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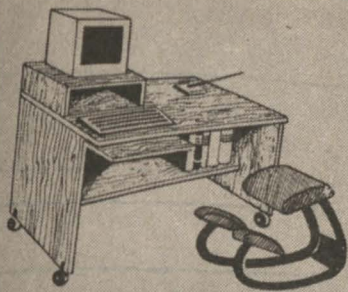
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INEQUALITY IN TEXAS SCHOOLS

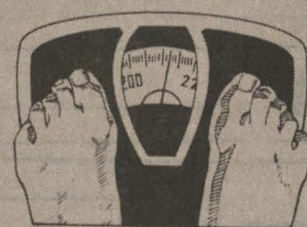
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# The Panther

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## Speak Out! Fighting racism.

Michelle Johnson  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

African Americans have endured undue hardship, criticism, persecution and injustice long enough. In L.A., it is quite evident that we as a people are tired of bearing the cross of prejudice and bigotry.

It is a travesty of justice that those four cops walked away unscathed, but Rodney King will live with that nightmare forever as will Los Angeles.

The justice system today works against the African American, even when we are the victim.

I know the issue is racially motivated, because it was an all-white jury, who freed the cops. It was stated, the reason there were no Black jurors was because all those interviewed were thought to be biased.

The city of L.A. has been in utter turmoil with riots, people starting fires, looting and beatings.

Atlanta also reacted to the decision with violence as a means of rebellion against a racist system.

Every city did not react in the same manner as L.A. and Atlanta, but others called for action through peaceful means. At Texas Southern the students rallied and protested non-violently.

As a Prairie View student I am appalled that Prairie View showed such lack of concern for Rodney King and the biased decision. There

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## Torrance Hawkins, the newly crowned Mr. Prairie View

Press Release

Torrance N. Hawkins was recently crowned Mr. Prairie View A&M University in the 6th Annual pageant held on April 24. Torrance is a junior Nursing/Biology student from Freeport, Texas.

This year, four contestants competed in the categories of personal interview, talent, evening wear, swimwear, and onstage questioning. Torrance tied for first place in the personal interview section and was the contestant chosen for the Congeniality award. He also stirred the audience with his dramatic interpretation of "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" in the talent competition.

Hawkins will receive scholarship and prizes including free resident housing, travel and other amenities. Next March, he will represent the University in the 1993 Mr. Collegiate African-American Scholarship pageant.

Torrance is an honor roll student and a member of the Charles Gilpin Players and the University Choir. He enjoys reading and writing poetry, football and running track. Torrance also aspires to become a practicing Medical Attorney.

Torrance is excited about winning the title and is pleased for the honor and opportunity to represent the university.

"I will do my best to further



Young, Gifted and Black, Torrance Hawkins, Mr. Prairie View '92-'93

the cause of promoting a positive image for the African-American male and represent the University to the best of my ability," Hawkins stated.

Mark G. Gordon, a junior music major from Houston was First Runner-up and won the talent competition. Mark electrified the audience with his trumpet/vocal rendition of "Summertime". Senior Computer Science major from Chicago, Illinois Brandon C. Taylor, tied for First place in the interview competition and received the "Most Industrious" award.

Jason Winn, a junior Indust-

rial Design major from Houston received the award for "Best Physique".

Judges for the pageant were Deborah Walker Sewell, Victim Witness Coordinator for Waller County; James Crunk, President of Off Island Rock Productions, and J.D. Houston, Radio/TV personality and Co-Host of 97.9 the Box's morning radio show.

Entertainment for the pageant was provided by some of Prairie View's finest talent including Faye Nashm, Tamara Johnson, Frank Hallum

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## Vending machine contracts expire

Unstocked machines force students to leave campus in search of snacks.

By Vanessa White  
Panther Reporter

For approximately one month, Prairie View's vending machines have been without drinks and snacks.

Prairie View had a five-year contract with New Day Vending which was recently terminated in March.

Frank Jackson, director of Auxiliary Services, stated that New Day Vending was negligent in keeping the machines stocked and as a result customers were dissatisfied.

"One night I walked downstairs to get a drink from the machine but it was completely empty, so I ran over to Banks Hall, no drinks, then I went to Collins Hall, and still there were no drinks. I was very upset because students should not have to go searching for stocked vending machines," said Demeika Cunningham, a sophomore from Houston.

Others students stated that they went as far as to drive to Conoco Convenience store located at the entrance of the campus, just

to buy drinks and snacks.

Last week, Prairie View signed a new contract with Quality Concessions located in Houston. The vending machines were being restocked this week beginning April 27.

Though the university has been overwhelmed with problems concerning the stocking of vending machines, vandalism has also been a problem.

In the past, students have broken into machines stealing beverages/food and money. Most of these students are probably not aware that the money in these machines go directly back to the student body. A percentage of the money goes back to the dormitory account, it helps band students, cheerleaders, and other student activities around our campus.

"It is necessary to be able to satisfy our customers, and that is why a new contract was issued, but I hope the student body will work continuously in keeping our vending machines in good order," said Frank Jackson.

## Students rate P.V.'s biology department

By Bridgette Hill  
Staff Writer

Are the biology students at Prairie View A&M University receiving the best education? According to the students....NO.

In November 1984 an amendment to the state constitution named Prairie View A&M University as an institution of the first class and gave it equal share of proceeds of the Permanent University Funds. Thereby, the state of Texas agreed to fund Prairie View on the same basis as Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

If this is true, there are many questions being asked by the biology students.

Several biology majors were asked to rate their department, the responses were: there aren't enough

microscopes, there is a shortage of necessary chemicals to do experiments with. Therefore, we substitute with other chemicals or we skip the assignments.

With the lack of necessary materials and instructors in their department the students feel that they are not receiving the education they deserve.

According to Dr. Brown, head of the Biology Department, funds are very low but that does not stop the students learning ability. He also said, "You can only ask for what you need and if it's not given to you, you can't stop and wait, You have to keep on pushing on with what you have".

Brown continued saying they are neither low on lab

chemicals nor microscopes, that they have hundreds of microscopes to work with, also that the department will have new microscopes with a

film projector on them. They will receive these equipment by next month. Brown feels that there has been some misinformation about the microscopes.

Dr. Brown agrees that their staff is limited. There are 450 students and only eight full-time instructors. Dr. Brown states that 12 instructors would be a full-time staff for his department.

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## Prairie View 19 face arraignment

Students to plead not guilty to charges of election fraud.

By Chandra Baty  
Newsweek Editor

Although the cameras have left and the attention has subsided, the struggle of the PV 19 still continues.

On May 8th, the PV 19 will go to court for an arraignment and enter a plea of not guilty. Since the courts are not in session year-round, the process will convene next semester.

Of the PV 19, fourteen are actually students, one is not and four others have been acquitted.

To ease the burden of the students so they can concentrate on their studies, committees have been set up with parents and alumni to handle problems such as finances. "I was tired all of the time and I wasn't getting any sleep," says Lauren Williams, a sophomore political science major.

Frank Jackson says that the ordeal is an error of the election administrator. Students are constantly being dropped from the voting roll without realizing it.

Two 3rd degree felony charges have been brought against them, for aggravated perjury and illegal voting, a penalty of 10 years is given for each.

For example, a student may have lived in Banks the first semester when she filled out the voting registration card. Then, the next semester she moved to Drew, yet the regist-

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# NEWS FRIDAY

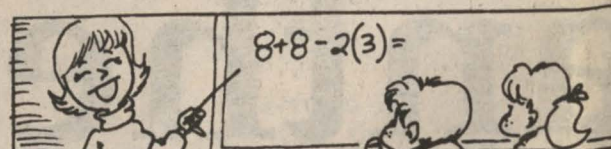
## Key Dates

**May 10**  
Mother's Day

Prairie View Spring  
Commencement Exercises



The great Alaska brown bear weighs as much as 1,600 pounds and measures up to nine feet in length.



About 32 million men and women throughout the world are professional teachers.

## FYI



Stick cinnamon, used as a spice, is the rolled inner bark of a small East Indian tree.



About 425 million telephones serve people all over the world. The U.S. uses about two-fifths of this total amount, about 162 million.

## Countdown

# 7

Days until  
end of  
semester

# BRIEFLY

The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University will open the H.S. Estelle 4-H and Youth Camp located near Huntsville July 6 and extend through August 7. This is the 17th summer the Cooperative Extension program has implemented a residential camp for youth, ages nine to nineteen. The schedule dates are: July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, and August 3-7. Registration fees for youth who attend the five day camp is \$40 per week.

Income eligibility will be based on family size and income using the standards for Determining Free and Reduced Price Eligibility, provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or political belief. Meals will be sponsored through the Texas Department of Human Services.

Contact your local county extension office or the Cooperative Extension Program at PVAMU, Drawer , Prairie View, Tx. 77446-2867 409/857-2517 or 713/797-7033 for more information.

The Scott Joplin Chamber Orchestra with Music Director Anne Lundy, St. Agnes Academy Choir and the Community Chorus under the direction of Warren Sam, director of the St. Agnes Baptist Church choir will be featured in Gospel Fusion 1992, Sunday, May 3, 1992, 8:00 p.m. at the Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park, Houston, Texas.

The major piece for Gospel Fusion is Gospel Mass for Orchestra and Gospel Chorus by Robert Ray. Music director Anne Lundy graduated from the University of Houston receiving a Master of Arts in Music, concentrating in conducting. Warren Sam is currently working on his doctorate in music at the University of Houston. Mr. Sam will direct the choruses and be guest conductor for the orchestra during a segment of the program.

Guest soloists for Gospel Fusion are Linda Cullen Johnson, Shirley Joiner, Rev. Reginald DeVaughn and Russell Thompson.

The early Intervention Program of the Houston department of Health and Human Services, funded under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1991, has begun providing early medical and psychosocial care to HIV positive clients to promote understanding and living with HIV disease as well as to prolong life.

Program services are free of charge and available to any person who is HIV positive and has not experienced an opportunistic infection. However, documentation of HIV positive status is required for program participation.

Persons unsure of their HIV status may be tested, free of charge, at any of the city's health centers or other testing facilities funded by the city. Call the HIV hotline at 794-9020 for more information about clinic locations.

For more information about the Early Intervention Program, call the Houston Department of Health and Human Services at 796-8123.

Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority-PVAMU Colony recently participated in national Organ Donation week with LifeGift Organ Donation Center in Houston, Tx. The sorority sponsored a organ donor sign-up day in Alumni Hall, April 23, 1992.

The project was one of the major Project I.M.P.A.C.T. items that is supported by the sorority on a national basis. The PVAMU colony has increased the awareness of the need of donated organs and tissues, especially of black donors.

Community Service Projects have been fun and very rewarding for members of the Council of Student Organizations. The emphasis of the semester was to provide entertainment and fellowship for the residents of the Shady Oaks retirement Home. The Council of Student Organizations, which is composed of 25 non-Greek organizations sponsored events, such as Valentine's Luncheon, Game Day and Talent Showcase for the residents. Overall, the events were well attended by CSO members and residents.

Ronnie Davis, President Emeritus of CSO, states, "We strive for public service as well as supporting the social activities."

For graduating seniors the Commencement Rehearsal will be on Saturday, May 9, 1992 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education Building. The Commencement is on Sunday, May 10, 1992 at 10:30 a.m. in the same building. The commencement speaker will be Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating for RKK, LTD in Bellevue, Washington.

Caps and gowns may be purchased at the University Bookstore, Mondays through Fridays and on Saturday, May 9, 1992.

Candidates should report at 9:30a.m. on Sunday, May 10,

## PEOPLE

Mr. Bryan H. Barrow III has been named the Public Information Director for PVAMU. Barrows is a former assistant professor of communication at Del Mar College.

During his six year tenure at Del Mar Univ., he was twice cited as "Teacher of the Year" by the college. Additionally, he was cited as "Master Teacher" by the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development during 1990-91 term.

Barrows has been brought in to expand the public image of the four year institution. Barrows is a native of Bryan, Tx and a graduate of Texas A&I University- Corpus Christi.



Bryan H. Barrows III

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## Departmental News

As the spokesperson for the various departments, I would like to wish all our students a safe, peaceful and productive summer.

I hope that in each activity you will find a unique learning experience and return to Prairie View a better person.

To those who will be attending summer school, see you in three weeks and be ready to learn.

To the Spring 1992 graduates, congratulations and best wishes.

A special thanks to the administration.

From Hulen Davis,  
President of the Faculty  
Senate 91-92.





## NEWSWEEK

# Pre-Alumni student Association formed

By Mark Waddleton  
Panther Reporter

A new organization, the Prairie View A&M University Pre-Alumni Association, has been formed on campus. This is a new concept which has been experimented with on other university campuses across the nation.

The nearest example to Prairie View is at Jarvis Christian College. There, students are actively involved in trying to keep the Alumni Association in contact with the needs of the students.

Over the past few years, our alumni have been less willing to give support because of the way some funds were being handled. The program is being piloted here in an

attempt to get more support from the Prairie View Alumni Association.

It is felt that if the group can show their active involvement in what happens on campus, it will be easier to convince the Alumni Association to give more support, both in participation and monetarily. If students will get actively involved, the possibilities for this program could be enormous.

Enough money could be solicited to possibly have a fall and spring concert, a sufficiently stocked library, and even the much needed band uniforms. Also, the pre-alumni would try to reduce the negative view and images that are being displayed about the school in the media.

Dr. Frank Hawkins, a math professor and President of the Prairie View Alumni Chapter, is the instrumental force behind this new program. Membership fees for students will be \$4 for seniors, \$3 for juniors, \$2 for sophomores, and \$1 for freshmen.

Upon graduation, pre-alumni members will be automatic members of the national Alumni Association, thus steadily increasing its present membership. The first fifty members to sign up will receive membership free of charge. Persons interested in becoming a member of the Pre-Alumni Association may contact Billy Fuller at 857-2158.

# Students rate Biology department

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Brown stresses that the Biology Department is here to prepare students for careers as biologists, medical technologists, educators and doctors. He stated that this year, six students have been

accepted in dentistry school, two to graduate school and 21 in medical school.

After all was said there still were puzzled students. One biology student asked, "If Prairie View was granted in the constitution how come we're not seeing the manifestation in our department?"

Brown stated that many biology graduates come back as M.D.s and give back to the biology department such contributions as computers and scholarships.

Another student said, "We need to start holding the university accountable for what goes on in our department. Remember, we the students are the ones who pay in the end."

# Diets are dead

Press Release

Diets are dead, say psychologists at the DeBakey Heart Center in Houston.

"Research shows diets do not work and can be harmful," said Dr. John P. Foreyt, director of the heart center's Nutrition Research Clinic and a professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"However, about one-fourth of the adult population is obese and desperate for a weight management program that will work," Foreyt said.

The Living Without Dieting Program, outlined in a new book by Foreyt and co-res-

earcher Dr. Ken Goodrick, requires changes in lifestyle, attitudes and relationships with others. It is designed for people who are frustrated in trying to manage their weight, Foreyt said.

The program advocated a lifetime, seven-step plan to set up a support system, establish an exercise habit and adopt a low-fat eating habit.

"Many people fail at managing their weight because they try too hard, too fast. We recommend a gradual approach for making major changes," Foreyt said.

Most overweight people also have negative attitudes toward exercise and must "slowly learn to enjoy it, to recognize and appreciate its benefits and to learn to eliminate excuses not to exercise," he said.

A key element of the program is accepting the reality that society's current concept of thinness may not be possible for many people, Foreyt said.

The DeBakey Heart Center is a joint program of Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital supporting cardiovascular research, treatment and education.

# Seven honored at engineering dept. awards banquet

By Chandra Baty  
Newsweek Editor

Seven awards were given to students, faculty and staff for outstanding service in the College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology.

Awards went to the following: Excellence in Service, Dr. Kwang Hun Paick; Outstanding Staff Award, Mrs. Dorothy Hawkins; Outstanding Faculty Award, Dr. David Kiripatrick; Outstanding Student Awards, Valis Houston and Lisa Culton; Dean's Special Awards, Mr. Lindsey Weatherspoon and Ms. Jackie Gooden.

Dr. Haku Israni, dean of the college, decided to give awards to show appreciation, not only to students, but to the staff and faculty as well. So far, it is the only college that gives plaques and cash awards for special recognition.

All funding for the awards came from the local business community. Last year, Dr. Israni contacted 45-50 businesses and asked them to become part of the selection process. In return, each business would give a donation.

Members of the selection committees for the awards included local business leaders, students, faculty and staff members. Each committee

the area. They were shocked to see the scenic beauty and academic intensity of the campus, even though public perception often states otherwise.

Since Dr. Israni came to Prairie View in the fall of 1985, many accomplishments have been made. The Engineering Technology program was formed in 1985, and with the help of Dr. Israni and his faculty it was accredited by 1990.

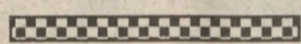
Every spring, he makes sure that a booklet is published with student resumes. The booklet is available for corporations to review for possible internships or jobs.

Dr. Israni published a book in 1990 entitled *India, the Superpower?* He is currently researching for his second book on the role of HBCU's in providing leadership in the Black community.

developed the criteria for each award and screened applicants for a month before determining their eligibility.

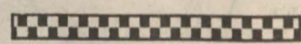
As a service to the community and to local businesses, the department offered free courses in computer literacy. Although this year a donation is asked of the participants, the concept is still the same.

Many of the people who attended the seminars had never been on the campus, despite having grown up in



Have a safe and wonderful summer. From the staff of

The Panther



# Smokeless tobacco poses serious health risks

Press Release

Smokeless tobacco has hit a home run with males between the ages of 16 and 29, and cancer control experts are crying foul.

"Studies show that 17 percent of boys between grades 3 and 12, and 22 percent of college men, use it more than once a week," said Dr. Larry Laufman, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Many mistakenly think it is a safe alternative to smoking." The habit, highly visible

during baseball season and often perceived as macho, can be deadly.

While future health problems often do not concern "invincible" teens, smokeless tobacco's cosmetic pitfalls—bad breath, receding gums, stained teeth and white patches on the gums—may hit home.

"Another drawback that may influence teens is the cost. It is money that can be spent on other things, like CDs, gasoline and dates," Laufman added.

Smokeless tobacco users

often believe it is not addicting, but the amount of nicotine absorbed is four to five times more than cigarettes.

"Even though the nicotine enters the system more slowly, the user gets more and it stays in the system longer," Laufman said.

Nicotine withdrawal, combined with the loss of an activity that has become a habit, can cause anxiety and irritability.

"Take a deep breath and find something else to do until the urge to dip or chew passes," Laufman said.

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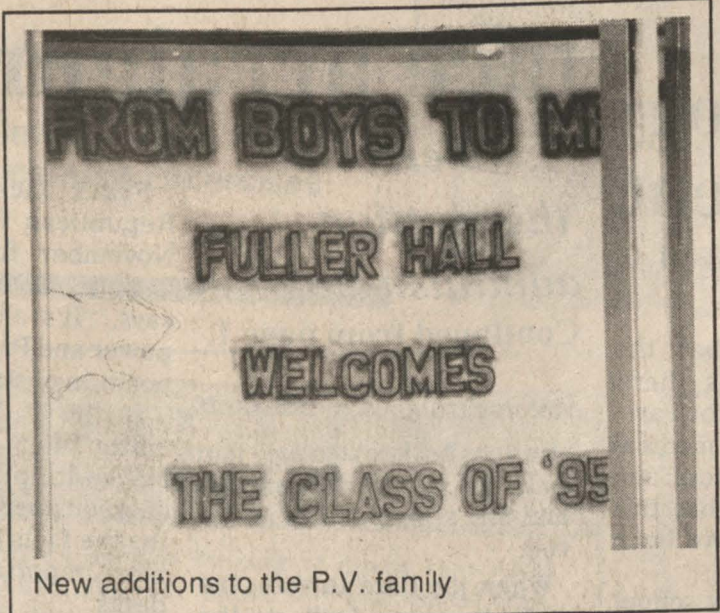
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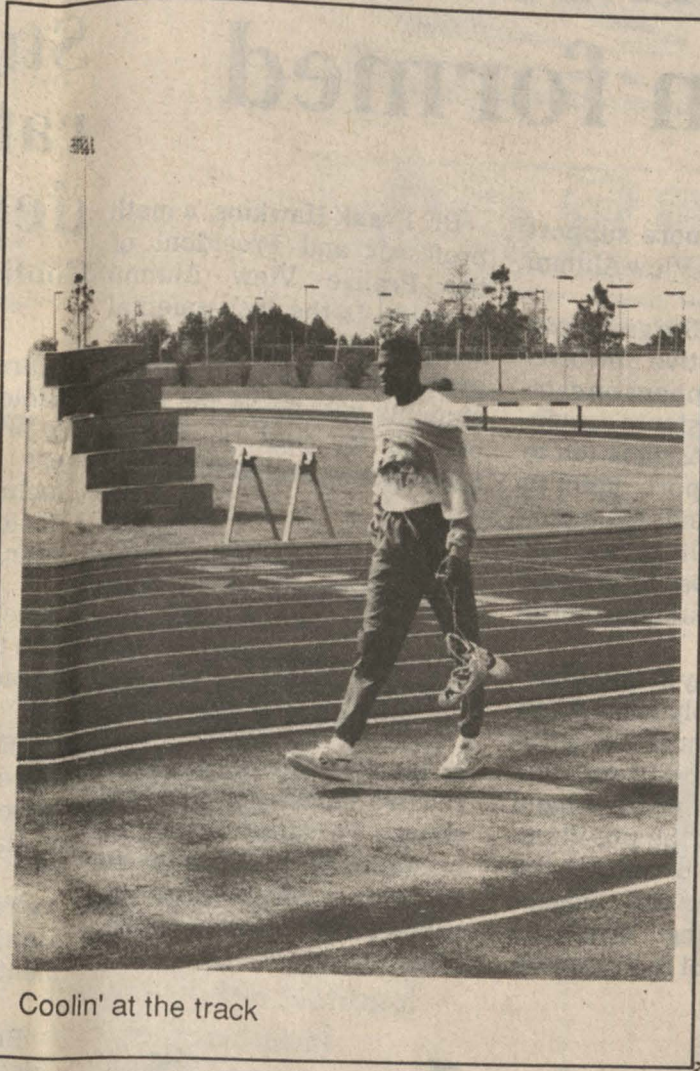




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New additions to the P.V. family



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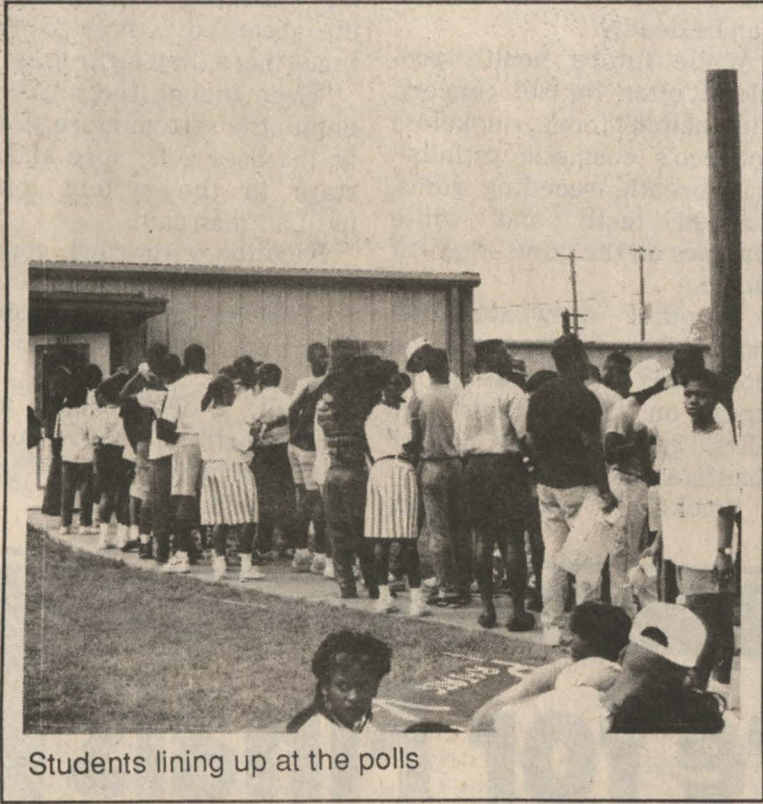
The Old Science Building, torn men



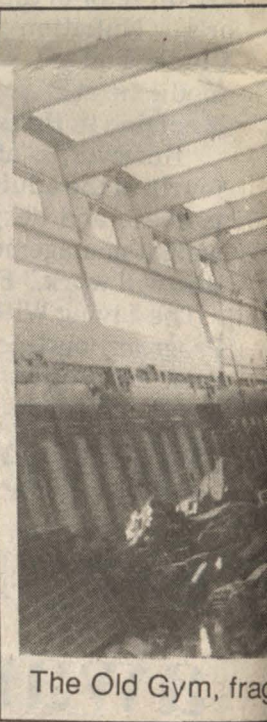
Supporters join P.V. '91's march for voting rights



Students register to vote



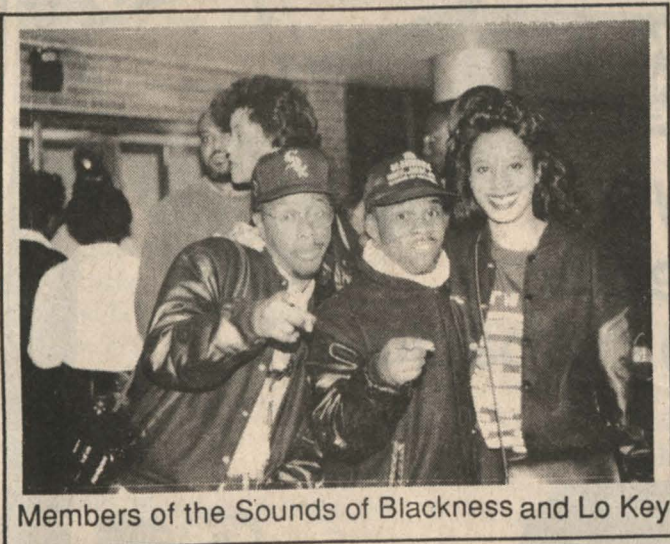
Students lining up at the polls



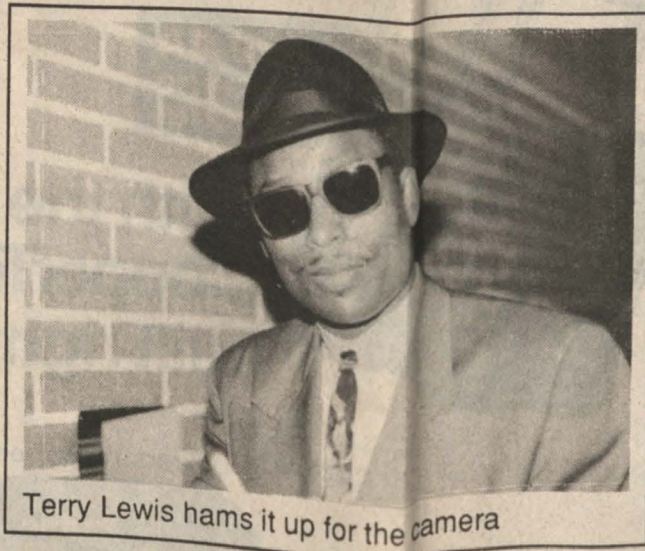
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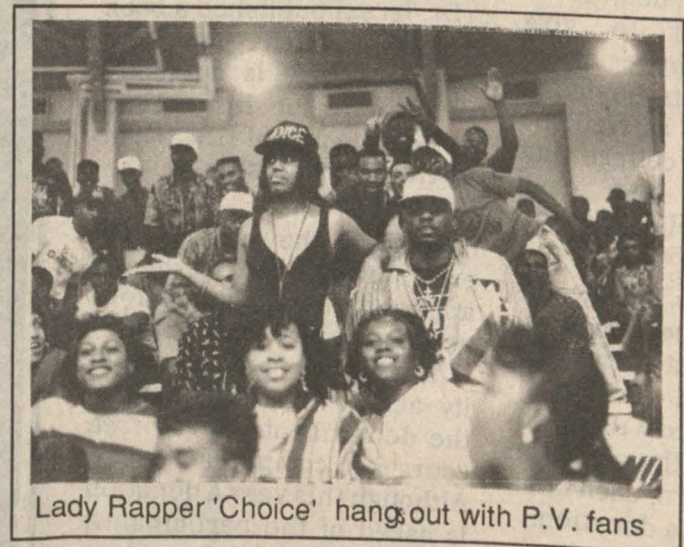
The aftermath of the March to Hempstead



Members of the Sounds of Blackness and Lo Key



Terry Lewis hams it up for the camera



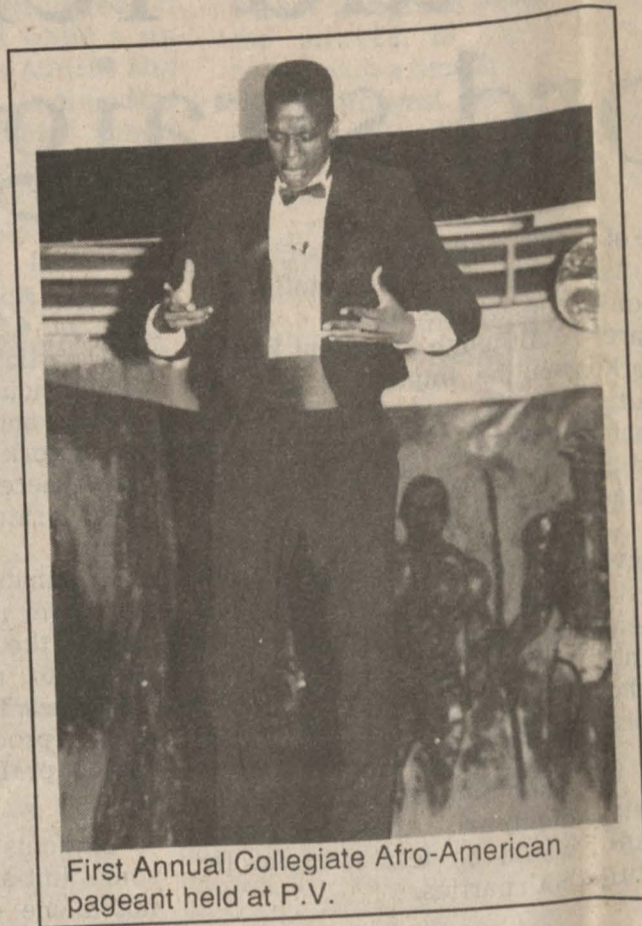
Lady Rapper 'Choice' hang out with P.V. fans



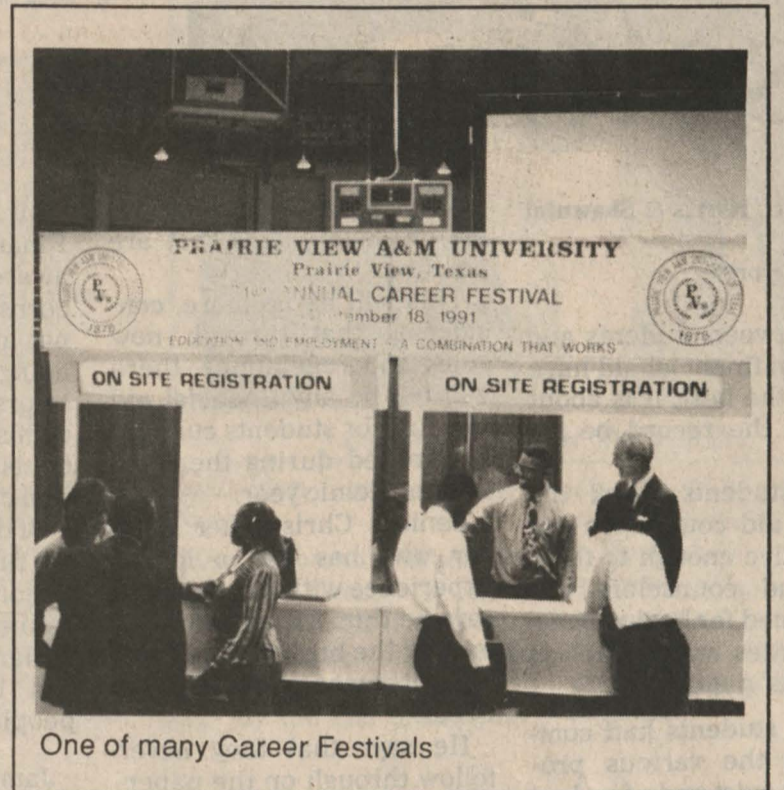
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# THE '91-'92 YEAR IN RETROSPECT



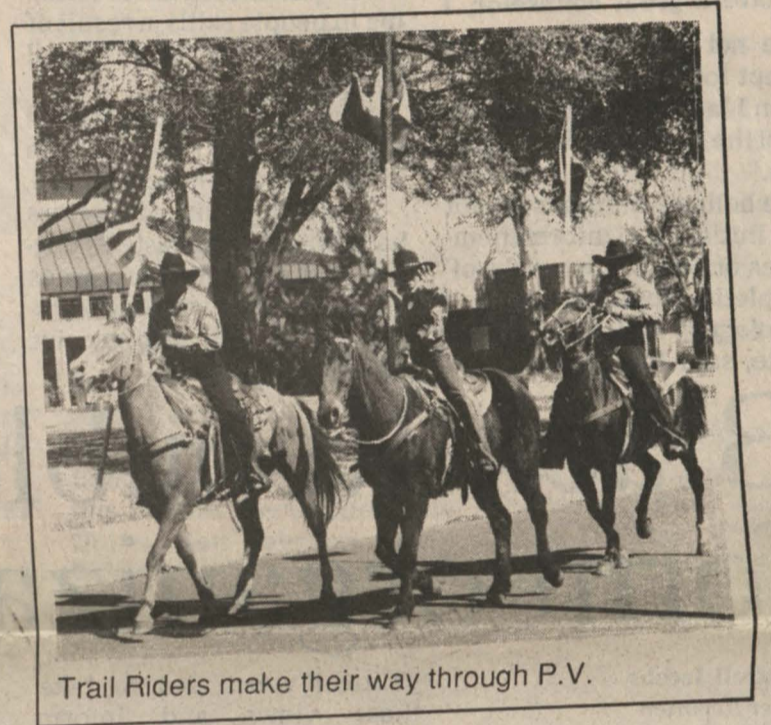
First Annual Collegiate Afro-American pageant held at P.V.



One of many Career Festivals



Navy R.O.T.C. at Homecoming Parade



Trail Riders make their way through P.V.



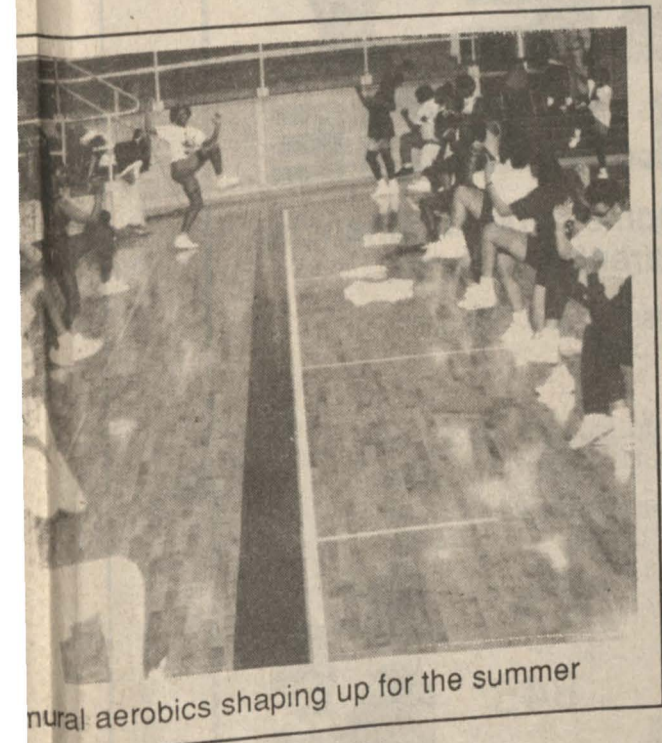
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Baseball team prepares for season



Elizabeth Vaughn thrills a crowd



nural aerobics shaping up for the summer



The new Miss. P.V., Cynthia Lester



P.V.A.M.U. graduates get ready



# LIFESTYLES

## Student/financial aid relations setting the record straight

By Omar D. Harris & Shawntel Jenkins  
Panther Reporters

Ties between students and the staff in financial aid have not been the best, it is about time that the record be set straight.

Many students think the financial aid counselors are not sensitive enough to their needs and counselors are often blamed for having negative attitudes and for delays in students' paperwork.

Several students had comments on the various problems that exist and a few had some solutions.

Michael Hodgkins, a junior communications student and a financial aid recipient said, "I have a great counselor, I have not had any problems except for my freshman year when I lacked an understanding of the financial aid procedures."

He believes students do not take initiative to inform themselves on the proper ways of completing applications.

Biology major Patrick White, said his biggest com-

plaint was the \$10 dollar late fee on installments that are pending.

This will be no more, considering that through new rules and regulations, there will not be any financial aid pending for students currently enrolled during the 1991-1992 academic year.

Senior, Christopher Walker who has had a lot of experience with financial aid says he thinks the staff beats around the bush and are lazy when it comes to the students' needs.

He says that they never follow through on the paperwork and always have you coming back to complete one thing or another.

Many students believe that the financial aid staff are lacking in people skills, a result of not having had professional training.

According to financial aid staff and counselors these ideas are misconstrued.

Five out of six counselors have obtained a master's degree, and all of the employees must attend a two-week training course and also receive on-the-job training.

Mr. A.D. James, director of Financial Aid, says he is aware of the students' concerns but that students are not aware of the paperwork being done manually by counselors. On an average, each counselor deals with 750 students out of a general population of 4,500.

Of the 4,500 students receiving financial aid, 85% have no major complaints with their counselor, while 12% do, stated James. He thinks that if he can lower the 12%, more people will be satisfied.

James feels he is doing his best at solving the communication problems between students and staff.

A new project is underway called New Student Information System (NSIS). This new system will link the registrar and fiscal offices. The computer system will relieve staff members from the abundance of paperwork now being done manually. The staff is currently undergoing training and this new program should be in effect by the Fall of 92.

Due to the "overworked

and underpaid staff," said James, three new staff members will be hired.

Although President Becton will be implementing more budget cuts, he knows the necessity of adding full-time workers to assist the financial aid office.

James says that as far as the counselors' attitudes are concerned, "If students approached the financial aid office more responsibly, listened to the counselor's advice, left personal problems at home, and used the chain of command when problems arise, then the process would be less stressful for both parties."

Often, students do not attend the financial aid workshops which are strictly for their benefit, and often explain how to properly fill out

financial aid applications.

Since April, of the population of 4,500 students only 20% participated with only a 50% turnout rate of those completing and returning their paperwork to the office, when there should be a 100% turnout rate by the semester's end.

Mr. James recently circulated a flyer urging students to obtain the help needed in order to meet application deadlines. The letter also stated that procrastination was a major problem among students.

"Students need to take some initiative and should not blame counselors when problems arise," stated James.

Mrs. L.A. Kinney, associate director of Financial Aid feels students who want their

fees paid on time need to be more responsible by completing the financial aid applications.

The problems of students often surface due to the lack of communication on the student's behalf. Students need to learn how to express themselves so the frustration between students and staff will not exist, stated Mrs. Kenny.

Mrs. Kinney further stated that students should participate in seminars during orientation... on how to deal with people on a professional level as well as learning the process and procedures of filling out financial aid papers.

Her main advice is for students to turn in paperwork on time, ask questions when in doubt, and never take hearsay as fact.

## Black Republicans form organization

By Cottrell Jacobs  
Panther Reporter

Several students recently met in the John B. Coleman Library to discuss political topics concerning Prairie View and the surrounding areas. Among the topics discussed were "How to incorporate Prairie View into mainstream America", and "How to motivate students to become politically active".

In order to get students active in politics, students have formed a new campus organization called Young College Republicans. The organization was not formed to persuade students to become conservative in their

political views, but to take those views and inform Republicans of how blacks feel about the economic system and changes that need to be made.

Although the Democratic party is believed to be the one that has helped blacks reach a higher place in society, the Republicans have played a vital part as well.

The Republicans sponsored and passed the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments which abolished slavery, granted citizenship and gave blacks the right to vote. The first major appointment of a black occurred when Republican Presi-

dent Abraham Lincoln appointed Frederick Douglass to the position of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.

Republicans have contributed much to the economic and social growth of blacks, and are able to contribute more. All that is needed is a voice to tell what is needed and Prairie View's Young College Republicans will try and be that voice.

Members will also get a chance to attend the National Republican Convention held in August. If interested contact Billy Fuller at 857-2158 or Cottrell Jacobs at 372-5179.

## Forum addresses environmental racism

Press Release

Beta Beta Beta (Biology) Honor Society sponsored a seminar on addressing environmental racism.

Monica Spann of the National Wildlife Federation spoke about reports which show that a large percentage of toxic and hazardous waste is being dumped near communities with the least expensive properties, usually Black and Hispanic communities.

Environmental racism is racial discrimination in environmental policy-making. Nuclear waste and toxic chemicals are being dumped in most places where there are non-white people, such as the Pacific Islands and Africa.

In the United States, race is the most significant factor in the location of commercial hazardous waste facilities.

Sixty percent of the total Black population live in communities with one or more

uncontrolled toxic waste sites.

Cities with large black populations like Houston, Atlanta and Memphis, have the largest number of uncontrolled toxic waste sites.

Hispanics, Asian Pacific Islanders and Native Americans are similarly affected. For example, Los Angeles, with a large population of Hispanics, also has a high concentration of uncontrolled waste sites.

Toxic substances in the air and water produce cancer, respiratory problems and birth deformities.

Many communities are forming groups to fight back and demand accountability from the corporations which are polluting their neighborhoods.


National environmental organizations are also being pressured to provide ethnic outreach programs as well as hire more ethnic group members on their staffs.

Beta Beta Beta has had a series of seminars on the environment this year to help raise awareness of environmental issues, and sponsors a campus recycling program, to be resumed in the fall.

Along with other student organizations, they will also sponsor 'Adopt-A-Plot,' a program for organizations to take responsibility for the upkeep of a piece of land, perhaps planting flowers in the group's colors.

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## VIEWPOINTS

# Former P.V. student voices concerns

Letter-to-the-Editor

I deplore the way things get destroyed in the dorms, but I know that for every group of good students, there are a few fatheads. Col. Daniels explains that with the new policy and shortened hours, more security will be hired to watch the doors and monitor visitors.

My gosh, if those security guards had been there in the first place to monitor the visitation rules at the time, I wonder if the doors would have been destroyed.

Col. Daniels says he was getting phone calls from angry parents who called their children and had a person of the opposite sex answer. I guess these parents never tried to talk to their kids about it. Caging them in with doors and rules, without at least talking to the students is not going to accomplish anything.

The Colonel must think Prairie View is the military, where severely disciplining a few recruits "as examples" will make the whole company fall in line.

Next, the PV 19, same old story. McCaig, a PV graduate

himself, I believe, is indicting students for voting fraud. Of course, when he was a student he did not have to worry about voting. I am not sure of all the facts, but I would hope the students get a fair trial and not the usual railroad job common in Waller County justice and law enforcement.

Whatever the outcome, you students should not give up. Denying us the right to vote did not work. Neither did "gerrymandering" the campus into three districts. If we all remain strong, we can stamp out this ludicrous effort too.

Concerning the money situation, it seems that Prairie View and money management are antonyms. When I was editor-in-chief, my biggest problem throughout my 15-month tenure was money. Photos are an essential part of a newspaper and in some cases can tell stories themselves.

To the current newspaper staff, persevere and keep on printing, make yourselves heard loud enough for the Student Government and the administration to hear. To let the administration win by not

printing, leaving the student body at the mercy of their "public relations" rag would be an injustice. By printing against the odds and all the problems (the same ones that almost gave me an ulcer) is victory, but the war is far from over.

Lastly, I have a small complaint about the "Galveston Tragedy" in the March 20, 1992 issue. It was quite obvious from the first paragraph the story was written with great bias. The newspaper not only serves as a voice for the student body, but it also serves as a tool for student journalists to practice and hone their skills for careers in the journalism industry.

It is the duty of the newspaper to present the news and redress any wrongs, if there are any, but not to make assumptions and biased accounts. Many students reading the paper will form their own views based on what they read. To mislead them or sway opinions recklessly is irresponsible on the part of the writer and the editor.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Smith

# Far too much dead air

Letter-to-the-Editor

As an employee of Prairie View A&M University, a contributing member of KPVO-FM, and a concerned listener of KPVO-FM, I would like to know what is happening to our radio station?

It seems to me that we spend a disproportionate amount of time off the air as we do broadcasting. I know we are not a commercial station, but I have heard other non-commercial stations and they don't seem to have the same problems we do in stay-

ing on the air.

I have spoken with friends at other radio stations and they tell me they have persons who perform regular maintenance on their stations which help keep them on the air. Do we not have a maintenance program? If not, why not use some of the money raised during the radio-thon for this purpose?

Twice a year we hold a radio-thon to raise money for the station. That in itself is not so much a problem as what seems to happen almost every time the radio-thon ends --

THE STATION GOES OFF THE AIR.

This almost consistent occurrence makes me wonder what the money I give actually goes for. Before we lose our donor base because of so much down time as well as other problems, may I suggest some investigation into the "standard operating procedures" of the station.

A concerned listener

# McCaig on the Praire View 19

Albert M. McCaig  
Assistant District Attorney  
Letter to the Editor

I'm generally reluctant to make comments on cases being handled by my office but the indictment of fifteen persons charged with illegal voting and the public concern about the case has prompted me to make this report. I hope to clear up any confusion that exists as a result of incomplete or erroneous reporting, and perhaps raise a few questions that haven't been asked. The one requirement that I've placed on this letter with the media is that it be published in its entirety or not at all. Editorial comment is welcome.

Among the major requirements of any investigation are the objectivity of the investigator and cooperation on the part of the witnesses. You have only the word of the grand jury members and their oaths to prove their objectivity. I believe it without hesitation. As for myself, you'll either believe me or not, regardless of my protests so I don't need to address it, but my conscience is clear.

I am, by law, prohibited from discussing what went on in the grand jury room, but I can say that where witnesses were cooperative, no indictments were returned. Where the grand jury did not get answers to the questions asked, indictment resulted. The focus of the investigation was told to the defense attorney, days prior to the grand jury meeting on April 2nd. The information was again outlined to their attorney the day the grand jury met and before any witnesses were called. There were no surprises about what the grand jury was looking for.

The news media has played on the unrest and focused

on the misinformation being provided by those such as Frank Jackson, Ell-Roy Stevenson and Kim Washington. In my opinion, their statements have been self-serving and lacked a factual basis for such a bitter attack on Waller

County and on me. Their comments only served to spread conflict and unrest among the students at the university and to play on the fears of the misinformed.

What has been largely missed on the circus atmosphere created by the media and misinformed "protectors" of the "PV 19" is that I've received a great outpouring of support from many of the permanent citizens of Waller County.

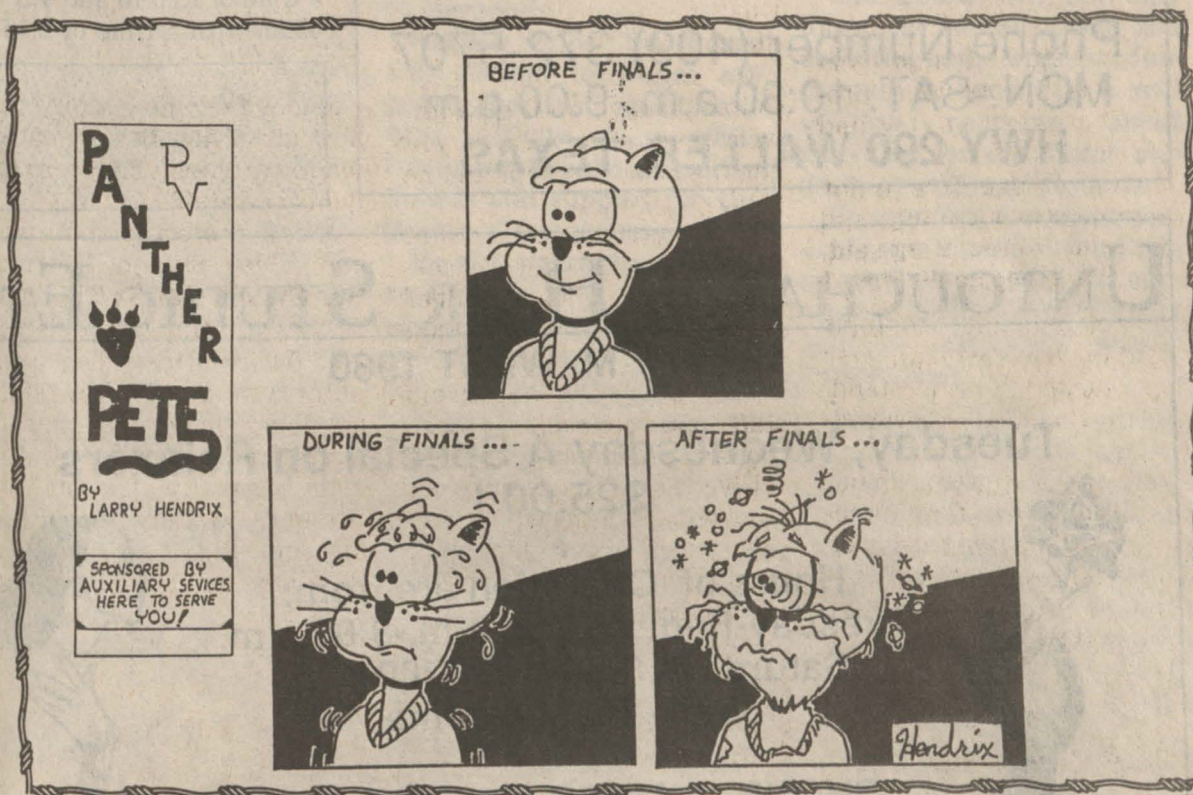
These citizens don't want their legally cast votes to be diluted by someone who is not a legal voter. In their opinion, it's bad enough being forced to accept the fact that transient students living in a dormitory for a couple of semesters, paying no property taxes, have a right to vote in Waller County (when they should be voting at home) without having county citizens put up with illegal voting on top of that. These citizens want such an investigation. I am charged by oath to protect and defend the constitutions of the United States and the state of Texas. Were I to do otherwise, I would rightfully be subject to the criticism of many others in the county and state for failing my oath and my office.

Another fact that has been missed is that Mr. Gene Locke, the defendants' attorney, and I have been working together to resolve this matter since before any indictments were returned. Mr. Locke is an honorable attorney whom I respect and I have every confidence that

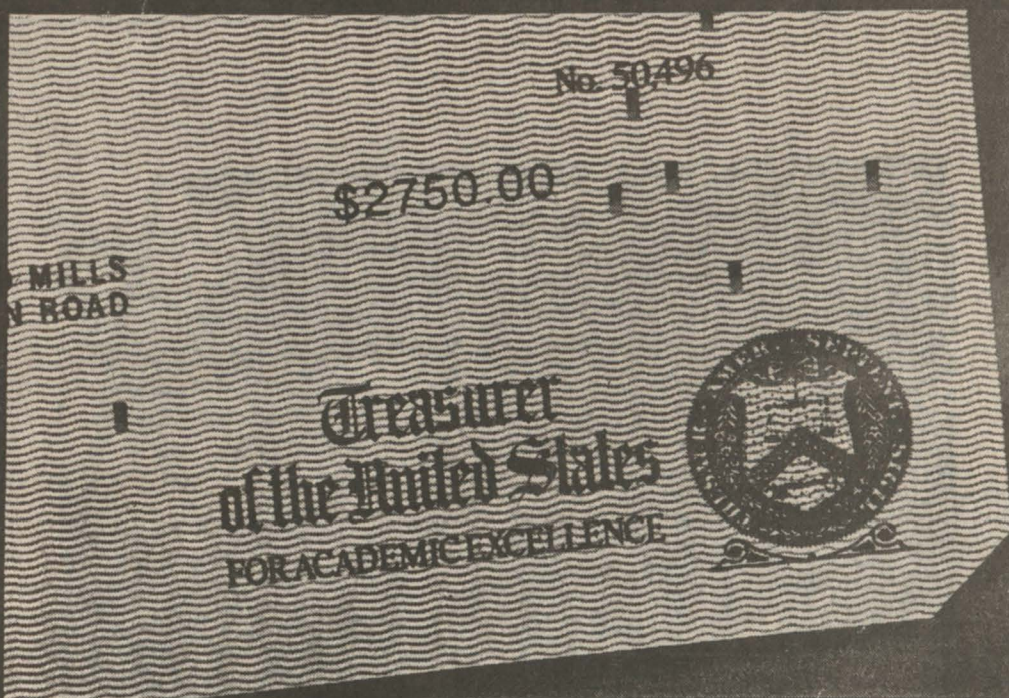
this matter will be resolved without turning these young people into "criminals."

There are other issues that, as yet, haven't been addressed. For example, to what extent did Frank Jackson use his university position for campaign purposes? Did he use his phone, his office, his equipment? If so, did he account for these uses and reimburse the state of Texas for those costs? Was Mr. Jackson on university time or on his own time when he made speeches and led marches down the highway? Does he have records to account for such time? Gary Mauro, our state Land Commissioner, is suffering greatly from these very kinds of activities, yet, so far as I know, no one in the press or government has investigated these issues or even asked the questions here in Waller County. The same questions apply to Ell-Roy Stevenson, also a university employee. Are these people immune from the same type of scrutiny that I'm subject to, or Mr. Mauro is subject to; or are they somehow immune? Are my motives to be questioned while I'm attempting to uphold the law, yet their motives remain unquestioned? Who gained most by their strident speeches out on campus? Justice, responsibility and the integrity of our system demand that these questions be answered fully and openly by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stevenson. Will they be?

There have been a few level-headed thinkers that have helped in resolving this matter. I want to thank State Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston and Mr. John Hannah, Texas Secretary of State, for providing valuable assistance to Waller County during the recent run-off election. Without their help, Waller County would have faced a



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# SPORTS

## Female athlete extraordinaire

**University Release**  
The Prairie View A&M University Women's Track Team consists of ladies with speed, endurance, grace, and style. Yet one who stands out from the crowd is Dytonya Kasher Maryland.

Nursing major from Houston, started her track career in the sixth grade while a student at Crispus Attucks Middle School. By the time Maryland reached high school, her talent had developed to an unequaled point. In fact, at Worthing Sr. High she dom-

inated the 800m run and during her 11th grade year broke the school's 13 year old record with a time of 2:13.

Her strongest events are the two mile, 800m, 1600m, and 400m relay, all of which she has skillfully mastered on the collegiate track circuit. Her goals are to finish school and get her time down to 2:05 so she can qualify for NCAA as well as the Olympic trials.

the T.S.U. relays, Maryland dominated the field and placed first in the 800m with a time of 2:12.88.

Every athlete has a manner in which they prepare for an event, Dytonya utilizes heavy concentration in order to focus on how she is going to run the race. For her, the day begins at 6:00 a.m. when she goes to the track and practices from thirty minutes to an hour. Next, she attends classes and then returns to the track from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Maryland reserves quiet time for studying and obtaining adequate amounts of rest. According to her, "All my appreciation goes to God, my parents Reagan and Maryann for their continual support, and my coaches, Essie



Dytonya Kasher Maryland

Washington and Jocelyn Adams."

Head Women's Track and Field Coach Essie Washington describes Maryland as "a great runner with a great attitude who wants to win. By the end of the year,

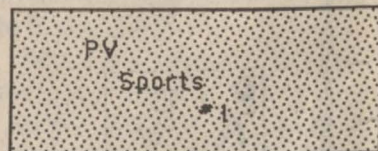
she should be able to run 2:05 to 2:07 in the 800m.

Maryland's hobbies include volleyball, bowling, and playing with children. Maryland is indeed a premier athlete who is no doubt "on the run."

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Her accomplishment this indoor and outdoor season are numerous. At the SWAC Indoor Championship, Maryland placed first in the two mile run and tied for first in the 800m run. At the NAIA Indoor Championship, she placed third in the 600m with a time of 1:26.16 and 4th in the 880m with a time of 2:16. At



## '92 intramural winners

**University Release**

Prairie View's Intramural program concluded its two main events of the year as the basketball league and the softball league finished their respective seasons.

Play-offs for the '92 Intramural season were held on April 20-22 in the new gym and the championship game on April 23 in the Baby dome. The final four teams were Jr. Trotters, Black Magic, Got It Like That, and Runnin' Rebels.

In the championship game between the Black Magic and the Runnin' Rebels, the Runnin' Rebels prevailed as the seasonal champions. Team players of the Rebels were

Adam Lawrence, Dyron Rollins, Andreas Chavful, Marlon Johnson, Danny Murray, Shelton Williams, Barnell Marks, Jr., and Reginald Armstrong. The Managers were John Rogers and Roland Jackson.

For the season, Bryan Durr of Old School had the leading average score with 19 points per game. All-Star players for the Gold were Deon Brady, Chris Davis, Vincent Charles, Leon Gillamn, and Dan Bentley. All-Star players for the Purple were Thaddeus Quinn, Ron Salsman, Larry Williams, Rodney Harris, Rod Hamilton, and James Harell.

Player of the season honors was bestowed to Vincent Charles who averaged a total

of 18.8 points per game.

Intramural softball ended the season with an undefeated team. The Gangsters finished the regular season with an astonishing 8-0 record. Team members include Ben Glove, Oliver Mayes, Tyrone Kemp, Jack Glover, and Bernard Cross.

Other team members were Bernard Cross, John Knowles, Delwin Campbell, Craig Stewart, Pete Thibodeaux, James Glover, Willie Gilford, James Wilson, Joseph Owens, and James Smith.

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## Hawkins crowned Mr. P.V.

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and Belinda Coney. Elijah Porter and Angela Hudson served as hosts for the proceedings.

To end the pageant, the contestants elegantly captured the theme: "It's A Black And White Affair" as they modeled various styles of tuxedos from Gingsiss of Willowbrook, to Michael Jackson's 'Black or White'.

Cynthia Lester, Miss Prairie View A&M University 1992, along with Deosick Burney, Mr. Prairie View 1991-1992, assisted with the awards presentation, and with the crowning and robing of the new winner.

Frederick V. Roberts, director of student activities said the pageant was a success and commended the students for their continued support of the Mr. Prairie View Pageant.

Rochelle Dorn says "I feel relieved that it is over and that it was a success. I now look forward to graduating in May."

Dorn has been working with the pageant for the past 3 years and plans to attend law school this fall.

Torrance looks forward to an exciting year as Mr. Prairie View. A major feature of his term will be his service on the President's Student Advisory Board. He will also serve as the official escort of Miss P.V. and will be recognized at the Queen's Coronation during Homecoming '92.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Inequality persists among schools in Texas

By Robyn Ford

From the early years of segregation up until today in 1992, black schools in this nation have had to struggle for equality with the white schools. Schools in the ghettos have always had less-than-adequate equipment and materials. This example from *Race and Education; the unending controversy* exemplifies just that.

Moton (an all black high school) was obviously inferior to the two high schools enrolling white students... Their school had no science facilities, no cafeteria, a weak library and an inadequate shop. It had no lockers, no showers and inadequate toilet facilities.

Now you could be asking yourself how the poor conditions faced by the students at Moton High affect us today? A prime example of a very similar situation occurring today can be shown through a comparison of two Texas universities.

They both belong to the

Texas A&M System, and are called 'sister schools', though one of these sisters is being treated like a step-child. The two schools are Prairie View A&M University, a historically and predominantly black university, and Texas A&M University a predominantly white university.

When you compare the facilities of any department at these two schools you'll find startling inadequacies. One department in particular is the Mass Communications Department. Through extensive investigation, the superiority of the Mass Communications Department at Texas A&M clearly supersedes that at Prairie View A&M.

On any given day you can see an average Prairie View A&M communications class sitting behind inoperable 1979 model IBM computers. While on the same day, during what could be considered the equivalent course being taught at Texas A&M, you'll find the students in class sitting at state-of-the-art systems

that assist them in gaining up-to-date expertise for their respective fields.

In addition, you'll see them diligently working to meet the mock deadlines the professor has set for them. Each student has his/her own computer to work on, while the Prairie View student not only doesn't have a computer, but instead older model typewriters that malfunction.

Another outstanding discrepancy between these two universities are their student publications. The student publication at Prairie View is proudly called 'The Panther' while the 'Battalion' belongs to Texas A&M.

Several rooms in the journalism building on Texas A&M's campus are designated for the 'Battalion' and its advertising department has an office all its own. In contrast, 'The Panther' staff works out of the same three crowded rooms no matter what aspect of the paper they work for.

To re-emphasize the highly

advanced technology available to the Texas A&M students is a computer called the MacZone. This computer actually does the layout and design of the paper for you. And for 'The Panther' staff? Well, without the aid of such computer equipment, the newspaper is still in the era of cut and paste, manual layout.

Bearing in mind that any education is better than no education, the inequities examined here between the two universities may sound

trivial, but as Robert F. Ford, assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Prairie View A&M University said, "An effective education is twofold.

On one hand, the professor is that necessary guide to attaining the highest level of education, and the other hand, the presence of innovation in the classroom allows the student to exercise practical applications."

## New board to improve entertainment

By Dwayne Bennett  
Panther Reporter

A new Campus Activities Board to be formed at Prairie View this summer will offer students more activities. Frederick Roberts, student activities director says that the board will focus on implementing more entertainment programs for students on weekends.

Roberts said, "the Board will attempt to dispel any misconceptions about student activity fees while attempting to enhance participation and support for students and faculty here."

He also stated that the university has sent students to attend workshops at other universities hoping to improve existing programs and incorporate new ideas for Prairie View.

"Currently most activities are low-cost programming, centered around talent and fashion shows along with guest speaker appearances," said Roberts.

He added that finding available space is the greatest obstacle for implementing new programs.

"The Dome is too large and the ballroom is not conducive to the types of activities that are being sponsored," said Roberts, also citing student non-involvement as a problem.

"Despite the Greek fraternities, sororities and various other social outlets around campus, there is a consistent

failure to embrace and reinforce student participation into events and organizations," says Roberts.

He adds that while these activities and events are planned to provide for leadership development, they are not limited to on-campus students,

The Board will not only focus its perspectives and activities in the interest of on-campus students but it will address concerns about activities for commuter students as well, said Roberts.

He says that commuter students are a part of the Campus Activities Board but nobody has taken the initiative to propose activities geared around them.

Roberts further stated, "commuter students do not attend many campus-held activities because of the evening scheduling."

Realizing that there is a growing number of commuter students, Roberts stated there is "seed money" available for the implementation of new programs.

He hopes by sponsoring more outdoor activities during the afternoon hours, overall participation will increase.

Roberts invites interested persons with new ideas or just seeking information about the function and objectives of Student Activities to visit his office in the Memorial Student Center.

## T.S.U. conference teaches leadership through example

Michelle Johnson  
Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Texas Southern University Leadership Conference yielded a wealth of answers as to how student leaders and African-Americans can pave the way for the resurrection of Black excellence in achievement.

The conference was held over a four-day period at the TSU campus in which the 'big three' of SWAC participated in workshops about being a student leader. The 'big three' are Southern University of Baton Rouge, Texas Southern University of Houston and Prairie View A&M.

The conference addressed

issues such as "Student Body Recruitment", "Networking Among Black Colleges", "Student First-Leader Second", "How To Be An Effective Student Leader" and "How We as African Americans can use the dynamics of our culture as Afrocentric Leaders".

The message was that we must make a positive effect on our colleagues, our community and the world through Truthfulness, Propriety and Consciousness.

"The challenge was not only to the few who attended the conference, but to all who will accept it," said Senior Biology major, Lorraine McKinney.

## University's finest honored during annual Choice awards ceremony

Montoya Warner  
Panther Reporter

Prairie View's favorites were honored at the P.V. choice awards April 22, in the Hobart Taylor recital hall.

Since being established in the spring of 1989, the P.V. choice awards has become a popular and respected program at the university. Every year, the ceremony recognizes the best among the students, faculty, staff, and administration in some forty different categories.

This year's biggest winners were George Smith and the Baptist Student Movement. Smith won the award for being the best dressed male, the best coordinator award, and best hairstyle male.

The Baptist Student Movement won best special program group, best choir, and best student organization. Other big winners were Elizabeth Vaughn, who won best female vocalist and best performance in an event; Shawnette Stewart, best physique female, and best female dancer; Rolanda Malone, attractive female and best dressed female.

Other recipients were hairstyle female, Eva Shelly; physique male, Coby

Woodard; attractive male, George Brown; best faculty male, Dr. Fraizer; best faculty female, Linda Eustace; staff male, Frank Jackson; staff female, Martha Jackson; administrative male, Mr. A.D. James; administrative female, Mrs. Berry; Fine arts award, Giplin Players; school spirit group, university cheerleaders; and radio personality, Tiwana Flagg.

The award for best male dancer was won by Cedric Johnson; best actor, Brent Conley; best actress, Tawana

Walter; best instrumental band, P.V. marching band; best instrumental soloist, Joe Jackson; best disc jockey, Julius Littleton; best comedian, Imari Havard; best rapper, D'Latroi; best Greek organization, Alpha Phi Alpha; best dance group, Six feet deep; best vocal group, Basis; and best male vocalist, Todd Thomas.

National acts were also given awards which will be sent to the winners for best male vocalist, Luther Vandross; female vocalist, Anita Baker; rapper, Ice Cube; and vocal group, Jodeci.

All winners were presented with a trophy or plaque and will reign as the title holder for one year.

## Five win national research awards



Left to right: Mackeet Simpson, Kenyatta Cavil, Dr. Freddie Frazier (advisor), Chuck Perry, Alan Williams, and Sabra Ross

Press Release

Five students from Prairie View A&M University recently presented research papers at the national Institute of Science/Beta Kappa Chi/Brookhaven Semester

Program Convention held in Long Island, NY. The students, Mackeet Simpson, Kenyatta Cavil, Chuck Perry, Alan Williams, and Sabra Ross presented papers in either computer science or mathematics.

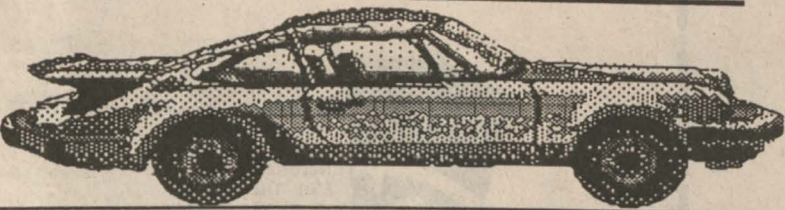
Perry, an electrical engineering major from Austin, tied for second place with his paper entitled, THE COMPUTATIONAL FEASIBILITY OF USING GENETIC ALGORITHMS IN A CHOSEN PLAINTIFF ATTACK OF THE UNIX PASSWORD ENCRYPTION SYSTEM IS EXPLORED. Williams, a mechanical engineering major from Detroit, MI, tied for third place with Simpson and Ross, both mechanical engineering majors from Houston. Their papers were entitled HEAT CONDUCTION IN A SPHERE and THE VIBRATION OF MASSES AND ITS APPLICATION, respectively.

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# Jackson affirms commitment to Prairie View community

By Frank D. Jackson  
Letter to the editor

I make no apology for standing in support of the Prairie View students - it is my obligation.

Furthermore, I make no apology for marching (while on official leave) with them in support of the P.V. 19 - It was the right thing to do. I stand firm in my determination to prove that the P.V. students did not vote illegally and that they are victims of an inefficient Elections Administration office, a vindictive Assistant District Attorney, an inept mail delivery system at the University and remiss deputy Voter Registrars.

It is my duty. I believe in the worth and dignity of the human family that there is a basic good in humankind and that people should be judged for the content of their character rather than the color of their skin, ethnic group or religion.

The American System of Democracy, guarantees man/woman one vote. While no system is perfect, the American system represents the best example of a nation's citizenry being able to practice this time-honored principle.

Furthermore, it is apparent in light of historical fact that throughout the evolution of this human saga here on earth, whether it is an African Empire, a European Kingdom, or Chinese Dynasty, human societies reflect a continuous struggle between the haves and the have nots, between those in power and those seeking empowerment.

After the Civil War, the South, (including Texas and the Waller County Area), was devastated. Its people and

political institutions suffered greatly under the direct control of Northern Capitalists and the Union Army. These Capitalists (Primarily Republicans) had an agenda: to reconstruct the southern economy and society. It was a monumental task to move in transition from being someone's property, a commodity, to being recognized as a human being, a citizen with all the rights there unto appertaining.

This honeymoon was brief and short-lived. The freed African-Americans were soon abandoned by the Republicans and left at the mercy of the Southern Dixiecrats. A wave of terror gripped the South. Black bodies hung like strange fruit from Southern trees.

Jim Crow laws made legal segregation and discrimination the law of the land. They placed barriers and obstacles in the path of achievement. The prevailing philosophy of the Jim Crow laws was simple: the White race was superior and the Black race inferior. The vestiges of slavery and Jim Crow are still with us.

When generations of people (Black & White) are raised up in such a climate it is hard to divest oneself of this awesome yoke. What has been built up over four hundred and fifty years (450) cannot be totally corrected in one hundred and twenty seven years (127) (1865-1992).

Generations of African Slaves and freed African-Americans have since shared the unique and unshakable dream that their children's children would be able to participate in the American Democracy as equals with

their fellow citizens.

It was for their children that they endured the horse-whippings, it was for their children that they went to the back door. It was for their children that they marched

and went to jail. For they knew that their cause was right and that with God's help they would overcome. The students at Prairie View A&M University are those children!

For the last one hundred and fourteen years (114) Prairie View A&M University has served the state of Texas at the point of it's greatest need. Through the early 1960's, PVAMU produced over the 80% of the teachers in Black secondary schools in Texas.

The historic mission of PVAMU has been and remains that of producing leaders. The young men women who attend PVAMU are, in 90% of the cases in transition. They are leaving their parents' home and starting out on their own. The dormitories and local apartments represent their first (independent of their parents). As young Americans, they stand poised at the threshold, eager to launch careers in the mainstream of society.

PVAMU students have a right to vote in Waller County just as their fellow students do in other university communities. The notion being spread by Albert McCaig, Jr. and Mary Levy, that the students are somehow temporary and transient residents is absurd and reflects the mind of a bigot. If residents is absurd and reflects the mind of a bigot.

If only Americans that owned property (land & homes) were allowed to vote, many millions of citizens

would be affected.

This great country of ours would be classified as an oligarchy (rule by the few). This kind of thinking means that everyone living in apartments or renting could not vote. This is dangerous coming from the Assistant D.A., who is sworn to uphold the law.

The students who attend PVAMU pay taxes in their fees and for the goods and chase from county merchants. They represent a strong, viable segment of this country's economy.

They pay their fair share. They have a great desire to be accepted and to make significant contributions to improving the quality of life here in the local community and to take the lessons learned here to other parts of the state, nation, and world as the contribute to the uplifting of mankind.

These young researchers and their professors could make significant contributions to the local farmers, business people and health care professionals, etc., if mature, constructive attitudes were practiced to promote harmony and growth.

It is unethical and grossly unfair for Mary Levy and Albert (Buddy) McCaig, Jr. to paint a negative picture of these citizens and then turn around and become the first in line to meet dignitaries on campus or to eat bread from the students' table. He is wrong to focus on inflaming reactionary and racist sentiments among the citizens of Waller County.

It is just as wrong for Albert McCaig Jr. to be voted out of office and then continue to serve when his opponent

could not take office because of a technicality. The people spoke - they said get out. Buddy, where is your great sense of doing what's right?

Albert (Buddy) McCaig, Jr. was just as wrong to launch an attack on our children. If he had conducted a serious investigation he would have discovered some important facts. Instead, in his "rush to justice (or injustice)" he has harmed innocent people.

If he had worked with the Elections Administrator, he would have discovered as I have from documents obtained from that office that many of these students' names appear on previous lists.

If this man, who through his actions, appears to have a vindictive hate and unquenchable desire to discredit PVAMU (so as to destroy the integrity of its soul), had investigated just a little, he would have discovered that these students were innocent victims of an inefficient voter administration system, and inept University dormitory; mail system; and deputy voter registrars remiss in their duties.

To the question on campaigning on University time, the answer is no. Leave records are in place as proof. To the question of using University assets, the answer is no. I've believed from day one that my phone lines have been tapped and action monitored. This seems to be a pattern for Albert "Buddy" McCaig, Jr. he discredited the Athletic department with sensation headlines of hundreds of thousands of dollars missing, and ended up with a \$5.85 Dairy Queen Receipt.

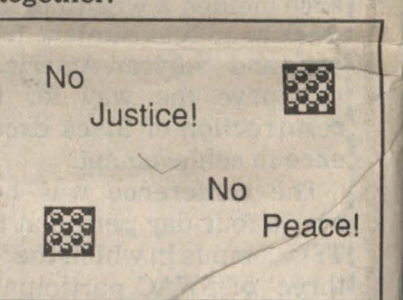
Albert "Buddy" McCaig, Jr.

misused his power to convene a grand jury. He terrorized these students to get at his real targets: anyone from the Prairie View Community that stands to gain a legitimate decision-making position in the County's power matrix. The good ole' boy system doesn't want and outsider in the Court House.

I wonder what would be revealed if a serious investigative eye were turned on him. Would an honest and full disclosure by his office show that at no time has he ever received or made a private call; to a client from the Assistant District Attorney's office? Can he prove that he's never used a pen, pencil, scrap of paper or paper clip supplied by the D.A.'s office to conduct Waller I.S.D. business, manage his own political campaign, or his private law practice?

I believe that the overwhelming support received by the students and their supporters from all segments of Waller County, the State of Texas and the nation will translate into a new and brighter tomorrow for all citizens. As a human family we can rise above the narrow mindedness of Albert "Buddy" McCaig Jr. and Mary G. Levy.

I too hope that the citizens of Waller County will look at this abuse of power and realize that if the students at P.V. are not safe, neither are they. I hope they will demand "justice for all." Remember fellow citizens; "It will be a whole lot better if we just do it together."



## Fighting Racism

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were no meetings, no rallies, no marches and no protesting of any kind.

Most were outside having a jolly water fight while others were studying for finals. Nothing was wrong with either of those activities, but I think that the Rodney King issue deserved our attention as fellow African-Americans especially since we live in a prejudiced county such as Waller, where one is arrested for exercising the right to vote.

As this semester comes to a long awaited end, I think it only befitting that I encourage the student body that as we go to the utter most parts of the world that we take Rodney King home. Stand up for justice (non-violently). The object is to fight for our rights, but be alive to use those rights.

No longer can we let this Klan mentality destroy our communities nor our children. Write your congressman, senator and governor pushing for change, because if we sit down this time we're only a few days from slavery, in 1992.

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