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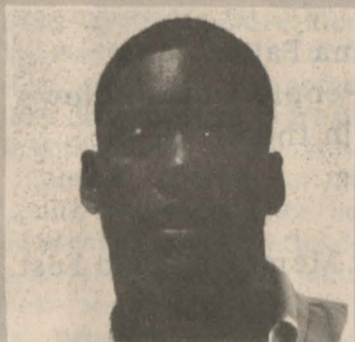
How do you feel about Mike Tyson's conviction?



Kelly Collins, junior
"I feel that there was too much media coverage surrounding the case and also a lot of women's rights groups put a lot of pressure on the jury for a guilty verdict."



Janice Jackson, senior
"I feel that the decision was biased and the judicial system needed to convict someone since they did not convict Kennedy, so they convicted Tyson as a way of exonerating the judicial system."



Marc Person, junior
"I thought the decision was unjust and I feel that the evidence wasn't sufficient enough for a conviction."



Hermena Anderson, senior
"I'm neutral about the decision, because a lot of questions are unanswered. The plaintiff might have been out for money or Tyson could have been misusing his fame to commit illegal acts."

Sounds of Blackness thrills P.V. crowd



Popular gospel group stops at P.V. on the 'Africa to America' tour.

By Kimberly Howard
Panther Reporter
Sounds of Blackness, the well-known singing group with such recent hits as 'Optimistic', 'The Pressure' and 'Testi-

fy', performed at the Prairie Baby Dome on their second stop on the Africa to America Tour.

Their performance symbolically portrayed a journey

through the rich cultural essence of the African-American experience.

The Sounds of Blackness' main goal is to glorify God, educate and tell the history of

our people from the black perspective.

The group was originally created by native Texan, Russell Knighton, who founded the group in 1969. In 1971 Gary Hines took over as musical director and producer and has been with the group since.

"Honky tonk, boogie woogie, rock and roll, spiritual, jazz, blues and rap are music forms which talk about our experience as a people," said Hines.

The Sounds of Blackness had fifteen singers and five musicians in their touring ensemble, but the choir actually has forty members.

"Our size is reflective of the magnitude and comprehensiveness of Black Music, it can't be small."

Indeed, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, superproducers of Flyte Tyme Productions introduced the group as the largest gospel ensemble to hit the music industry in recent years.

The Sound of Blackness' music is often referred to as "feel good music." Their debut album, *The Evolution*

of Gospel offers just that with the release of the first single entitled, "Optimistic." "What were saying, says Hines, is that despite how bleak things may seem, optimism is the ultimate weapon against pain and despair."

"Also with 'The Pressure' we make a statement that people of all ages and background can relate to—we're all under some form of pressure. We want to let people know that there is an answer to their pressure," says Ann Nesby, the featured performer of the group.

Hines says those young groups who want to break into the music industry should make a demo tape of three of their best recordings and send it out to every label and recording company possible, but firstly find out who is looking for new material so time won't be wasted.

In concert with Sounds of Blackness, was Lo-Key, a new rap-singing group with the same production company. Prairie View's own Baptist Student Movement also performed on stage.

Administration suspends some parties on campus

Lack of suitable venues cited as reason behind the recent decision.

By Montoya Warner
Panther Reporter

Aside from 'Pee's and Vee's' and other semi-formal functions there will be no parties held on campus.

This has been the directive from the administration says Ronnie Davis, president of the Council of Student Organizations. The reason for the suspension of parties involves the lack of a suitable venue to hold such functions.

The administration recently spent \$7000 for new flooring in the Babydome but even if it were protected with floor mats during parties, people wearing high heels or hard-soled shoes may still damage it. Consequently, the idea of a tennis shoe party is now being considered.

The new gym which could be considered as an alternative, still does not meet various fire codes and regula-

tions. For example, the stairways are not large enough for an escape route in case of a fire. The west-wing of the Alumni Hall is still available for parties, but organizations must enforce a dress code.

"Organizations are welcome to use the MSC ballroom for parties," said Freddie Roberts, director of Student Activities.

The ballroom, however, only accommodates 320 people. As a result, a party with an entry fee of \$2 will only gross approximately \$640, and after paying \$200 for the building use fee, \$100 for a disc jockey, and between \$300-400 for security, the host organization is left with very little profit if any at all.

Block parties are scheduled to be held as soon as the weather permits for anyone who has the money to pay for a disc jockey and security, with no money coming in.

All the stipulations, regulations, and codes being requir-

ed in order to hold a party on campus is frustrating to organizations and is leaving students bored and partyless.

"Ever since the incident at the AKA's party, the administration keeps coming up with things to keep students from having parties," exclaimed Julius Littleton, "I have never seen such hatred towards people who want to party. Taking away party privileges will not eliminate problems, it will only cause more."

All events sponsored by the student activities or by the administration is permitted, but when student organizations want to raise money they are not allowed to use these same buildings unless they meet certain stipulations.

This raises the question; is it not the same floor in the Babydome on which parties have been held, and that people walk on with their hard-soled shoes, and also sit in chairs during convocations or concerts?

\$74,000 lab improves testing and writing skills

By Chandra Baty
Newsweek Editor

The new writing lab located in the New Classroom Building opened its doors in September 1991 and has served students in various remedial classes as well as in English Language.

Dr. Wainwright, an English Professor, recognized the need for a lab to help prepare students for test-taking and academic writing. Through Title III funding, she was able to acquire the lab.

Title III funding is a federal grant which allocates money to certain areas on a university campus based on need. Prairie View received a total of \$5 million for a five-year time span. Of that amount, a total of \$74,000 was allocated to opening the writing lab.

The writing lab helps disadvantaged students whose previous schooling did not adequately prepare them for academic writing in the work force or in a university setting.

The lab is also a division of the Accelerated Learning Resource Center (ALRC) and prepares students who have

scored low on tests such as the TASP. The lab is in the process of installing a system called CompuPass, a statewide test bank which prepares students for the TASP.

Twenty MacIntosh computers have been installed along with five image writers and one laser printer. Dr. Wainwright is also working on a system called Timbuktu II, whereby she can have dialogue with and monitor students on her managing computer.

She is also striving towards a display that will take a student's production, have it transmitted on an overhead projector so she may edit it

while they watch. The lab is for use primarily by remedial classes, English composition writing students and then any other students are welcomed. The lab is used for computer literacy classes in English and Writing. Assistants have been hired and a full-time worker will soon be employed to monitor students.

NEWS FRIDAY

KEY DATES

- Feb 14-28**
Black History Month Seminars
- Feb. 15**
P.V. Basketball vs Southern Univ
- March 9-13**
Spring Break



The hyrax, a small mammal that looks much like a guinea pig, is actually most closely related to elephants.



In 1952, Bill Mosienko of the hockey team, the Chicago Black Hawks, scored an amazing three goals in just 21 seconds.

FYI



People have used petroleum for thousands of years. The Bible mentions that Noah used a solid form of petroleum, called pitch, in building the ark.



The Persians introduced the first widespread system for using coins as money.

Countdown

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Days until
Spring Break
Vacation

BRIEFLY

NEWS

The SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES, INC. will hold its XIIIth Annual Convention in Petersburg-Richmond, Virginia, February 20-22, 1992.

At the breakfast meeting on Saturday morning, February 22nd, 1992, new officers for 1992-93 will be installed.

The 1993 meeting site will be Atlanta, Georgia. Those interested in obtaining membership in the organization, or more information on it, should contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Howard Jones at P.O. Box 330163 Houston, Texas 77233. The organization has as its purpose simply the preservation and interpretation of African-American History and culture.

The College of Engineering and Architecture is making preparation for National Engineers Week and the first annual PVAMU Engineers Alumni Day activities. The celebration will be held during the week of February 17-21, 1992.

This eventful week includes tours of the engineering complex and the campus by middle school and high school students, free corporate presentations and free networking mixers. There will also be visits by prominent PVAMU engineering alumni, a free banquet and much, much more.

During the last two days of the week, 30-40 alumni are scheduled to return to the college and present various topics to the students.

All engineering and architecture students and their guest are cordially invited to participate in these educational and enlightening activities.

On March 2, 1992 at 12 p.m., the Social and Political Science Dept. will sponsor their 6th Annual James Harris Memorial Food Festival in the Abner Davis Square weather permitting.

The aim of the activity is to close Black History Month by symbolically bringing all people closer together by "breaking bread together" The department is asking that anyone interested please prepare a dish that represent your heritage and experiences of your people.

For more information, contact 857-4024.

Dr. Linda Williams Willis, assistant administrator of Home Economics with the Cooperative Extension Program will be featured on a satellite television program broadcast from Ohio State University on March 19, 1992.

The teleconference topics is characteristics of limited resource clientele and their challenges;

Dr. Willis will participate in the model Extension programs section to discuss Prairie View Extension's annual Teen Health Symposium. The Symposium topic was selected because of its effective delivery of vital health information to high risk inner city youth.

The Houston International Festival is seeking volunteers for its International Hospitality Committee. Members will serve as goodwill ambassadors to visiting performers to and from the airport, becoming guides to the city, and accompanying performers to their performances. Also needed are interpreters who work in Spanish and English. To volunteer, contact Ms. Baraka Sele, Vice President of Performing Arts, at 713/654-8808 or Angela Jeffery of Jeffery Communications 713/521-0144.

The Prairie View A&M University Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee is accepting nominations of persons for induction into the Prairie View A&M Sports Hall of Fame. Nominees will be judged and elected for induction based upon their athletic accomplishments at Prairie View, community service record and demonstrated leadership ability. Persons elected for induction will be announced March 17, 1992. Induction ceremonies will be held during the Scholarship Banquet on May 9, 1992. Contact Robert F. Ford, Chairman for more information.

PEOPLE

Rev. Thomas Johnson, minister of the Bailey Church of God in Christ in Waller, (center left) presents a check for \$3,000 to Prairie View A&M University President Julius W. Becton, Jr. for the Ministers Scholarship Fund. Joining the presentation ceremony are Rev. W. Van Johnson (left), dean of the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel, and Jafus Cavil, university development officer (right). Rev. Thomas Johnson was elected by the 33rd Annual Ministers Conference as the Minister of the Year. To date, the Texas United Ministers have donated over \$115,000 to the fund.



Rev. W. Van Johnson, Rev. Thomas Johnson, President Julius Becton, and Jafus Cavil.

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Black History Month Speakers Symposium

- Feb 18 Dr. Alfred Parks
"Today's Plight of the Black farmer"
Noon
- Feb 20 Dr. Clyde McDaniels
"Racism in the 90's"
6:30 p.m.
- Feb 25 Political Forum
Noon
- Feb 27 Ms. Diana Fallis
"Black People and the News Media in the 90's"
6:30 p.m.
- Mar 2 J. Harris Memorial Food Fest.

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NEWSWEEK

Riders begin journey



Photo by R. Huggins

Prairie View Trail Riders "head out" for the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show.

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Prairie View Trail Riders Association joined the 35th annual journey to the Houston Rodeo with a Panther send-off before the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The week-long trail ride began on February 10 in Hempstead and includes some 300 participants ages one to 75. The goal of the trail ride is to promote interest in agriculture and in Black History. This event commemorates the first black trail ride and only one other nationally known black trail ride exists.

Among the participants is Rosie Williams, the first and only female scout of the trail ride. Trail Rider Queen

Diane Coleman stated, "The reason for participating in the trail rides is for the fun, and to educate students on blacks and the agriculture industry."

George Charles, an official for the ride, said "Trail rides help in keeping the heritage."

Other organizations such as the Future Cowboy Riding Club help in informing students by teaching horse care and responsibilities.

The trail riders will camp in tents and trailers when they reach Houston. The qualifications for participating in the trail ride include being a member of a trail rider organization and buying a trail ride badge.

Prairie View to host USDA task force

Prairie View has been designated to host the USDA/1890 Task Force meeting which will be attended by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agency heads and 1890 Land Grant University Presidents. According to Dr. Alfred Parks, head of Prairie View's department of Agriculture and Task Force committee chairman, the task force's objective is to improve communications and linkages between 1890 institutions and Tuskegee University and the USDA.

"We'll be working on a number of initiatives to enhance teaching, research and Extension programs in the Food and Agricultural Sciences," says Parks.

Task Force meeting activities will begin at the Ramada Hotel, Northwest Houston, on February 24 and continue on Prairie View's campus on February 25.

be well prepared.

Clark also wants to be in aviation, but he wants to be a pilot instead. Majoring in Biology seems miles away from aviation. Clark says, "I'm majoring biology for self gratification."

Newton said, he wanted to disprove the misconception of the military being about staying in a bush holding a rifle. The PLC challenges you mentally and physically to enhance your skills in every occupation.

Judie expressed the need for money to pay for school pulled him into the program, but it was the excitement and the competitiveness of the other aspiring officers that made him desire to be a part of the elite group of officers in the marines.

Marines to send four students to PLC

Michelle Johnson
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Prairie View will send four persons to the PLC (Platoons Leaders Class) in the Marines. The PLC is one of the Marines biggest recruiters for officers.

The four gentlemen are: LCpl. Azikiwe Clark, Sam Judie, Gregg Newton, and Jason Winn.

All the gentlemen have g.p.a.'s ranging from 2.8 to 3.13 which means they had other occupational options, but they chose the PLC of the Marines because the options they offered seemed greater in both quantity and quality.

Captain Abelson of the County recruiters office, based in college station, attended a special ceremony to induct these aspiring officers into the program because they were the first inductees since

1973, making this a grand occasion.

The program accepts second semester Freshmen males and Junior - females. The program offers paid training for \$1500 dollars during the 6 week training periods in the summer.

There are two classes in the PLC, the junior and senior class.

The criteria for joining the PLC was steep. All interested persons must have a g.p.a. of a 2.0 or better, score 1,000 on the SAT and 45 on the ACT or they scored the ACT equivalent on the Armed Vocational Aptitude Battery test.

Abelson said, "If you have a major the Marines usually have a place for you!"

Winn wants to pursue Engineering and Aviation and with a degree in Industrial Design he feels that he will

Devices improve heart care

Press Release

How do you mend a broken heart? If the problem is medical and not romantic, the solution may be somewhere between the lab and the work bench where DeBakey Heart Center scientists and engineers are building better devices for broken hearts.

Dr. George P. Noon, professor of surgery at Baylor College of medicine in Houston, said physicians seek heart-assist devices that will not tie patients to equipment or require costly monitoring in cardiac care units.

"We want a small, implantable device that can be used safely in patients who require temporary assistance until their hearts heal," Noon said.

"For longer term—a lifetime or until a donor organ becomes available for transplant—we want an enclosed device not tethered to an external power source that can be implanted, providing partial or total support of the cardiovascular system."

Working with NASA engineers, DeBakey Heart Center scientists have developed a steady-flow pump that could provide temporary help for the heart's own pumping action.

Noon said the device "works well since it contains no valves where blood clots can form. Heart Center researchers are also working on an electrically driven artificial heart as well as cable-driven and magnetically-driven centrifugal

pumps to provide temporary assistance to the heart's left ventricle (the major blood-pumping chamber).

In the meantime, broken hearts are still being mended with a variety of heart-assist devices. "The difference is the amount of time each can be

used and the amount of support each provides," Noon said.

Transplantation is currently the best long-term solution for mending medically broken hearts. "We will never have enough donor hearts available to treat all the patients who need one," Noon said. "We need something we can take right off the shelf and implant."

Temporary token service offered at laundry

By Nicole T. Dyson
Panther Reporter

In January of 1991, the students at Prairie View were promised a full-sized laundry facility where they would be able to use the \$60 laundry fee that they pay every semester.

The system which was supposed to be activated by use of identification cards has not been implemented.

The reason for this, according to Frank Jackson, director of Auxillary Services, is that the machines that are needed to convert the coin system to one that is operated by use of students cards is not complete.

Mr. Jackson stated that because he realized many students were dissatisfied with the dry cleaners, Auxillary Services has tried to imple-

ment a system where students can use tokens to wash.

Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with the system, because when they get ready to wash, tokens are unavailable.

Walter Smith, said that he has never received his tokens. "Whenever I go to get tokens, they (laundry) never have any."

Ollie Townsend, manager of the Laundry, says that in the beginning, students where issued their tokens in increments of \$5, however many students didn't use their tokens, they held on to them, and as more students come to get tokens the laundry doesn't have an adequate supply.

This situation has forced the laundry to issue tokens in smaller increments of \$3.

Mr Jackson stated that many students are abusing the system by taking the tokens they are issued to wash with and using them in vending machines, and other coin operated machines in the surrounding areas of Prairie View.

This also accounts for the laundry not having an adequate supply of tokens on hand for students who need them.

Mr Jackson says he is looking forward to the machines being in place by the Fall of 1992.

He says that the aim of the university is provide an environment where students who live on campus have access to facilities they need such as laundry, cafeteria, and housing, so that the only worries they have will be their books.

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LIFESTYLES

Walter wins Miss Black & Gold pageant

By Vanessa White
Panther Reporter

Nineteen-year-old Freshman Tawana Lynn Walter, from Beaumont, Texas now holds the title of Ms. Black and Gold 1992. Tawana was one of six contestants who participated in the pageant.

In the talent competition, Tawana performed a dramatic piece titled, 'The Judgement Day' written by James Weldon Johnson. Dressed in black and white, Walter attempted to distinguish between the goodness of heaven and the evils of hell.

Tawana stated that she had two choices for her talent, either dramatic or a vocal selection. She feels that since she won with a dramatic interpretation that was undoubtedly her better choice.

Tawana said, "I didn't just get up there and read the words, but I spoke from my heart on a subject that is greatly forgotten by many; the judgement." Tawana is a member of the Baptist Student Movement (BSM), and of the vocal group, Infinity.

After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in nursing as well as entertainment.

She also indicated that coming to college has shown her all the different things that can be accomplished, if you just put your mind to it.



Miss Black & Gold Tawana Walter

By winning the crown of Ms. Black and Gold, Tawana was awarded a scholarship and a chance to compete in the state convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, representing the Eta Gamma Chapter of Prairie View.

As the reigning Ms. Black and Gold, Tawana plans to help in a lot of community service projects and participate in helping Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, as much as possible.

According to Tawana she had no idea she was going to win first place, but that she would have been happy with whatever she received, because all the contestants

worked hard and deserved to be winners.

The contestants were judged in five categories: in talent, expression, swimsuit, evening gown, and on interview. The five competing contestants were Rhonda Butler; Bridget McIlveen, first runner up; Dana Wimbley; Leslie Rhines, second runner up; and Eurydice May. The winner of Ms. Congeniality was Dana Wimbley and Ms. Industrious, Eurydice May.

Shawnette Stewart, Ms. Black and Gold 1991, saluted her peers with her final walk and speech before crowning Tawana Walter, Ms. Black and Gold 1992.

Lo-Key? displays "groovin" sound

By Michelle Johnson
Co-Editor-In-Chief

If you like variety and missed Prairie View's most recent concert, then you missed the added attraction, a new group called Lo-Key? on the Perspective Recording label.

The group consist of five guys ages ranging from 21 to 26. The group members are T-Bone, Lance Alexander, Dre', Prof T, and D.

Lo-Key? with a question mark is an R&B/rap/pop group with a groovin sound that is on the rise. They have a new sound unlike the familiar 'new jack swing', but if you can relate to the music and sound of George Clinton, Cameo, The Ohio Players, Con funk shun, and the Dazz Band rolled into one, then Lo-Key? has a sound for you.

The all-male group stunned the audience as they burst out in a cloud of smoke with a 'funky' sound. One PV student

said, "I thought it was a gospel concert, but I was pleased with Lo-Key? because they added variety and not vulgarity." "I think they pumped the crowd up more for 'Sounds of Blackness' after everyone got over the shock," said Kim Howard.

They are produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, and most music fans think that their future is sure to be a bright one.

The first single is called, Attention: the Shawanda Bell Story. It has a hip-hop/Cameo sound with a dash of rap.

Lo-Key? was an offspring of the now defunct Grand Jury Band.

In 1989 Lo-Key?'s Prof T and Lance Alexander signed with Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. After signing with Jimmy and Terry, Prof T and Lance set out on a mission to find some group members.

With the addition of 3 new group members they began

recording in 1990 and now they are on tour with *Sounds of Blackness* on the Africa to America Tour. The tour began on February 9 in Grambling and after the stop in PV, they will journey to Tuskegee. This tour will cover most of the Black Universities in the United States.

Lo-Key? summed up their aspirations saying, they want to be successful in making albums and in their own individual goals.

Lance said, "Prof T and myself have produced songs for Karen White, Alexander O'Neil, the Time remix, Johnny Gill and others.

They advised other groups striving to make it in the business to: 1) Know your business, 2) Don't sign with the first label, 3) Believe in God and yourself and stay focused.

They left Prairie View with newfound admirers and a few friends.

Campus couples

Balancing a relationship while in college

By Evangeline Mitchell
Panther Reporter

Juggling classes, homework, extra-curricular activities, personal responsibilities and sometimes jobs is a strenuous load for any student to handle. Then add the pressures of a serious relationship and you realize that just like everything else worth having, it takes a great deal of hard work for both parties involved.

This includes teamwork and an equal distribution of understanding, sacrifice, acceptance, friendship, loyalty, honesty, selflessness and most importantly genuine love in order to maintain that strong desire to make it work when it can be so much easier to just give up and call it quits.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day four happy couples in mutually satisfying relationships, who have been together for at least one year share their ideas on Black love for all of you in loving relationships or who are just curious as to what it takes to achieve a successful one.

You'll find that it is indeed tough to be a serious student striving to make the most out of one's college career and not make your special friend feel neglected at the same time.

Q: How do you define Black love?

A: Couple 1 (female)
Black love is the bond between a Black man and wom-

an. It's the uniquely and internally woven tie between them. It is the oldest and greatest love on earth. It is the beginning and ending of a circle of oneness. It transcends the physical and tangible. It is encompassing and whole and once you find it, you become whole -360 degrees.

Couple 1 (male)
It is the most powerful expression of unity, love and respect between a man and a woman. It is the beginning of the cycle that perpetuates the existence of humanity. It is also the fulfillment of the creation, completion, seven. This principle of reconciliation manifests itself on all planes of life.

Q: How did you meet?

A: Couple 1
We met on Valentine's Day and were discussing how neither of us had a valentine.

Q: How do you know you're in love?

A: Couple 2
Because of the feelings that we both have for one another. We constantly want to be together.

Q: How do you manage to make time to see each other and stay on top academically?

A: Couple 3
We make sure that we spend quality time together. It's not the amount of time we spend together but what we do with the time we have. In addition, we reinforce each other academically by reminding each other of the goals we've set in life and in

order to achieve those goals we must have a solid educational background.

Q: What are you both doing in order to make things work out?

A: Couple 4
The main thing we do that keeps us together is compromise. Communication is also important, but what good is talking if you can never reach an agreement?

Q: What was your most romantic moment together?

A: Couple 3
When we first met in Austin during Spring Break. We were just beginning to know each other and we were on the balcony looking up at the moon and stars.

He brought me a sweater and a bowl of my favorite icecream -Blue Bell pralines and cream. There was an instant connection. We looked into each others eyes and we knew this was the beginning of more than just friendship.

Q: How will you spend Valentine's Day together this year?

A: Couple 4
We don't really celebrate Valentine's Day. We don't have to. We try to show each other how we feel everyday. Valentine's Day is like the rest of the holidays -too commercialized.

Q: Is being in love worth the trouble?

A: Couple 1 (female)
Yes it is.

How to fall in love again

Press Release

A psychologist and marriage and family therapist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says troubled couples can learn how to fall in love again.

"The first step in romance is to set the stage," said Dr. Linda Walsh, a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Baylor. "Couples can share the stage and create an atmosphere where resentments as well as appreciations can be expressed and heard."

By refueling their romantic energy, couples can turn a mundane relationship into an intimate one. For example, complimenting a mate or dressing up for a special din-

ner for two can create a feeling of intimacy.

Sorting out differences by talking clearly and directly is also an important part of a relationship, but at times can also be destructive. Couples should take a "time out" to prevent a potentially damaging argument.

"Angry mates often benefit from postponing the discussion until they have cooled off," she said. "Couples often need new ways of interacting when talking turns to fighting."

Walsh said working couples are especially at risk for losing quality time together due to conflicting job and family demands. She finds that couples are often forced to make necessary decisions

about their priorities when work becomes too demanding.

Walsh offers the following advice for lovelorn couples:

*List the good and bad aspects of the relationships and then detail how each partner would like the other to behave.

*Set aside some quality time together if spontaneity is ineffective. Plan a romantic candlelight dinner or a weekend getaway.

*Make an agreement to acknowledge each other on a daily basis for accomplishments and things you have appreciated that the other person has done.

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BLACK HISTORY

A glimpse at our Past, Present, and Future Quotes of Rev. Martin Luther King

The Future

We've come a long way, but we've still got a long, long way to go. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. But by all means, keep moving. M.L.K.

On Black Heritage

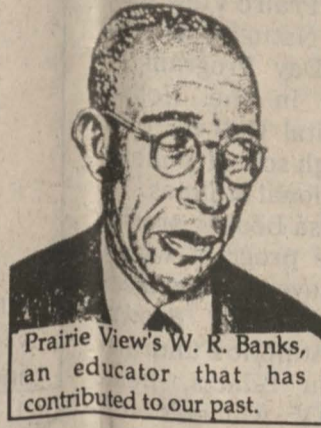
The Negro must always guard against the danger of becoming ashamed of himself and his past. There is much in the heritage of the Negro that each of us can be proud of.

The oppression that we have faced, partly because of the color of our skin, must not cause us to feel that everything non-White is objectionable.

The content of one's character is the important thing, not the color of the skin.

We must teach every Negro child that rejection of heritage means loss of cultural roots, and [that] people who have no past have no future.

M.L.K.



Prairie View's W. R. Banks, an educator that has contributed to our past.



Letisha Johnson a future doctor or scientist that may find the cure for AIDS.

On Economic Emancipation

Well has it been said...that Negroes too often buy what they want and beg for what they need. Negroes must learn to practice systematic saving. They must also pool their economic resources through various cooperative enterprises. Such agencies as credit unions, savings and loan associations, and finance companies are needed in every community. All of these are things that would serve to lift the economic level of the Negro which would in turn give him greater purchasing power. This increased purchasing power will inevitably make for better housing, better health standards, and for better educational standards.

M.L.K.

On Standards

It is wrong to be unjust, to be dishonest, to hate. It is wrong now and was wrong 2,000 years ago...We have moved from the Darwinian theory of survival of the fittest to a theory of survival of the slickest. Everybody is busy obeying the 11th commandment—"Do not get caught."

M.L.K.

On the Pursuit of Excellence

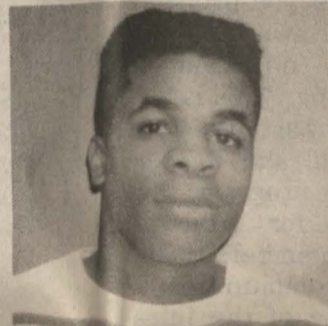
This is no time to be a good Negro anything. You simply have to be a good teacher, not a good Negro teacher—a good preacher, not a good Negro preacher. Doors will be opening now that were closed in the past. You have got to resolve, therefore, to do your job so well it cannot be excelled.

M.L.K.

On Love

I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love. Moreover, love builds up and unites; hate tears down and destroys. The aftermath of the "fight fire with fire" method is reconciliation and the creation of the beloved community...Yes, love—which

M.L.K.



Kevin Lyons former Editor of the Panther, now making strides at the S. A. Light.



April Williams a future civil rights activist that will help all minorities.

THE BLACK MAN'S MIND

WHO WAS...

1. The first black woman to serve in the U.S. Congress in 1968.
2. The first black to direct movies for a major studio.
3. The first black writer to publish extensive collections of folklore.
4. Credited with creating ragtime as a distinct piano technique.
5. The nation's first black Supreme Court Justice in 1967.
6. The first well-known black doctor.
7. A financial genius who invented and manufactured cosmetics for blacks.
8. The leading black abolitionist before Frederick Douglas.
9. The first black news commentator on network television in 1962.
10. An outstanding teacher and inventor, who had a pioneering role in the space program.
11. The first negro woman to have a play presented on Broadway which was titled, "A Raisin in the Sun."
12. The black man who wrote the Negro National Anthem.
13. One of the greatest operatic sopranos in the history of opera.
14. An outstanding composer who has led the most enduring of all jazz orchestras since the 1920's.

ANSWERS

1. Shirley Chisholm
2. Gordon Par
3. Zora Neale Hurston
4. Scott Joplin
5. Thurgood Marshall
6. Lucas Santomee
7. Madame C. J. Walker
8. Samuel R. Ward
9. Melvin R. Goode
10. Clarence R. White
11. Lorraine Hansberry
12. James Weldon Johnson
13. Leontyne Price
14. Duke Ellington

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SPORTSWEEK

Panther baseball springs into action

By Dwayne Bennett
Panther Reporter

The start of this year's baseball season brings great expectations for head coach John Tankersley. The Panthers journey to Edinburg, Texas on Friday for a two-game series against Pan American University for their season opener.

Coach Tankersley admits that this year's ball club is young, but insists that they have great potential and will be exciting to watch. Tankersley hopes that a tougher non-conference schedule will build confidence and experience for the team before starting the conference schedule.

With 6 returning lettermen and the acquisition of several transfer players Troy White, Dean Swartz and Willie Medlock filling key positions, the Panthers should be in contention for this year's conference championship, says Tankersley.

"Offensively, look for the Panthers to be a strong, hitting team and to be very

aggressive on the base paths", stated Tankersley. He added that defensively the Panthers will be a fundamentally sound team with the flexibility of having players playing multiple positions should the need arise.

The pitching staff is led by Seniors Yuri Hall and Aaron Salsman, whom coach Tankersley expect to be role players in his rotation.

Tankersley says the key to this year's turnaround is that he was able to recruit quality ball players, unlike the past when recruits didn't come to Prairie View, thinking that the program would be cut.

Tankersley says another key to the success for this team will be discipline. Last year's team had morale problems and the team barely had enough players to finish the season. "This year's team, however, is more disciplined and willing to cooperate", said Tankersley.

The Panther baseball team urges your support on Sunday February 23, for their home opener against Southwest Texas State University.

Students celebrate Women in Sports Day

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Department of Health and Human Performances hosted The Praire View A&M University National Women in Sports Day Program on Wednesday in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall for over 250 area high school, college, and professional athletes.

Dr. Clarissa Booker presided over the program which featured several speakers including Lenice Brown, director of Athletic Fundraising, Jocelyn Adams, head coach of P.V. women's volleyball, Barbara Jacket, P.V. athletic director and 1992 Olympic hopeful Michelle Finn.

The program's main goal was to salute the "elite female"



Program Speakers (L-R) Mariland Lubetkin, Stephen Braggs, Barbara Jackett, Michelle Finn, and Stan Poladsky.

athletes of P.V., Hempstead, Waller, Montgomery, Magnolia, and Brookshire Independent school Districts.

The feature of the day was an inspiring speech by aspir-

ing olympic athlete Michelle Finn of Houston. In her presentation, she outlined three steps to becoming successful in life, namely to set goals, make good choices and to believe in yourself.

Discussing her immediate future, Ms. Finn definitely feels that she has a good chance of qualifying for the olympic team in the 100 meters and 200 meters sprint.

She said "I made the semi-finals in '84 and '88, but this year I plan to make the finals and be on that olympic team." She added that "The competition is tough, but programs such as this one helps me build a fan support base."

Also present at the proceedings was Stephen Braggs, a football player for the Cleveland Browns.

Christina Dixon, P.V. Lady-Panther guard stated "This was a good program and that everyone should have been here to listen to Ms. Finn's speech."

Aerobics; P.V.'s latest craze

Intramurals provide diverse activities

By Roosevelt Huggins
Co-Editor-In-Chief

If you have visited the new gym facilities in the Billy Nicks complex, you probably have become aware of the latest craze on campus, aerobic dancing. This is just one of the many activities that the Intramural and Recreation Sports program has implemented for students, faculty, and members of the surrounding communities.

The purpose of the intramural program is to provide student, faculty, staff, and community an opportunity to engage in healthful recreational activities.

According to Intramural Director Raymond Burgess, he hopes that "The program will bring the entire university into a wholesome and social atmosphere." He added that "the program should help participants relieve stress as well as meet new

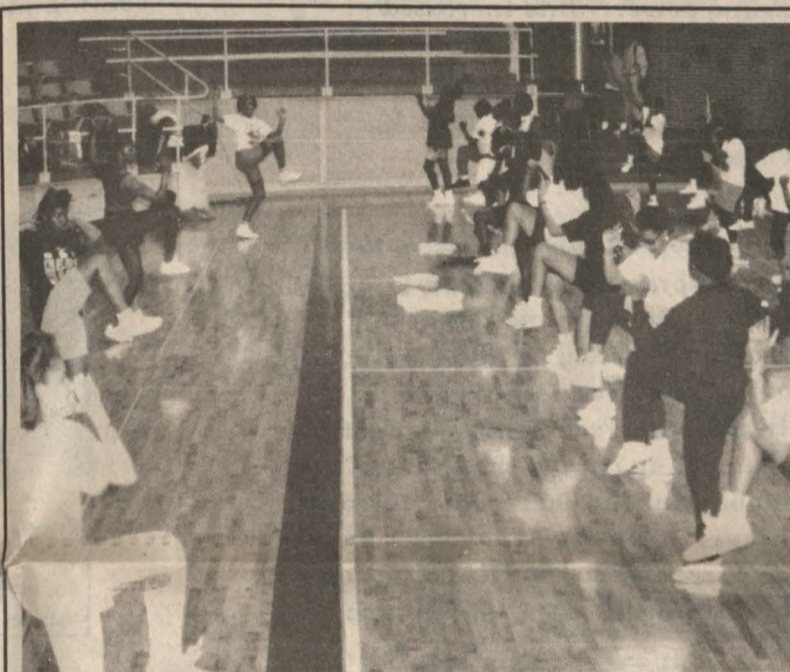


Photo by James Leno
P.V. students enjoy a stimulating aerobic session

friends, thus possibly curtailing some of the violence that has occurred in the past."

The intramural department is definitely carrying "a full load" of activities for the

semester. Among them, a domino-spades tournament, 6 on 6 volleyball, badminton competition, a competitive basketball league, a softball tournament and raquetball

tournament will be sponsored this semester.

In addition, the intramural program sponsors activities such as recreational swimming and aerobic dancing. If aerobic dancing is a gauge on how successful the intramural program will be, it should have no problem in being a model for other universities.

At first, the aerobic dance class on Tuesdays and Thursdays was held in the aerobics dance room located in the new gym. However, with the increase of participants numbering some 109 students and faculty, classes are now being held in the baby dome.

Coach Burgess is a P.V. graduate and is supported by a diverse staff. Members of the intramural staff include Leon Gillian, assistant intramural director, Charles Jefferson, Victor Pegram, Pablo Pasado, Dwayne Gipson, Felicia Woodard, William Zhang, Pam Lilly, Rhea Reed, and Dawn Aycock.

Prairie View A&M 1992 Baseball Schedule

February

14	Pan American Univ	Edinburg, Tx	1:00
15	Pan American Univ	Edinburg, Tx	1:00
21	Wiley College	Marshall, Tx	1:00
22	Jarvis College	Hawkins, Tx	1:00
23	Southwest Univ.	P.V.	1:00
28	Jarvis College	P.V.	1:00
29	Huston Tillotson	P.V.	1:00

P.V. Baseball season continues in March and April. Appropriate schedules will appear in following issues of *The Panther*.

1992 Men's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 15	*Southern Univ	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Alcorn State	PRAIRIE VIEW	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Texas Southern	Houston, TX	7:30 p.m.

1992

Women's Basketball Schedule

Feb. 15	*Southern Univ	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	*Alcorn State	PRAIRIE VIEW	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	*Southeastern	Hammond, LA	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Texas Southern	Houston, Tx	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Pan American	Edinburg, TX	5:00 p.m.

*denotes Southwestern Athletic Conference games

Press Release

The Prairie View A&M football department will begin the 1992-93 season with its best recruitment of high school seniors in ten years. To this date, the official amount of commitments to P.V.'s football is 24. They include many talented and athletic young men.

The commitment list follows the format NAME - POSITION - HEIGHT - WEIGHT - HOME TOWN / HIGH SCHOOL - HONORS: Arturo Aguilar OL 6'0 260 Killeen-

State Champion/All District; James Duplechain LB 6'3 230 Houston Yates; Rodney Lillie DL 6'4 260 Houston Worthing.

Keithon Brooks FB 5'11 235 Shepard, Tx-All District; Von Cross DL 6'3 240 Point Blank, Tx; Hector Swain WR 6'2 190 New Waverly, Tx-State Top 100/All District;

Sean Douglas RB 5'11 190 Coldsprings-All State/All District; Kenneth Johnson TE 6'2 225 Coldsprings-All District/2nd Team All-Greater Houston; Dedric Clark DL 6'5 317 Houston Klien Forest. Dwayne Green QB 6'0 180

Montgomery County- All County/All District; Levy Bradley OL 6'4 260 Houston Sterling-All District; Jesse Scott LB 6'1 240 Houston Regan-All District.

Robert Green OL 6'5 260 Montgomery Co-All District; Roderick Brown DB 5'10 175 Houston Westfield-All District; Henry Figgs RB 5'11 220 Jersey Village-2nd Team All District; Willie White WR 6'0 175 Jersey Village-All District/All Greater Houston.

Bryan Williams LB 6'0 210 Sugarland, Tx-1st Team All

District; Don Gamble OL 6'6 242 Sugarland, Tx-1st Team All District; Deza Reeves QB 5'11 190 Houston C.E. King-1st Team All District (Junior year).

Remus Hines K/LB 6'0 210-Houston C.E. King-1st Team All District; Ralph Montgomery DB 5'9 165 Baytown Sterling-2nd Team All District; Glenn Antoine LB 6'4 210 New Iberia, La-2nd Team All District.

Rondale Taylor DB 5'11 175 Houston C.E. King-1st Team All District; Louis Carr OL 5'11 265 Ft. Worth Dunbar.

Football recruits top athletes

TEAM	CONFERENCE - MEN'S STANDINGS						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR
Texas Southern	7	2	.778	715	641	W-3	10	11	.476	1565	1616	W-2
Southern U.	6	3	.667	857	788	W-2	13	9	.591	2067	1932	W-4
Alcorn State	6	3	.667	762	722	W-4	12	10	.545	1851	1876	W-5
Alabama State	6	3	.667	778	700	L-1	11	10	.524	1819	1738	L-1
Miss. Valley State	6	3	.667	792	740	L-2	8	12	.400	1597	1692	L-2
Jackson State	4	5	.444	704	657	W-1	9	13	.409	1666	1698	W-1
Grambling State	1	8	.111	722	831	L-5	2	18	.100	1586	1910	L-6
Prairie View A&M	0	9	.000	613	859	L-9	0	21	.000	1301	2121	L-21

TEAM	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	STR
Alcorn State	9	0	1.000	763	553	W-9	13	6	.684	1512	1379	W-5
Jackson State	7	2	.778	594	478	W-3	12	9	.571	1327	1186	W-2
Miss. Valley State	5	4	.556	531	603	L-1	8	12	.400	1329	1367	L-1
Southern U.	5	4	.556	559	624	W-1	11	9	.550	1548	1403	W-1
Texas Southern	4	5	.444	702	649	W-1	4	15	.211	1167	1404	W-1
Alabama State	4	5	.444	556	541	L-1	7	13	.350	1157	1373	L-1
Grambling State	2	7	.222	709	623	L-3	6	13	.316	1251	1371	L-2
Prairie View A&M	0	9	.000	599	693	L-9	0	18	.000	790	1412	L-18



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NAME, TEAM	GM	FGM	FTM	PTS	AVG
Steve Rogers, ALA	21	178	158	582	27.7
Alphonso Ford, MVSU	16	155	90	442	27.6
Lindsey Hunter, JSU	22	182	73	510	23.2
Tim Roberts, SU	22	186	57	505	23.0
Leonard White, SU	22	175	115	469	21.3
Terry Thames, SU	22	127	82	376	17.1
Jervaughn Scales, SU	22	146	72	364	16.6
Theon Dotson, TSU	21	122	57	333	15.8
Martel Willis, MVSU	20	111	42	313	15.7
Felonta Evans, GSU	20	121	53	299	15.0
Mark Davis, ALA	21	107	71	311	14.8
Kirby Fortenberry, ALA	21	126	58	310	14.8
Derrick Young, MVSU	19	108	34	262	13.8
Brent Dunn, GSU	20	107	57	274	13.7
Marcus Walton, ALC	22	100	65	287	13.0
Lamar Ambers, GSU	19	85	55	241	12.7

VIEWPOINTS

THE BLACK MAN'S MIND

I Don't need your pity or your permission
 To have the authority over my own mission
 All of these years you have poisoned my mind
 With empty promises and deceitful lies
 You said I was free, in which I never was
 That was just another cover-up for all of the
 sacrificed blood
 Red, white, and Blue, the Home of the Brave
 I t used to be, but now I see, I refuse to be a
 mental slave
 You have oppressed me for all of these years
 For no reason at all
 I was miseducated now rededicated
 To my rising and not to my fall
 Now at last it is finally my turn
 Give me what you owe me!
 Or your nation I will burn
 These words I tell you so called friend
 Are overt facts without fiction
 Your nation will soon be lost without me
 No words, just endless affliction

By Tamara Johnson

Promoting positivity

By Evangeline Mitchell
 Letter to the Editor

Many of us walk around campus day to day depressed, seemingly carrying around a chip on our shoulders. We allow negative people or situations to down us. This semester and here on out we should all resolve to try to be more positive.

Even though things may not seem to go the way we want them to, we must realize that everything happens for a reason and as an end result we become stronger people. Our attitudes affect the way that we feel and if we could just learn to look at things in a more positive light things would seem to go better and we could be happier people. By no means should we look at things under rose-colored glasses, but we should acknowledge all the facets of something, yet choose to dwell on that which is good.

You might be thinking that I don't know your situation. You're absolutely right, I don't, but I do know that we all have situations and it's up to us to make the most of them. In interactions with others, instead of being judgmental and automatically assuming that someone has an attitude we should try to be more understanding.

It starts here and now. If you can't treat a fellow brother and sister as a human being then how do you expect to make it in the real world when you have to deal with different types of people and maintain a pleasant attitude.

Harboring hate and acting crazy amongst your own and speaking of unity is a useless contradiction.

When asked the question as to how we could curb the negative attitudes on campus Salina Gray, a junior biology major responded that 'we need to be re-educated -morally and spiritually. We need more than book sense. With spirituality everything seems to fall into place.'

A lot of us go around sighing hard, talking about how we can't wait until we leave P.V. and that we won't look back. We show little or no school pride and sit around complaining incessantly about what's wrong with P.V. Remember that it's easy to complain but those who can really complain about things are those who have at least tried to play some role in getting involved to improve the things they are unhappy with.

For all of you who can't find anything good to say about P.V. there is one very positive thing that we must not lose sight of. We are a historically Black university which is indeed something to be proud of and that we often take for granted.

Recently I spoke with two transfer students who reaffirmed the fact that P.V. is a good school and that we should feel privileged to attend.

Clint Park, a sophomore Mechanical Engineering major who transferred from Southern Methodist in Dallas said that he really likes going

here and has experienced more positive than negative things since his arrival. He has found that going to a predominantly Black school provides a more comfortable environment which is conducive to learning.

Teresa Mitchell, a sophomore Nursing major from the University of Central Arkansas, related that she appreciates attending a Black college after having experienced a more comfortable environment as a result of ignorance.

She said that 'I'd prefer attending a Black school to be educated by and to socialize with my people and deal with the inconveniences rather than go to a school where I am the minority. Their system only considers what is best for the majority.' However, she noticed that at a White school the Blacks tend to stick together, whereby here there is much divisiveness.

I'd like to personally challenge all of the students, faculty, administration, parents and alumni to do all we can to take an active part in stopping the negativity on campus and to help create a more positive atmosphere and image.

It starts with each individual and our coming together and making a strong collective effort. Imagine how we could change things if we could pull together and be optimistic.

Because of what we do here today, there is one thing we can change -the future. It's our hands. It's up to us to decide if it'll be for the better or worse.

Happy Valentine's Day

Remaining Publication Dates for
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 1992
 Feb 28, Mar 20, Apr 3, Apr 17, May 1



For all my children.. Mommy loves you!!!
 Mrs. Vanessa W. Jackson

To: Daddy-O
 Just when I thought our chance had passed you've gone and saved the best for last.
 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
 From: ME!



To: J.B.
 You Make each day special,
 Happy Valentines Day!
 M.J.

Miho,
 Je t'aime...
 Mommy

Body..B
 Kimmie B
 ..Rated PG,
 It's a family affair!!!
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I Love You, Tiger
From: Vanessa

To: Malinda & Tanya
Happy valentine's
Day
From: Calvin, your
Big Brother

To: Mom
I Love You!
Karl Mayes

To: Daryl Pope
Thank you for always showing
me your love
& being there for me
Affectionately yours!
Michelle

To: Sherrill Sims
Happy Valentine's
Day
With Love, Larry

To: Natasha Dewberry
Happy Valentine's Day
From: Vanessa and Robyn

Happy Valentine's to the Sis.
of Wisconsin Sleepers,
especially that Sis.
Sweet Sensation.
Love: Mpact

To: Janet Castle
Happy Valentine's
Day
Sincerely LL

Dr. Black
Here's to us...
I love you.
Lady V.

To Eric,
Happy Valentines day babes,
Thanks for being such a great guy and
friend,
and for two wonderful years!
I love you.
Always,
Morenike "Kena"
Feb. 14, 1991
Happy Anniversary

Christopher,
Darling I'll never leave
you either, yes I do want
to make your heart my
shelter and your arms my
home.
Always, Your Baby

To the most important
lady in my life,
Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Bo.

To: Marc A. Metze
Lots of Love on our 1st
Valentine's Day.
I Love You!
Love, Chantel

To: Linda & Grand
Happy V-Day and thanks
for being there.
Love,
Big Stan, Jr.

The words "It's so hard to say Goodbye" have
never been as sentimental as they are now.
I'll miss you truly! Good luck in grad school!
May God continue to be the center of your joy.
Always remember you have a friend in me.
Where there is wisdom, there is peace
and where there is knowledge there is joy
and in them I see you.
I Love You,
Big Funke' (Dallas)

To: Sheree
Russell
Happy valentines
Day
From: You Know
Who

To: The Sisters of
Wisconsin Sleepers Inc.
Happy Valentine's Day!
From: The Brothers
P.S. Happy B-Day
Walt 2-14-77

To: Sandra
Thanks for
being there!
Doug

To: Linda
I Love You
Very Much.
Love, Stevine

To: Lady V,
I love you forever
and always,
Your Hubby,
Frank