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# The Panther

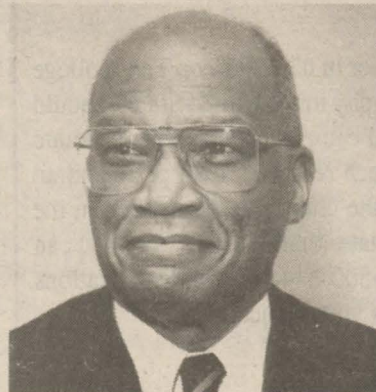
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## Welcome and Welcome Back to Prairie View A&M University for Spring 1995



by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Two Prairie View players embrace after winning over Alcorn 87-85.



Charles Hines

We begin a new or continued journey into higher education. To the handful of freshmen just starting, you are very special because your journey, your's and mine, are new. Major challenges and hopefully a few success stories await our travel.

To the "veterans" returning from previous semesters, and to faculty and staff, we celebrate your return. I will draw on your strength, your energy, and your experiences to avoid lengthy detours, accidents, wrong turns, and sloppy and incorrect instructions on how best to proceed.

Working as a unified and committed team, we can make a difference in the life and legend of Prairie View A&M University. I look forward to seeing you on Feb. 1, 1995, at the General Assembly.

Charles A. Hines, Ph.D.  
President

## Elevator phones are being misused

BY NICOLE N. JOHNSTON  
Panther Reporter

An average of six to seven calls have been made from new emergency phones in our campus elevators between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., said Helen Bingley, campus police dispatcher.

The calls, however, have not been emergencies. When she tried to speak to the persons who made the calls, there was no one on the other end. Other dispatchers have similar complaints, Bingley said.

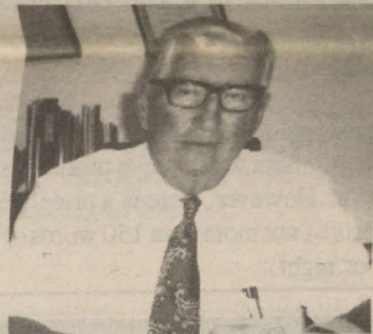
The new phones were installed this January in all of the 20 buildings on Prairie View's campus, and allow anyone to ring security directly in the event of an emergency.

Once the dispatcher is aware of the emergency, he or she then calls campus security and they go to the scene.

An emergency may range from being stuck in the elevator to being shot in the vicinity of one of

these phones.

John H. Rafferty, telecommunications manager at PV said, "It's the quickest way of getting to campus security we know," but that



John Rafferty

it's important that the students and faculty recognise that the phones are for emergency use only, since campus security tries to act on every call.

Many of the calls were made from Fuller Hall, Rafferty said, as well as other locations on campus. Many of the calls were made consecutively.

Rafferty hopes that placing

warning stickers against using the phones for non-emergency purposes in the elevators will deter people from doing such.

The phones are required by the ADA (American Disabilities Act) and cost \$18,000 to install.

In a related story, Rafferty has called for an investigation regarding phone fraud on PV's campus.

Apparently numerous collect calls have been made to residence halls on campus from two jails in Spur and Newton, Texas. It should not have been possible for residence hall phones to accept these calls, since Southwestern Bell telephone has placed blocks against them.

However, Rafferty said, "Apparently this is a fraudulent money making scheme on the part of some inmates," and that this was prevalent at other universities in Texas.

Rafferty cautions students not to accept these calls. Southwestern Bell is still investigating.

See story in the next issue.

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PV player scores two. See SPORTS

## SGA continues to improve

BY COBY KINDLES  
Panther Reporter

"People say we don't do anything," claims SGA President Kevin Jones. The staff and student body should know, however, that the SGA has big plans for the university.

The annual student leadership conference at Texas A&M was said to have gone well, but Jones tended to

disagree on one matter. "I was disappointed with TAMU's Battalion. There was no story describing the event in a positive way. Though there was a cover story about the function, it was only concerning a negative account about gunfire during a party hosted by the Pan-Hellenic council at TAMU.

They later noted a mistake in  
Jones continued on pg. 10

## PV student dies during Xmas break



The sojourn from Earth to Heaven was completed for Halisa Denise Parks on Monday, January 2, 1995. Quietly and peacefully she went away to be with God. Lisa, as she was born July 4, 1975 at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Lisa was a very lovable child and developed her brief life into being known

for her genius, poise, dignity, kindness, determination and love of God and her fellow man. She attended the Dallas public schools, Jimmy T. Brashear Pre School, Mark Twain Elementary, Atwell Middle School and was a 1993 honor graduate from the Health Professional High School. She received a full academic scholarship and attended Prairie View A&M University with a major in mathematics. She maintained a grade point average of 4.0. She exhibited a remarkable degree of loyalty and devotion and courage to her biological family and to her spiritual family, that being the New Birth Baptist Church. Halisa leaves an abundance of fond memories that will be cherished by: Harold and Lela Parks, her

parents; Schenequa (Russell) Rose of Lancaster, Texas, her sister; Harolyn Latrice Parks of Dallas, Texas, her sister; Vincent (Angel) Holliday of Detroit, MI, her brother; Whitney Parks of Dallas, Texas, her brother; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham, Sr. of Fairfield, TX, her grandparents; Mrs. Indiana Parks of McNeil, Arkansas, great grandmother; eight aunts; six uncles; numerous cousins and friends. Services were held Thursday, December 5, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at the NEW BIRTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 444 W. Ledbetter Dr. Rev. George Pryor, pastor, officiating. Lisa will lie in state prior to the services at the church.

Halisa is not dead.  
She is just away.

# NEWSDAY

## Briefly

### "Glamour" magazine is on the prowl for top college women

"Glamour" magazine is searching for outstanding female students to honor in its 1995 Top Ten College Women Competition. Interested females must attend a college or university in the United States, should exhibit leadership experience, personal involvement in community and campus affairs, and academic excellence. The females that are chosen in Glamour's top ten will each receive a cash prize and an opportunity to meet with top professionals in their fields, as well as the chance to be profiled in the October 1995 issue of Glamour. Applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 1995 and can be found in most Student Affairs or Financial Aid offices or by calling 1-800-244-GLAM. Applications are also available via e-mail: GlamourMag@aol.com with "college" as your subject.

### Glacier National Park looking to hire 900 students for summer jobs

Glacier National Park, which is located in Montana is best known for its rugged mountain wilderness and its historic lodges. Glacier Park, Inc. is looking for students to fill 900 job openings in all segments of the hotel and hospitality areas. These jobs include a variety of hotel positions including hotel front desk, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and bus drivers. Students can also participate in the guest entertainment, which includes American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Employees will be needed to work from mid-May to early October. Internships are available for hotel/restaurant, culinary arts, travel/tourism, accounting majors and movie and theatre. Year after year, the college students who participate in these jobs will also enjoy a number of outdoor activities such as hiking, riding, and fishing in one of the nation's last examples of pristine wilderness. For more details on jobs and salaries call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620, or write Glacier Park, Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, AZ 85077-0924.

### Scriptwriters don't miss this opportunity!!!

The Hollywood Script Readers' Digest, publishes a monthly magazine which features writers synopses and TV series proposals and distributes them to all active producers, literary agents, and other decision makers in Hollywood and New York. However, there is a price! For example, for a fee of \$100 they will publish your screenplay synopsis of not more than 150 words. For other prices or more information call (818) 954-0425 anytime, day or night.

## Key Dates

### February 1

Administrative Course Changes End  
President's Convocation (Baby Dome)

### February 2 (twelfth class day)

Withdrawal from courses with "W" begins

### February 3

Withdrawal of courses with a "W" ends, "WP" or "WF" begins

### February 5

Birthday Party (January and February) at President's House

## People



Celest Sears

Celeste Sears is a 21-year-old student from Dallas, Texas. She is a first year senior in mechanical engineering and is a very active student.

Sears has really tried to make the most of her college education and is involved in quite a few activities.

In her junior year here, Sears joined American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and National Society of Black Engineers.

She is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in Duncanville, where she has received two scholarships. She received these scholarships due to academic excellence, and they totalled \$650.

She has also an internship and a coop. In the summer of 1994, Sears received an internship at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, where she worked in a chemistry lab and worked with lubricant samples.

This past semester she received a coop with General Motors in Arlington, in the Luxury Car Division where she worked in trim departments and facilities engineering. This summer she will also do another internship at General Motors and said she really enjoyed the experience!

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# NEWSDAY

## Department News

### For pre-med students, here is your opportunity to prepare for medical school

The Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University are holding a six-week summer program, that is designed to increase minority representation in medicine by enhancing the participants' competitiveness within the medical school applicant pool. The Honors Premedical Academy is a national program funded partially by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Participants will spend their mornings in medical or laboratory settings paired with physicians, and afternoons in science and communications classes at Rice. This program is for minority college students and graduates who are considering careers as physicians and would like to apply. Housing, college credit, and a stipend are available but their are only 125 spaces available. The application deadline is March 1. For more information, call (800)633-6445, or (713)798-4841.

### \$15,000 fellowship program seeks graduating students

The University Center on Philanthropy is seeking student applicants for its Jane Addams Fellowships in Philanthropy program. The fellowship program awards each fellow \$15,000 for the year and 12 credits toward a graduate degree. Application deadline is Feb. 17. Qualified candidates will be recent graduates with a bachelor's degree, including seniors anticipating graduation. Applicants must show demonstrated leadership potential, special interest in some aspect of community service, and academic stability. The program is not intended for students who are already committed to a program of graduate study. Jane Addams, founder of Chicago's famed Hull House and noted social reformer, devoted her life to community service and philanthropy. Created in the spirit of Jane Addams, the program encourages aspiring young leaders to work for the common good while studying and investigating the roles of philanthropy. In addition to guided study, students will select an internship with a non-profit organization in the Indianapolis community. Interested persons should contact the IU Center on Philanthropy, 550 West North Street, Suite 301, Indianapolis, IN 46202, (317)274-4200. Recognized as the nation's leading center on the study and practice of philanthropy, the IU Center on Philanthropy is a national clearing house for education, research, training, and public service programs in the non-profit sector.

## Faculty



Edna Smith

Edna Smith was born in Prairie View but has lived in Houston for most of her life.

Smith is currently a staff assistant in the office of developmental studies at PV, and has been for the past six years.

Before arriving at PV, Smith was employed at Exxon in Houston for eight years.

She has been at PVAMU for eight years. She joined the department of English and Foreign languages as a part-time teacher of freshman English in 1987. She transferred to her current office in 1989.

Smith said she tries to keep in mind that her job is to serve the students, help them get registered and try not to lose her temper, because she knows how frustrating registration can be.

She said she tries to treat her last student liker her first studentt, and that her main concern, is that no student be mistreated by her office in anyway.

Smith is also a PV alumna. She graduated in 1967, and received her Bachelor of Arts and Science in English, with a minor in Spanish.

## Beyond The Hill

### Ten-year HIV patient healthy

A gay Houston man, has lived with HIV-the virus that causes AIDS-for more than a decade and still receives a clean bill of health.

Tim,48, who wants to keep his last name anonymous, found out he had HIV in 1987, but says he thinks he's had it for some time before then.

Reports in the New England Journal of Medicine say that long-term-HIV survivors have relatively low levels of the virus and aggressive immune system responses to the infection.

Tim has seen many of his friends die from the disease and says, "who is going to come to my funeral..."

### Five women sue Norplant maker

Five women are claiming that they have suffered medical problems due to using Norplant.

Norplant, is an implantable birth-control device, and have sued Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the Norplant Manufacturer.

The women, who are from western Washington state say the problems include dizziness, depression, and even miscarriage after the device is removed.

According to the women's attorney 49 other federal lawsuits involving Norplant have been filed.

All cases are being transferred to the federal court in Beaumont, where the first cases were filed.

### Jesse from AMC now on Loving

Old time watchers of *All My Children*, will be happy to know that Darnell Williams, who played Jesse will be returning to ABC-Cap Cities, but not on *All My Children*.

On Feb. 16, he will join the cast of *Loving*. Ironically, he will be reunited with his former mate from *All My Children*, Debbi Morgan, who played Angie Hubbard, his wife.

Old clippings of Jesse were recently shown on *All My Children's* 25th anniversary show.

For more soap talk, B.B. King, will play himself on *General Hospital* and can be seen on Feb. 3 and 6.

### Magic Johnson's baby girl

Magic Johnson, and his wife Cookie, now have a precious 3-week old. They adopted Elisa last week in Michigan

### Senator alleges affair with King

The first black Kentucky senator, Georgia Powers recently confirmed that she had an affair with the Rev. Martin Luther King, and was with him the night before the assassination.

Powers wrote about the alleged affair in a book called, "I Shared the Dream".

### Whoopi's braids among stars

Whoopi's trademark braids, will soon be lying next to Al Jolson's knee, Jimmy Durante's nose and Betty Grable's leg.

On Feb. 2, she will stick her hair in wet cement to immortalize them. She plans to make her mark, along with over 190 stars on a special sidewalk in front of Mann's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles.

Whoopi has a new movie to be released next month called, "Boys on the Side".

(Articles reported in the Houston Chronicle)

# NEWSWEEK

## PV President Hines speaks at Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Fall banquet



Guest speaker of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Banquet and Jazz Ball newly appointed President Hines, speaks to students for the first time in December in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

BY AARON DAVIS  
Panther Staff Reporter

The Alpha Phi Alpha Banquet and Jazz Ball was the setting for newly appointed president of Prairie View A&M University, Dr. Charles Hines' first public appearance.

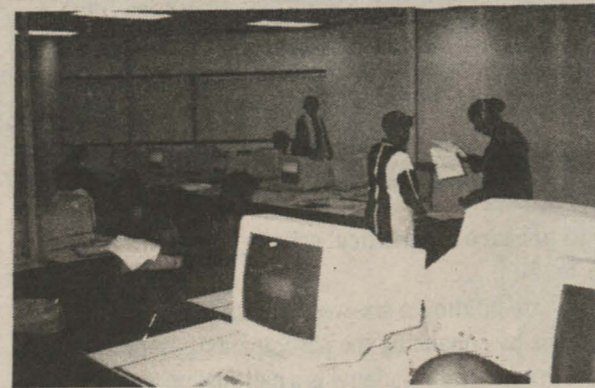
The ball, held on Dec. 2, 1994 during founders week, was a fundraiser for a \$4,000 scholarship to Prairie View given to area high school students. Phi Mu Pi, the university jazz band played. The Alphas plan to make the event an annual one.

Dr. Hines, who is an Alpha himself, spoke to the audience about the legacy

of achievement and the future of Prairie View A&M University.

Cliff Blackwell, an Alpha, who delivered the invocation said he was, at first, skeptical of Dr. Hines. But after hearing him speak, Blackwell said that Dr. Hines' speech was "inspirational," and that Dr. Hines was "concerned about the students and sincere."

LaTasha Ellis, a sophomore communications major who attended the event, said "He [Dr. Hines] has ideas to improve the university as well as rebuild the school's image."



Students in the engineering building lab work on mastering computer program skills.

## Software seminar for CEA staff PV alumni Robertson, Sanderson and Associates share computer age advancements with CEA staff

In addition to providing a quality education, Prairie View A&M University, an "Institution of the First Class" may serve as an incubator for aspiring entrepreneurs. A number of current and former students have come together to form Robertson, Sanderson & Associates (RSA). RSA is a computer consulting firm which provides businesses or individuals with professional expertise on the use of computers and various software

applications. Its objective is to provide computer systems and software applications that are efficient, profitable, and are more user friendly.

These present and former students recognize that the computer industry is constantly changing and the new technological developments of tomorrow will make the current generation of computers and software applications completely outmoded.

RSA recognizes that any person, business, or institution must have access to the most current technology in order to be competitive in today's world. As such, RSA seeks to ensure that onemay remain on the "cutting edge" by providing the most current computer technology.

Recently, RSA contracted

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## Off-campus overpayment blues

BY LASHONDA WILLIAMS  
Newsweek editor

Bill collectors can only wait so long and when there's no money, what can you eat? Attending Prairie View A&M University, living off-campus and having bills to pay when you have no money can really make a weak person strong. The difficulties endured while in college are a mere sample of what the working world is like.

While trying to get a portion of my overpayment to hold me over until I find a job, I ran into a student who brought tears to my eyes when he began to tell his situation. Before hearing his story I thought I was living on a desert island when actually it was Palm Beach in comparison to Tyrone.

Tyrone is on of the many off-campus students who is working to support himself and pay for school. The first week of the new semester is hard for many students for various reasons: adjusting to class after a lengthy break, meeting tuition deadlines and of course (for off-campus students) rent is due and in many instances past due: Pell grants, scholarships and student loans help lighten the load. Work study checks are issued a month too late.

Pell grants, scholarships and loans are applied to fees immediately after registering. The money is accredited to book vouchers and the remainder is issued to the student on a designated date. Unfortunately, students are unable to obtain overpayments until a certain class date. In the meantime bills are "steady" rolling in.

"I need my money now!"

fact, she had an attitude. "We are not issuing overpayments until after the 12th class day," she said. Tyrone responded by asking to speak with someone else. Deborah Dungey then came to the window to assist Tyrone. "I'm sorry there's no way we can issue any money until the 12th class day," she said.

Tyrone's eyes became engulfed in tears as he took a breath, "Miss I'm trying to be respectful, but I really need the money now, (his voice began to shake) I don't have any money, I've been living off one Big Mac a day, I'm in the whole \$600. I have a job but I don't even have money to get gas to go to work. Please, help me." Dungey responded, "When do you get paid? What are you going to do when the loan money is spent?"

After a moment of silence he responded, "I have a job and the loan is used as a supplement, I really need some money now, I don't get paid that much. My job pays every two weeks and that money is spent before I get my check." Tyrone began to release his tears in frustration he began pacing the floor, "I don't have any money, why can't you give me my loan money, I can't even eat!"

Everyone in the fiscal area watched the youngman and felt his pain. After going to the back Dungey returned and asked, "How much do you need to hold you until we issue the remainder of overpayments?"

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# NEWSWEEK

## PV students attend three day leadership conference at A&M

BY CHADWICK DAVIS  
Panther Reporter

Malcolm, Martin, Stokely, Huey, Rosa—our black leaders of the past. Some of them made ultimate sacrifices for a better tomorrow. However when will tomorrow be today?

In the heart of "Howdeyville", where one might expect to see ropes hanging from trees, white hoods, and crosses burning on front lawns, the 1995 Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference met at Texas A&M University Jan. 19-22 and attempted to answer this question.

Black student leaders from across Texas attended the conference and made efforts to learn how to make the visions of our past black leaders reality. Spirited workshops, dynamic speakers, a job fair, and a variety of entertainment sources kept students busy throughout the weekend.

Students were greeted with a short skit, a dance by TAMU's black dance ensemble Fade-to-Black, and comedy by Cedric "The Entertainer". Students started early on Friday with an inspirational speech given by Dr. Marilyn Kean-Foxworth, a professor in the department of journalism at TAMU.

She gave an in-depth look at leadership and achievement. Foxworth pointed out that despite popular belief, African-Americans still lead the nation in their achievements. She called black students the talented tenth, a phrase coined by W.E.B. Dubois.

Foxworth stated, "As the talented tenth of black society, you the student, must lead the black masses into the next century."

Friday's workshops gave students a variety of topics, to choose from. Networking, mass communications, job markets, and black identity were focal points of discussion. Bev Smith, hostess for the progressive talk show "Our Voices" on BET, spoke to students in

the evening. And of course, students found time to unwind Friday night with a party thrown by TAMU's Pan Hellenic Council.

Workshops resumed on Saturday morning with new topics such as "reaching out", problems with black youths, and black greekdom. As the day grew old, workshops got longer, and student fellowship became the main activity.

*"I got a chance to talk to students about the various roles of leadership they take on their campuses in greek and other student organizations,"*

said senior management major Tameika Johnson.

The final speaker for the conference was Dr. Jawaza Kunjufu, an activist for the education of African-American youth, and author of *To be Popular or Smart: The Black Peer Group, Critical Issues in Educating African-American Youth, Developing Positive Self-Images and Discipline in Black Children.*

He pleaded for awareness, a sense of self-pride and self-motivation, and a new movement among black students. "His speech was provocative, enlightening, and challenged black people to think," commented senior finance major Tiffany Trotter.

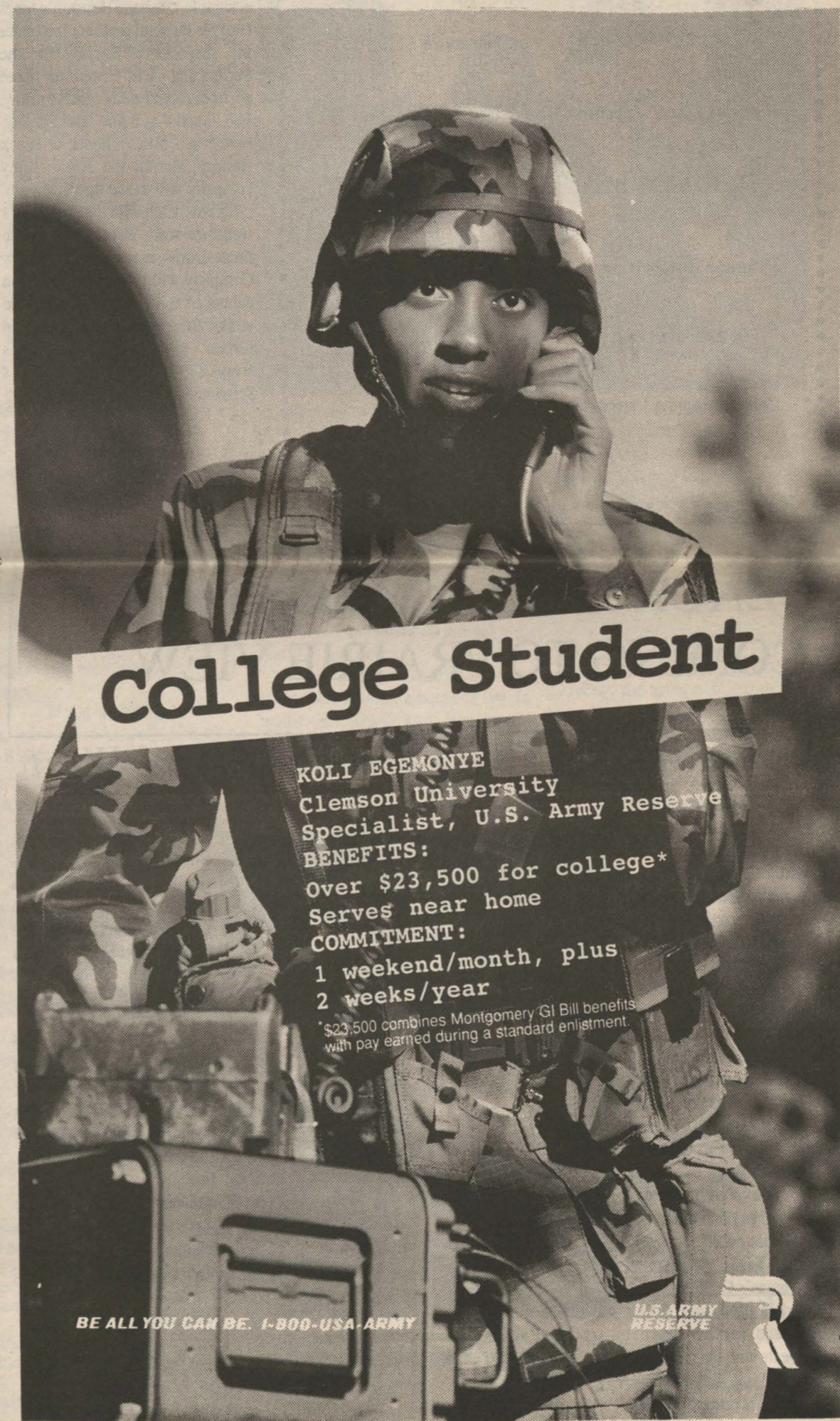
Kunjufu is the co-author of an Afrocentric multicultural curriculum called SETCLAE, and is executive producer of *Up Against The Wall*, a full feature movie about peer pressure.

The seventh annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference will be a success only if those students who attended apply the knowledge gained from workshops and speakers to their respective universities. Black student leaders will have to step out of social comfort zones and take the steps for change. Hopefully, black student leaders realize that their are still battles to be fought. Who will lead us into the future by throwing the first punch?

CEA continued from page 4 with the College of Engineering & Architecture (CEA) to conduct a seminar for a CEA staff and administrators on the use of Macintosh Word and Excel computer programs. These seminars provided the CEA's

staff with an opportunity to increase their proficiency on the operation of these programs. In general, the CEA staff and administration stated that the seminar helped them to perform their jobs more proficiently. As a result of RSA's expertise, the PVAMU community and students will be the

ultimate beneficiaries of their enhanced training. PVAMU recognizes the importance of supporting and nurturing African-American owned businesses.



# LIFESTYLES

## Alvin Ailey Dance Theater honors Black History Month

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### WELCOME BACK

PV vs. TSU January 28

Emerging Leaders Seminars January 31

### FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African History Forum February 1

Fee Installment Due February 13

University Spring Career Fair February 20

With famed star dancer Judith Jamison at its helm as artistic director, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the United States' incomparable contemporary dance ensemble, returns to Houston's Jones Hall for its tenth presentation under the auspices of Society for the Performing Arts. Slated for three performances Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. in honor of Black History Month, the Alvin Ailey company will dance three different programs, each with the company's signature work *Revelations* as the finale. During its residency, the Ailey Company will present the Houston debuts of three recently-premiered works: Billy Wilson's *The Winter in Lisbon* (1992), Judith Jamison's *Hymn* (1993) and Brenda Way's *Scissors Paper Stone* (1994).

These performances are made possible by generous grants from EXXON, Panhandle Eastern Corporation, Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, L.L.P. and Tenneco. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is part of SPA's Dance Series, which is funded in part by a generous grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc. These performances are also funded in part by a Dance On Tour grant from Mid-America Arts Alliance. Media Sponsors for this event are radio stations KMJQ-FM-102 JAMZ and KHYS-FM-Y 98.5.

During the troupe's residency here, a Company member will instruct intermediate to advance dance students in an I.W. Marks Jewelers, Inc. Master Class on Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5601

South Brasewood. Contact Ms. Maxine Silbertein for more information at (713) 729-3200. On Saturday, Feb. 4, a Company member will teach a Master Class in the HCCS Central College Studio A, 3517 Austin at Holman. Call (713) 630-7264 for more information.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday evening performances are \$44, \$38, \$32, \$26, \$15 and \$8 with tickets for the Sunday matinee performance priced at \$40, \$35, \$30, \$24, \$12 and \$8. Tickets are available at the Houston Tickets Center in Jones Hall and Wortham Center as well as all Ticketmaster locations including Foley's, Fiesta, Sears and Blockbuster Music Plus. To charge by phone, call (713) 227-ARTS if out of town. For group sales information, call (713) 227-1111.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS COMING TO PRAIRIE VIEW

### Ensemble Theatre Presents *Flyin' West*

Acclaimed writer Ntozack Shange returns to The Ensemble Theatre to direct the Southwest premiere of pearl Cleage's drama *Flyin' West*, which runs Jan. 19-March 5, 1995. This stirring tale of pioneer courage, produced in collaboration with HCCS College Central Drama, is offering in celebration of Black History Month. It previews at The Ensemble Theatre on Jan. 19, and moves to Central's Heinen Theatre February 23.

Playwright Pearl Cleage is an Atlanta-based writer whose published works include *Mad Miles: A Blackwoman's Guide to Truth*, *The Brass Bed* and *Other Stories*, and her most recent book, *Deals with the Devil and Other Reasons to Riot*. Her play, *Flyin' West*, is currently being



Two actors in the upcoming production of *Flyin' West* share a tender moment.

produced around the country. She is playwright-in-residence and a drama instructor at Spelman College, a regular columnist for the *Atlanta Tribune* and a contributing editor of *Ms. Magazine*.

The ensemble Theatre in collaboration with the Houston Community College System will host open discussions with Shange and the cast of *Flyin' West*, Jan. 19 and Jan. 22, immediately following the performance. Shange will be featured guest for opening night performance Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. Call 520-0055 for reservations.

## Greek Life



The Pan Hellenic Council

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| Alpha Phi Alpha              | Serves !!!    |
| Miss Black and Black Pageant | February 2    |
| Phi Beta Sigma               | February 5    |
| Founder's Day Program        | February 1    |
| Delta Sigma Theta            | February 1    |
| Black Authors at PV          | February 6-10 |
| Alpha Kappa Alpha            | February 6-10 |
| UNCF Coin Drive              | February 8    |
| Pan Hellenic Council         | February 8    |
| Open House                   |               |

The Pan hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a fruitful and productive semester.

# LIFESTYLES

## Distinguished poet visits PV

BY DERALD POWELL  
Panther Reporter



Jancinto Rhines, poet extraordinaire displays his Afro-centric garb with pride.

Executive Director and Founder of Natures Hotline, Jancinto Aneille Rhines Jr. recently visited the Prairie View campus bringing the motivational message of love yourself, his book of poetry, and a poem about Prairie View commissioned by the Director of Student Activities, Fredrick V. Roberts.

Rhines, spoke of his grandfather's book, *XXVI Phases of the Sundial*, which has been out for two years and reinforces the message of his motivational seminar through the media of art and poetry. He has also recorded an audio tape in which his poetry is set to jazz.

Rhines' poem to Prairie View was the brain child of Freddie Roberts. Rhines said he wrote the poem because "Prairie View has been, to me the epitome of black

education." The Prairie View poem took about a week for Rhines to compose and is mounted on a laminated picture of the front of Prairie View.

"The purpose of Nature's Hotline is to lecture to students about nutrition, cultural awareness, community service, and to teach youth to be their own source of love and happiness," said Rhines. The organization founded in 1978 works mainly

in the inner city of Los Angeles, but has branches in Atlanta and Washington D.C.

One of his major problems includes the use of ex-gang members to speak to young children in an effort to keep them on the right track. Also, Rhines and his wife Alexis, work as a man and woman motivational team regularly.

Rhines often speaks of his wife, who is a stand-up comedian, claiming that they are "equal halves and not better halves."

The 54-year-old poet is a vegetarian saying that, "anything that doesn't bend will break and flexibility is one thing that helped black people survive slavery."

Rhines said one of his favorite topics is his grandfather the honorable J. P. Rhines who was reported by the Nashville Colored Directory as the first black attorney in the nation.

"His life and my life illustrates what one individual can do," if they develop the team concept.

His plans include opening a restaurant and radio station.

## Digable Planets: "Blowout Comb" - A Review

BY CHADWICK DAVIS  
Staff Reporter



Digable Planets (Doodlebug, Ladybug and Butterfly) with HipHop legend DJ Jazzy Joyce at a recent Apollo taping in New York City.

Revolutionary. The screeching horns across New York's boroughs. That's show the new Digable Planets record will open your eyes to new and extremely innovative styles. This record is a ride through inner city New York, only stopping at the "phat-test" places and seeing all the important faces.

"Blowout Comb" may be one of the best hip hop albums of '94. In addition, Guru and Jeru make appearances on the CD. Does this mean that Digable Planets have gone to the next level? Does this mean this CD should be at your immediate disposal at all times? Does this mean that Digable Planets are hip hop legends? Yes, yes, yes, they have

carved a place in hip hop's wall of fame. The music is just plain funky. A wide variety of instruments to funk with your head. The '60s and '70s flavor is there but alive and moving, not just a gimmick to sell records. They are real revolutionaries.

Doodlebug, Butterfly, and Ladybug, the groups distinguished crew of lyrical assassins, all receive A-ratings for their rhymes. Ladybug establishes herself among top female rappers and may have the best lyrics in the group. But what makes them all so "dope" is the combination of the three voices. At several points on the CD the three of them flow in unison. Once again advancing, making sure hip hop continues to move forward. All the way down to the cover art this one is a winner.

## GCS helps students locate scholarships

Boca Raton, FL-- The National Commission on student Financial Aid found that of the available \$7 billion scholarships dollars offered by the private sector, only \$400 million was awarded. That's \$6.6 billion that went un-awarded! The reason behind this was not because people were unqualified, but the majority of people do not know where to locate these funds. Fifteen million college bound students seem to apply solely for the common known

Federal Government Scholarship programs.

In present economic times, financing a college education is becoming more difficult every year. It's refreshing to know that there is a means to offset some of these costs. It's estimated that the average scholarship award for an undergraduate is between \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year. Most of these scholarships are not based on grades and don't require you to divulge income statements. Many take into

account your organizational affiliations, talent, ethnic background, and your Father's or Mother's occupations. Scholarships of this kind can undoubtedly save you thousands of dollars.

If you would like to discover how to get your share of the \$6.6 billion dollars of un-awarded scholarship funds, write to GCS Enterprises 7040 W. Palmetto Pard Rd, Suite 2-553, Boca Raton, FL 33433 for more information. GCS says they can open the doors to many scholarships available to you.

## AQUARIUS

# HOROSCOPES

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)** \*You are at your best this week. Do not go over board. Be sure of your accusations before you accuse others.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** \* Listen to a trusted advisor about your financial status. Do not let your fears over power your determination.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Now would be a good time to be nice that pesty friend. It will pay off in the long run.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** \*you are in doubt about a friend, don't push them away. Things are not how they seem. Love is on the way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)** \*Consider a major move this week. Things are not going to go according to plan. Do not second guess your decisions.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19)** \*You are radiant. Do not let others hinder you. Beware of jealous friends. You have a secret admirer.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)** \* You need time apart from friends.

spend quality time with yourself. You feel better.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)** \* Control your temper. Do not over react. Your best friend needs you more than ever.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22)** \* That special person is counting on you. You are high spirited this week. You should wear cool colors.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** \* You will be able to get a lot done this week. Do not push your friends away. They are sincere.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** \* Lately things have not been great but if you stay focused things are destined to get better. Your lover needs more attention.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)** \*This semester makes a tremendous breakthrough for you. Keep on the right track. Remember without struggle there is no progress.

Staff writers needed at The Panther. Good writing and grammar skills required. If interested, please call 857-2132.

# LIFESTYLES

## Feb. 2 Black and Gold Pageant Contestants for 1995

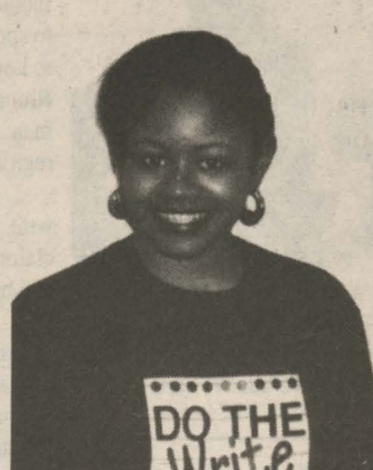
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**Shanette Johnson**  
Killeen, Tx  
Marketing Major



**Sheronda Stephens**  
Livingston, Tx  
Social Work Major



**LaShonda Willimas**  
Houston, Tx  
Journalism Major



**Lachelle Holland**  
Houston, Tx  
Engineering Major



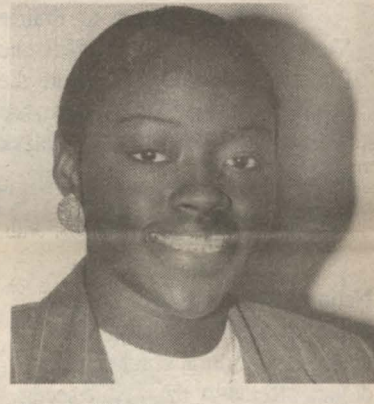
**Robin Foster**  
Detroit, Mich.  
Nursing Major



**Tanisha Tate**  
Houston, Tx  
Education Major



**Alvera Cross**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Biology Major



**Tonya Silman**  
Jacksonville, Tx  
Health & Human Performance Major

## American Music Awards celebrates 22 years

The 22nd annual American Music Awards special will be telecast live on the ABC television network from the Shrine Auditorium in the Los Angeles, Calif. on Monday, Jan. 30 8-11 p.m.-Eastern and Pacific time (7-10 p.m. central). The TV special is a presentation of Dick Clark Productions, Inc., with Clark serving as executive producer.

Hosting the telecast will be Tom Jones, Lorrie Morgan and Queen Latifah.

Nominations for the American Music Awards are in seven categories. In the pop/rock, country and soul/rhythm & blues categories, awards will be presented for favorite

male and female artist, favorite band, duo or group, favorite album or single, and favorite new artist. In the rap/hip hop, heavy metal/hard rock, adult contemporary and alternative music categories, awards will be presented for favorite artist. In all, 22 awards will be presented.

In addition, a special "Award of Merit" will be presented to Prince for his "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." This will place Prince with the likes of Berry Gordy, Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson, previous recipients of this award.

The special will also salute

the 10th anniversary of the recording of "We Are The World". Some of those who participated will be in attendance and will help present a host of memories and film clips reviewing that historic night and the far-reaching impact it had.

Among the performers scheduled to appear on the special are Black Men United, Boyz II Men, Madonna, Babyface, and the artist formerly known as Prince.

Among those scheduled to serve as presenters on the show are Aaliyah, All-4-One, Anita Baker, Mary J. Blige, Tevin Campbell, Salt-N-Pepa, Snoop Doggy Dogg and Deion Sanders.

## PV Top Ten

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| <b>MUSIC</b> | 1. If You Love Me.....Brownstone       |
|              | 2. Kitty Kitty .....69 Boyz            |
|              | 3. What Can I Do?.....Ice Cube         |
|              | 4. Play This Game.....Subway           |
|              | 5. Waterfalls.....TLC                  |
|              | 6. Candy Rain.....So For Real          |
|              | 7. Before I Let You Go.....Blackstreet |
|              | 8. All I Ask of You.....Raphel         |
|              | 9. Baby Baby.....Brandy                |
|              | 10. My Life.....Mary J. Blige          |

# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

### Panther pride it all begins with you!

The Office of Student Affairs is happy to see the students return from the break safely and wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year and a productive spring semester. Unfortunately, it seems that there is a great sense of apathy from the students in reference to the university. It is our intention in Student Affairs to address this critical issue as it relates to university pride.

**Famous Panther Quotes:**  
I hate this school, Prairie View is always giving me the run around.  
Can we just win A Game?  
I can't wait to get outta here!  
I know you don't expect me to live in this room!  
These are just a few of the commonly heard complaints that plague our campus. It's no wonder there is a lack of school spirit.

**What Panther Pride! Did You Know?:**  
Prairie View is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. We have grown from two professors with eight students to over 300 faculty and 1,000 staff members, with well over 5,000 students.  
Prairie View is among the top ranking HBCU's known worldwide for our outstanding engineering, college of nursing, health sciences, business, education, arts & drama, and graduate school departments.

The Charles Gilpin Players, Baptist Student Movement, forensic (debate) team, Greek & non-Greek fraternities and sororities, and other campus talents have put Prairie View A&M University on the map with their outstanding talents and social contributions.

While our athletic programs and teams have no means of offering our athletes scholarships, our track & field team has achieved an elite status in the SWAC, and our football and basketball teams have and continue to play with tireless efforts with very little incentive.

We have one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation.

The Prairie View A&M University marching band, known as the world-class "Marching Storm", under the direction of professor George Edwards, is the creme de la creme of marching bands nationwide. The Marching Storm filmed a public service announcement for the Texas Lottery in 1992 and for those efforts the university was honored by the Texas

State House of Representatives and State Senate with the announcement of Jan. 23, 1993 as "Prairie View A&M University Day".

Prairie View A&M University has awarded over 3,000 academic degrees in the last five years, and is committed to helping individuals achieve their maximum potential and to teaching these individuals to live a meaningful and productive life.

These are achievements that any student, faculty, staff, and administrator can applaud and definitely have pride in and be proud.

It should be the 1995 resolution for all PV to focus on the positive of the university and reestablish our school spirit and maintain our school pride. We have established Thursday as our "Purple and Gold Panther Pride Day". It is hoped that in 1995 our entire Prairie View family acknowledges this day by first wearing our purple and gold and secondly by exhibiting PV spirit. Remember...Panther pride begins with you!!!

If you take pride in yourself you will have pride in your school.

Look for more articles from the Panther Pride Crew.

## Thomas Holley

The department of Student Life would like to welcome all new and returning students for the spring 1995 semester. A new year has begun, full of goals and expectations that we, the Department of Student Life, would love each and every student to meet.

In an effort to aid each student in reaching his or her goal, we would like them to have a solid foundation from which they may build a successful career. School pride is an essential ingredient in the building of this foundation. With this in mind, the Department of Student Life would like to share a bit of Prairie View's outstanding history in each edition of the Panther.

The PV hero of this issue of the Panther is Thomas Holley for whom Holley Hall was named. Thomas L. Holley was a native of San Antonio, Texas where he received part of his high school education. In 1906 he enrolled at Prairie View A&M College where he completed his high school education and went on to receive his bachelor of science degree in industrial education in 1910.

After finishing college, he was offered a position to teach in the mechanical department here at Prairie View where he remained for two years. Holley returned to Prairie View community in 1922 where he was instructor of vocational studies in a local high school. In 1934, he was named State Supervisor of Adult Education under the Works Progresses Administration (W.P.A.) at Prairie View A&M College. During his tenure as supervisor of W.P.A., he continued to further his education attending such prestigious institutions as the Strait and Don Woody Institutes in Wisconsin, and Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Illinois.

He ultimately received a master's degree in industrial education at Colorado A&M in Fort Collins, Colo. Before Holley's retirement, he was a member of the Executive Committee of Colored Teachers State Association of Texas, and president of the Negro Business League of San Antonio. Holley retired from Prairie View in 1957 and returned to his native town of San Antonio where he died in 1965.

*Prairie View A&M University*

University Scholarship Program

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# SPORTS

## PV men improve in SWAC



by Gitonga M'bijewe

PV player viciously dunks for two in the Panthers most recent victory.

In a continuation of trying to improve on their overall conference record, which began last season, the Panthers came out in the first half with a 45-35 lead over Alcorn.

A majority of the Panthers' points came from center Derek Walls. Walls, who was fourth in conference play in rebounding and second in blocked shots, had 21 points. He also contributed with 8 field goals and 12 field goal assists, and 5 free throws. Panther guard Derrick Hunter had 21 points in the game by placing 6 free throws on the board for the Panthers and had 4 assists.

Alcorn's biggest help came from guard Cedric Foster who with 19 points kept the Braves in the game as they kept the rallying momentum against the Panthers. Foster led the Braves with 6 field goals, 14 field goal assists and in three-pointers in the first half. In the second half, Foster had 5 field goals and 8 field goal assists. Alcorn forward DeCarlos Anderson contributed to his team's total percentage. Anderson had 17 points, 5 field goals and 13 field goal assists.

The Panthers were up by a total of 15 but the Braves defense dominated the court in the second half and was leading the game by

## Track Team Opens Season at LSU

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
Panther Reporter

With an abundance of track teams in attendance, representing several conferences, the Prairie Views Men's and Women's track team proved victorious in their first season opener at a recent performance at LSU.

In action against some of the country's premiere track teams, the Panthers proved that they can stay on top with some of the best and even fared better than some of the elite teams.

The athletes from Prairie View were ready to step up to challenge that was set forth before them. One of those athletes was Rod Scott.

Scott, who after a year out of com-

petition, entered the shot put competition and dominated the entire event. Scott heaved a throw of 55 ft. 3 inches cleaning the slate for any other competitors in the field event.

In the ladies competition, Yvette French tripled jumped to an impressive 45 ft. victory to a huge crowd.

"I see a lot from this year's track team. I see us gaining national championships in both the men's and women's events," said Scott.

French expressed that the success of the school's track program is the fact that they are all family oriented and the track is where they can meet as family, not as teammates.

The team's next competition will be Jan. 28 when they travel to Lake Charles, La. for the McNeese Invitational.

10 during the second half. The Panthers closed the gap with a 26-31 margin but, the 3-pointers from Foster placed the Braves back on top and they continued to lead. The Panthers got help from the bench from William Evans, who had 17 points in the game and from senior forward Lateef Clark who contributed points for the Panthers with 4 free throws, and 8 free throw assists and had a total

of 14 points in the game. The Panthers current record is now 4-15 overall and 1-6 in the SWAC conference. The Panthers fell in their game against the Southern Jaguars with a score of 79-91. The team's next opponent is Texas Southern University on Saturday Jan. 28. The next home game for the Panthers will be Feb. 11 when they play the Tigers of Grambling State University.

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Reporter

The University Fieldhouse was in a chaotic frenzy as the dribbling and fast paced hard pounding action of the Prairie View men's basketball entered the dome. In what is already being called one

of the best games of this season, the Panthers came out and scalped the Alcorn Braves in a close victory of 87-85.

The crowd of 4,296 who came out to see the Panthers wasn't disappointed as they watched the Panthers trample the Braves.

## Jones plans to tackle bookstore monopoly

Continued from page 1

their following issue stating that the SBLC did not end in gunfire during the party, but at 2 a.m. after the party, which ended at 1:30 a.m. That was printed somewhere itty-bitty in the paper under their itty-bitty correction column. Although I was impressed with the SBLC, I'm considering planning our own black leadership conference at PVAMU. Without a doubt, I will need support from the student body and the rest of the university."

The SGA also petitioned for money to save "The Pardus" (the university yearbook) which was about to become extinct. How did they do it? Jones explained, "We had no funds and no editor. We went to different deans such as Dr. Thomas Smith, Dr. Price, Col. Aldridge, Frank Jackson and others. They gave contributions to

save The Pardus. Now we're waiting for the money and the staff."

Jones attended the Executive Council meeting with the deans and vice-presidents of the university. "What the deans and presidents don't understand is that we all need to work together. Without students there is no PV. Without faculty and staff there is no university. I encourage the faculty and staff to also participate in the movement and stop breaking their necks to get outta here at 5p.m."

This past December, Jones addressed the Board of Regents. (The Board of Regents fund and control the whole Texas A&M University System. "I told them PVAMU has a rich heritage of which the students are extremely proud. We strive to uphold the constitutional definition of PVAMU which is an institution of the first class. We are motivated by

constantly improving the academic environment and respect the leadership at PVAMU and the commitment of the Board of Regents to implement the academic scholarship programs that have achieved such as engineering, nursing, biology, physics and teacher certification." He went on to say that the students at PVAMU are instilled with a powerful sense of pride in their heritage, academics and athletics. He also stated that in the near future the athletic program at PVAMU will escalate to its true competitive level—a level that would be compromised by no one, and that we would also win a football game next season.

The first general SGA meeting will be held on Feb. 1 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the University Fieldhouse. Awards will be given to participants of the Project Pickup Your Tray. SGA consistently encourages

students to pick up their trays after meals in the Alumni Hall. Scholarship information will also be available at the meeting. All interested are encouraged to attend.

The SGA also wants to remind students to petition the student service fees at PVAMU that will take place on Feb. 22-23.

The book store prices are another controversial issue on the PVAMU campus that the SGA are greatly concerned about. Jones believes that the bookstore is running a monopoly. "Why should a student pay \$90.00 for a book and only get \$12.00 for it when they sell it back? We will definitely compare costs between PVAMU's prices and other university and bookstore prices in the region. Something has to be done about those excessive prices in there," added Jones. The SGA will be performing an investigation on that matter.

This year the SGA will promote standardized class rings for the class of '95. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on designs or styles are asked to contact the SGA office.

The SGA even works to maintain peace on campus. "There was a fight between two freshmen this week in front of the alumni," Jones said. "A friend and I broke it up." Jones said that they try to encourage students to unite as an entire student body and strive together for the university and their own sake.

In appreciation for the support of the students, faculty and staff of the university, the SGA will have a surprise for the student body at the next scheduled home game between TSU and PV.

\* Any inquiries concerning the SGA or class rings, direct them to the SGA office at 857-2220. All Pardus inquiries should be directed to Freddie Roberts at 857-2018.

# SPORTS

## Panther kittens bring excitement

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Reporter



The 1995 Prairie View Panther Kittens looks stunnings as they strike a pose and prepare for there tightly cheorghraph dance routine. They will preform during half-time of the PV, TSU game.

While the players were in the locker room figuring out tactics for the second half of the Prairie View-Southern game, the audience was in their seats being entertained by the vibrancy of the Panther Kittens.

In their first performance of the season, the Panther Kittens came out and strutted their tails to a tightly choreographed mixture of some of today's hot hip-hop R&B music.

Clad in purple suits, the ladies came upon the court with the fierceness of an unhinged animal.

For many of the young ladies, on the squad, this wasn't their first time performing. Some have been performing with dance troupes in high school while others have had experi-

ence in classical music as well as ballet.

"This was very exciting being in front of such a huge audience. We radiated all that energy from our long practice sessions and it paid off in what turned out to be a well rounded program." said U'Nika Hill, a freshmen biology major from Houston.

Hill also noted that the veteran members of the squad were very helpful in teaching some of the new girls some of the most difficult steps.

"We are all grateful for our sponsor, Ms. Betty Hall. She is so cooperative with us and always urges us to perform to the best of our ability." noted Hill.

The Kittens will perform at every home game and is currently practicing on a routine that will be unveiled at the Feb. 28 home game against TSU.

## Women win heart stopper

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Reporter

The Lady Panthers won an impressive victory over the lady Jaguars of Southern University in a basketball bout that was filled with frills and non stop court action.

The Panthers (1-10) SWAC (1-5) ousted the lady Jaguars (4-9) SWAC (1-5) with a 68-69 win to a crowd of 2,891 in the University Fieldhouse.

The Panthers received big help from center Elizabeth Bryant. Bryant, contributed 16 points to the game and had 3 offensive and 3 defensive rebounds. Bryant also led in total offense. Bryant improved her scoring and playing time since the game she played against Alcorn. The Panthers also received from Kecia Lang. Lang had 15 points in the game and was second in rebounds to Bryant.

The Lady Jaguars weren't far behind in points. Lady Jaguars forward, Cecilia Wooten led her team with 14 points and had 18 field goal averages. Other Jaguar players who helped put points on the board were Deanna Bickford with 12 points, LeKesha Johnson with 13, and Gloria Tanner with 12.



By Gitonga M'bijewe  
PV woman struggles hard for her two points at a PV vs Southern game.

they will play Texas Southern in Houston, and will resume home game will be against the University of conference play Feb. 11 against Houston on Jan. 30. This weekend Grambling State.

# Marriott Dining

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# Viewpoints

## Separatism won't help school

Towards the end of last semester, the Prairie View A&M University's National Alumni Association submitted a 10-point plan of action regarding the presidential search process to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

In the following article in a December issue of the Houston Chronicle, David A. Sanchez, vice chancellor for academic affairs, the Texas A&M University System, and chair, Prairie View A&M presidential search advisory committee, College Station, gave his reactions.

In the last month, the leadership of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association has expressed concerns about the selection process for the presidency of Prairie View, and more recently, has issued a 10-point plan of action to presumably correct some of the perceived inequities. Their decision to move forward rather than pursue the presidential search and selection procedures is to be applauded.

In defense of the procedures, I will point out that all three finalists for the presidency of Prairie View

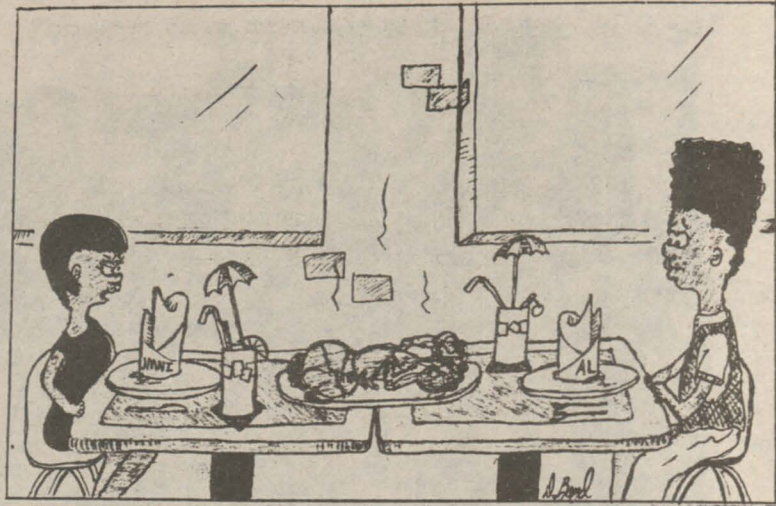
A&M were given equal treatment. I have a letter from the alumni association agreeing with the search committee's selection of the top three finalists. Perhaps their first choice was not offered the position, but they must recognize that they are only one voice to which the chancellor and the Board of Regents must listen in selecting a present.

In the 10-point plan of action, a number of items are excellent, reflecting a need for better communication with the political and educational leadership in Texas, and for increased alumni giving. But I am deeply concerned about the separatist tone of some of their points, since they would negatively affect the future of Prairie View A&M and its graduates.

They recommend acting on the proposition of creating a separate Board of Regents, which would automatically mean Prairie View A&M would no longer be a member of the Texas A&M University System. This would have extremely serious financial consequences, since all the services the system provides in fiscal, legal, library and computing areas, for

instance, would have to be paid for by Prairie View A&M. Those are big dollars, and it would be a tragedy for the university to fall into the plight presently faced by many historically black colleges and universities, which are endangered species. The potential of Prairie View A&M is very bright and it is enhanced by its linkages to the Texas A&M University System.

A second recommendation is to have one position on the Board of Regents designated for a Prairie View A&M graduate. System boards work best when their members think and act collectively for all the institutions within the system, and they leave their regional or alumni affiliations or agendas at the door when they walk into the board room. Diversity of gender and ethnicity of board members is very desirable, as is diversity of business backgrounds. The present Board of Regents reflects that, and I hope that future ones will also.



"YEAH; RIGHT! ALUMNI'S A REAL DUMP, JUST THE WAY YOU DESCRIBED IT TO ME!"

## Dance ensemble needs help

The Classic Dance Ensemble (CDE) is a non-profit student dance organization founded in 1989 by Prairie View A&M University, Bongi

Sithole and Jennifer Adams. CDE is comprised of 25 students and is advised by Paula Williams, dance instructor for the PVAMU Health and Human Performance department.

Since its inception, CDE has represented PVAMU at a variety of performances throughout the United States, Texas, the Houston area, in addition to campus events. The CDE has always emphasized excellence in dance which contributes to a positive image for Prairie View A&M University.

The CDE has also been very fortunate to participate in the annual Black College Dance Exchange since 1989. This national event brings together students and faculty of Historically Black colleges and Universities. Our CDE students are able to meet other aspiring dancers, study various techniques of dance from professionals and perform in the student dance concert. These experiences have positively impacted the education and development of our students and serve as an outstanding recruiting tool for the university.

This year the Black College Dance Exchange will be held at Fort Valley State University in Georgia in April 1995. We are asking for your support to help us attend this year's event. Please make a tax deductible donation and contribute to the development of Prairie View A&M University dance students. Thank you.



Dear Jaquita

Dear Jaquita,

I am a freshman bisexual female. I have been going through numerous personal and social problems. I have two roommates whom I get along with very well. The only problem is that I am physically attracted to one of them. She is very attractive and I enjoy our late night talks. After seeing the movie "Higher Learning," I feel that I really should become in touch with my sexuality and be honest with those around me.

I live in Banks Hall and I'm afraid that I would be laughed at by my "friends." Should I be honest with her or should I continue to watch her sleep at night and day dream of a fantasy relationship with her? Please help me! I am in love.

Signed,  
In Distress

A Lost Soul

Dear Jaquita,

This semester marks the end of my second year at Prairie View. I am presently considering becoming a member of a sorority. I have my mind set on one particular organization. My former roommate, whom I hate, is a member. I feel she will hinder my becoming a part of something I really want because of our misunderstandings. What should I do?

Dear Lost Soul,

If this is something that you really want, you should not allow anyone to hinder you.

If you decide not to pursue something that's important to you simply because your afraid of not succeeding, then you have already allowed yourself to fail.

I am sure that even though your ex-roommate is already a member of the sorority, she does not hold your fate in her hands.

Dear In Distress,  
If you are totally in touch with your sexuality then the best thing for you to do is to be honest.

Before you make your decision, you should first find out how she feels about bisexual females. After that, if you feel that there is a possibility that she will understand, then tell her your true feelings. At least then you will know where your friendship stands. By denying your feelings, things will never get resolved.

## HEAR YE!

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The members of Lone Star Lodge #85 F&AM, (Hempstead, Tx) cordially invites all Brothers & Sisters of Prince Hall Freemasonry, along with the students of Prairie View A&M University, to attend our First Annual Scholarship Gala entitled "An Evening of Faith, Hope, & Charity."

This semi-formal event will be held on Saturday, February 4, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni West Wing, Alumni Hall Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

The guest speaker will be Honorable Robert E. Connor, MUGM of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdictions.

Tickets can be purchased at individual and group rates (\$5.00 single; \$8.00 couple; Tables available upon request-deadline 1-27-95). A reception and raffle drawing will follow the gala. Entertainment provided by BSM & D.J. "Fast Eddie."

Proceeds will benefit local students in the Waller County area.

If any questions arise please contact Tony Stewart at (409) 857-2923.