive in the pursuit of problems of this university until it affects you is a more hideous crime than the problems themselves.

'chat' disappointment Becton's

Letter-to-the-Editor

On December 2, at 6 p.m., I attended my very first "Chat with the President". Being the end of the semester, you might wonder why this was my first time. Well, the answer to that is quite simple: If president Becton truley wanted a good turn-out for his chats from students at PVAMU, he would advertise ahead of time (at least two days before) like many of the student organizations, as opposed to

on the day of and two hours

Futhermore, upon attending my first "Chat with the President", I must honestly, and sadly say that I sincerely believe that these chats are a farce. It appears to me that president Becton has these pretentious meetings to make it seem as though he is here primarily for the students' concerns, and with low student turn-out (guaranteed by poor advertisement), he almost has a legitimate

excuse in making his decisions with little or no student

Also, I must congradulate Tiwanna Flagg for being one the most effective student government presidents that Prairie View has ever had. At that meeting on December 2. Flagg allowed herself to take an extreme amount of verbal bashing from President Becton so that those present could see and hear this totalitarian system in operation heare at PV.

Students, you are the student body. Tiwanna Flagg is your representative. You must actively participate in all decisions made at Prairie View A&M University. If you don't, you'll be forever complaining to someone else about something that you wouldn't do for yourself. The Black panther

Editors Note: President Becton publishes the dates of his chats with the student body at the beginning of each semester.

Violence a hard reality on campus

By Maya Rockeymoore Panther Reporter

Prairie View A&M University is an institution of higher learning with some students attending who are genuinely interested in obtaining an education. However, at this university there is a major problem dealing with violence. In my view, the two most problematic crimes on this campus are male on female violence and male on male violence.

Male on female violence has reached epidemic proportions on this campus. Students are so accustomed to seeing boyfriends beating on their girlfriends that when they see a new situation they

make no attempt to help or even go for help. Instead, many treat public displays of violence as something to watch for entertainment. This fact in itself reflects the dysfunctional nature of our community and society at large. Not only should men and women in abusive relationships seek counseling, the "sick" people who view these situations as "fun to watch" need help also.

Not to have a violent fight at a university function is a rarity. A trodden toe, a inadvertant bump, or a wrong look, can easily lead to a bloody fight. Alcohol often plays an important part in this violent equation, but fights also happen when there is no alcohol

involved. Incredibly, it seems as if these situations are seen by the perpetuators as a test of their "manhood". I must say that in my opinion, fighting takes away the "man" and leaves only the "hood".

I recently had the dubious honor of viewing the conclusion of a violent fight in the John B. Coleman Library. Allegedly, two young men bumped into each other and the fight progressed from there. Others joined, and what was left was a trail of blood on the library staircase, a young man with what looked to be a broken nose, and others with injuries.

Is this what our university has come to? A campus where violence is the norm,

not the exception? pathetic that even our library can't remain free of black-onblack crime.

These situations crimes and I feel that they haven't been addressed to the extent it should be on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. The problem has reached such epidemic proportions that only a large scale, comprehensive plan, instigated by university administration and carried out in a cooperative effort with the student body, can begin to combat the violence. Where are you administration? I think we are finding out the hard way a case-bycase approach to violence on our campus is ineffective.

More positive students needed, not criticism

Letter-to-the-Editor

Prairie View A&M University is a heck of a place to be, things to do at P.V. It's just that the majority of the students do not realize that. Students are always comand the administration at students need to start about it. addressing the issues here at P.V.U. I mean, where are the proper role models amongst Billy F. Fuller

we as students. Do we have any love and respect for our fellow brothers and sisters at P.V.U.? Why is there so much hate directed towards one there are alot of positive another at P.V.U.? What is wrong with the organizational leadership of the student body at Prairie View? In my opinion, President Becton plaining about the President and his administration are doing a heck of a job. It's just Prairie View A&M, but that we as student leaders are instead of criticizing we as not doing anything; think

