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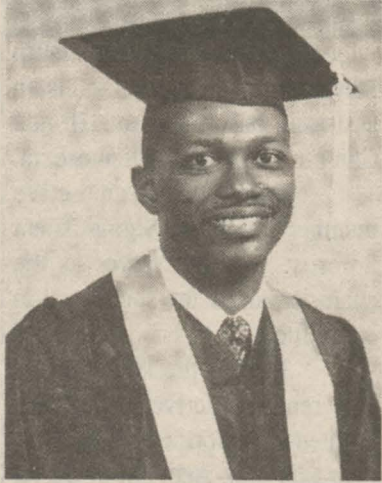


# THE PANTHER

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## Conviction in student's death



Keith Kendall

BY FRANK MCKINNEY  
Panther Staff

"I will never be able to laugh again, really laugh." The words of Virginia Kendall, mother of slain Prairie View alumnus Keith Lamont Kendall, following the conviction of

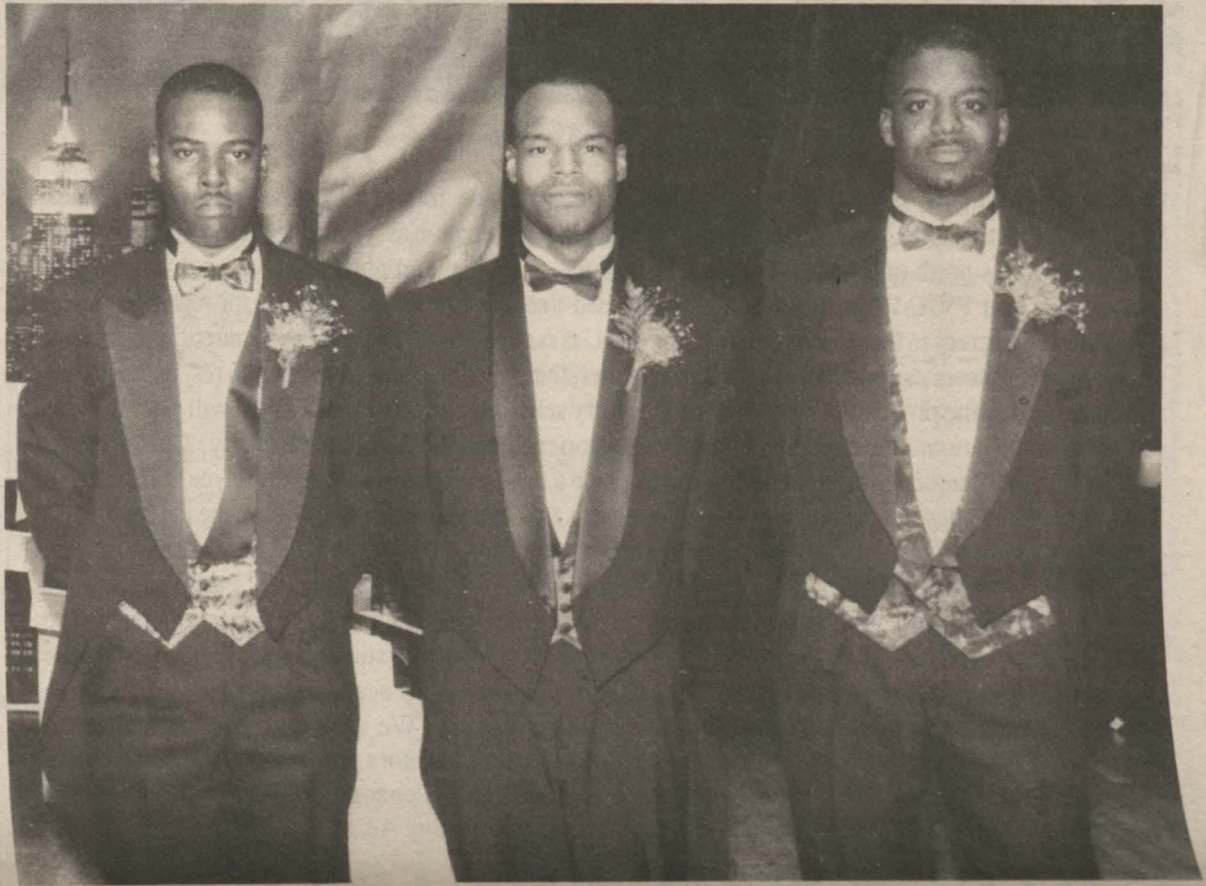
her son's killer, Lisa Kay.

Kendall, 22, was fatally shot three times in the back of the head on the morning of May 22, 1992, just weeks after graduating from PVAMU with honors, by Lisa Kay, a former student at PVAMU and girlfriend of Kendall.

Charged with murder in May 1992 and indicted in September of the same year, the case against Kay didn't come to trial until Feb. 6. In accordance with Kay's plea of "not guilty", defense attorney Mike DeGeurin attempted to convince jurors that Kay's actions were the result of trauma caused by a recent abortion and rejection by Kendall. But prosecutor Kelly Siegler reminded the panel of jurors that Kay had purchased the murder weapon 19 days before the shooting and 13 days before the abortion.

The jury found Kay guilty of

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by Gitonga M'bijjewe  
left to right Seth Howard 2nd Runner-up, Nakia Thomas Mr. Prairie View 1995-'96, Donald Jennings 1st Runner-up at the 9th Annual Mr. Prairie View Pageant Thursday, Feb. 23, 1995.



by Gitonga M'bijjewe  
Nikitra Hamilton, model in NABJ Spring Fashion Review, struts her stuff in Hobart Taylor, Feb. 16. See page 12

## Hines optimistic about Prairie View's future

(Recently, Panther editor-in-chief, Derald Powell spoke to PV President Charles Hines on subjects ranging from plans for the residence halls to feelings about staff and faculty and his plans for the overall physical plant of the university following are excerpts from that interview.)

Hines has been here for only a short while and feels, "It has been absolutely wonderful. I'm in my element. This is what I wanted to do all my life. We have great students, great challenges and I'm enjoying doing it."

"I have encountered difficulties and problems, but I have also encountered committed and dedicated people."

The president has several plans in the works, but the residence halls are his top priority.

"My number one plan is the residence halls. The residence halls are home away from home. Really, your total environment has to be conducive to study and relaxation; that's important to people."

Hines is looking forward to the changes that will be brought about by the new Highway 290. "When the highway moves this way, a lot of issues will be solved. I'm not afraid of that kind of thing, it will bring more housing and food places to the area."

Other plans include a new science building and memorial center: "The Texas Legislature said you were

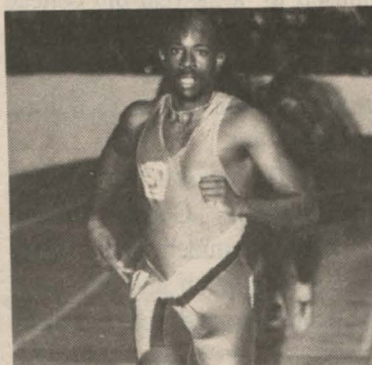
to be a university of the first class and I will make sure we do that. Dilapidated facilities will not do."

"I want to make PV very hospitable to international students and the disabled who, at 45 million, make up the largest minority in the United States. I would like to see PV become

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# NEWSDAY

## Department News

### PVAMU's historic car "On the Hill" solar powered auto

A former president of Prairie View A&M University once referred to the "Historically Black University" which is the second oldest institution of higher education as, "...a little country school about forty-five miles north of Houston." However, in spite of such an ominous designation, it is common knowledge that PVAMU has long since established itself as one of the finest institutions featuring engineering degrees in the country. In fact, PVAMU is ranked number one in the production of African American engineers nationwide. It appears, however, that PVAMU does not intend to rest on its laurels because it is in the process of participating in a lofty scholastic endeavor. PVAMU will field the first solar-powered automobile ever developed by a historically black college or university. Current plans are for PVAMU engineering students to run the car in a national contest called "Sunrayce '95" June 20-29. Remarkably, despite the fact that this is PVAMU's first entry in a race of this like, the university has been seeded within the top 30 cars participating in the event. This means that PV will not have to compete in a n open competition for the final 10 slots which are open for the race. Participants in the race must design, build, test, and field a car of their own design. The race is being conducted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Although a team of over 120 students have contributed to the building of the car, a core group of 40 students will prepare the car for academic history. According to college of engineering and architecture dean, Dr. John Foster, "We are pleased to participate in Sunrayce. Our sponsors for the PVAMU entry are General Motors Corporation, Penrose Cofie Engineering, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the US department of Energy. We heartily thank them for their commitment to higher education at Prairie View A&M University."

### Students get break on new theme park thrills

Students can brush up on the latest Walt Disney World thrills, including a terrifying plunge into "The Twilight Zone," a five-story "splashdown" off the edge of Splash Mountain, a sneak peek into Disney's virtual reality lab and a visit to Pleasure Island--featuring the newest Planet Hollywood--for a one-full-day admission of \$25 from Feb. 15 to April 7. During the 52-day student special, students can purchase a one-day, one-park admission for \$25 plus tax, and the same day can obtain free entrance to Pleasure Island nighttime entertainment complex. To receive the savings of more than \$25, students must present a valid college I.D. when purchasing the special ticket.

## Beyond The Hill

### Evers' widow new NAACP chair Winfrey's father charged

Medgar Evers' widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams has just recently been voted in as the chairwoman for the NAACP. Father of talk show host, Oprah Winfrey was recently charged with sexual battery. Vernon Winfrey, 62, denies the allegations that he exposed himself to a 28-year-old college student.

As a matter of fact, she is the first woman ever to hold the position. The Tennessee State University Student filed a \$3 million dollar lawsuit.

Gibson, the former chair, had been criticized for the organization's finances and political direction. The lawsuit was filed in the Davidson County Circuit Court and the student claims injury to her reputation and asked for compensatory and punitive damages.

Evers-Williams therefore inherits a troubled organization that is in debt and suffers from a deeply divided board. Evers-Williams said, "Duty beckons me, I am strong, Test me, and you will see."

### Florida murder for hire

One of Florida State University's top law students is in jail on bond and is being charged with solicitation to commit murder.

Joann Plachy, 49, was accused of stealing a copy of an exam by a secretary that worked at the university.

The secretary Margaret Satterfield, was Plachy's target when she called an associate to hire a hit man to "take this person out of the picture."

The acquaintance called the authorities and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement captured her after she payed the hitman.

### Commuter killer denies charges

Colin Ferguson, who chose to represent himself in the Long Island Subway shooting, claims that he was in fact a victim, and not the gunman who killed six people and wounded 19 others on Dec. 7, 1994.

The one witness that was going to testify on behalf of the defendant, was going to testify that "Ferguson was a victim of the CIA and that government agents had planted a microchip in the back of Ferguson's head that had caused him, on command to commit the shootings," as reported in the Houston Chronicle.

After speaking with the potential witness for almost an hour outside the courtroom, Ferguson decided not to put him on the stand.

Ferguson has been diagnosed as paranoid and delusional. During the trial, he constantly referred to himself in the third person as he examined, and cross-examined.

Jurors began deliberation on Feb. 17, 1995 after being sequestered for the length of the trial.

(Articles reported in the Houston Chronicle)

## People



Rahsaan Patterson

Rahsaan Patterson is a 20-year-old junior from Kansas City, Mo. She is an accounting major and has received many opportunities in her field.

On campus, Patterson is a very involved student and has maintained an active voice on the campus.

Currently Patterson holds the position of vice president of the Student Government Association.

She is also a member of Student Fee Allocations, where she and other members pushed for the band to receive the monies they needed for the 1994-95 school year.

Besides that she is also

vice president of the Leadership Development Program, and is an assistant coach for the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge team.

Patterson is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and serves as the chairwoman of the social action committee.

During the summer she still remains active.. She has worked with Sprint, and KPMG-Peat Marwick Accounting Firm, both in Kansas City. This summer she has received the opportunity to work with Coopers and Lybrand in Houston, another Accounting firm.

Within the next month, you can look forward to seeing Patterson in the upcoming Ms. Prairie View pageant, as a contestant.

As for Student Government, she is running for vice president for her second year. She plans on "Creating a better relationship between administration and the students, and help to make the campus a better place."

# NEWSDAY

## Briefly

### PVAMU's Sigma XI wins national honor

The Prairie View A&M University department of biology's Sigma XI Club has been awarded the prestigious "Certificate of Excellence" by the National Sigma XI Research Society. The award will be presented at the Sigma XI Research Society's national meeting in Research Triangle Park, N. C. March 3. The certificate is awarded to only a small number of the many clubs and chapters of Sigma XI throughout the United States and the world. According to Raymond P. Lutz, chairman of the committee on qualifications for Sigma XI, "PVAMU was selected for an award of a Certificate of Excellence based on their evidence of a balanced set of activities which has made significant impact on their campus. The combination of sponsored lecturers, student research paper competitions, and the publication of a research bulletin of the activities of their members merited this certificate. Your club has also maintained an active program of initiating new members."

### Moses Hogan Chorale comes to PVAMU

One of New Orleans' premiere choral ensembles, the Moses Hogan Chorale was featured in a concert at Prairie View A&M University (Hobart Taylor Recital Hall) on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. The free performance was sponsored by the Prairie View Pan-Hellenic Council, the Council of Student Organizations, the Office of Student Activities and the PVAMU University Concert Choir. As a part of the university's annual high school choral festival, this concert focused on music composed and arranged by African Americans. The chorale's African American membership represents a combination of two successful choruses, the New World Ensemble and the New Orleans Heritage Choir. Both organizations were joined as a collaboration of musicians dedicated to the preservation, integrity and excellence of the multiple aspects of choral music. Recognized internationally for their unique, versatile style, Dr. Hortense R. Kerr, president of the National Black Music Caucus believes that they represent, "...a new standard of choral music excellence!"

## F.Y.I.

### ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How long will it take to get my refund?

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Q. I just completed my return and I owe the IRS money. What should do?

A. Remember to enclose the payment when you file the return. You should file even if you can't pay all of the amount you owe. File by April 17, 1995, and pay as much as possible. If you use electronic filing, you can file early but may not have to pay until April 17. By filing on time you avoid the late filing penalty.

Q. How can I get an extension to file my return?

A. You can get an extension by filing Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return" by April 17. By requesting the extension, you avoid the late filing penalty. However, if you will owe tax, you should pay as much as you can with Form 4868.

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## Key Dates

February 25  
PV. vs. Texas Southern University  
Marching Storm band performs at Mardi Gras parade

February 27  
SGA General Meeting

February 28  
Emerging Leaders Seminar (Harrington Science)

March 2  
President's Forum (Administration Auditorium)



# NEWSWEEK

## African flag flying over the hill

BY DEMETRIS L. HOLDEN  
Panther Staff

The African flag will be flown on the campus of Prairie View A & M University to show the constant struggle by African people born in America, in an effort to end racism and elevate human dignity.

PV faculty voted Thursday, March 31, 1994 to have the historical red, black, and green flag flown at the

entrance of the campus. black for the people: they came first. red for the blood the people shed and also to symbolize the continuing struggle of the people, green for the hopes and aspirations of the youth. It is also the color of the bountiful Motherland.

The 50 faculty members present, not only voted on the proposition because PVAMU is a historical black institution, but also because "the land of the free would never have become that without unrelenting Black struggle." The Faculty Senate Resolution and Rationale went on to say that the U.S. flag symbolized oppression and humiliation of Black people in the United States. The Texas flag became infamous for some of the worst practices of racial discrimination in the world.

PVAMU Faculty Senate

member Dr. Imari A. Obadele felt strongly about the plan.

"African people in America have struggled for justice and fairness and by contrast the Continental Congress approved the stars and stripes while the majority of Blacks were still in slavery. The African flag is a symbol for justice. The Texas and American flags are flying, which stood for slavery, now the red, black, and green flag will

fly for justice," said Obadele.

It is often wondered if the new generation can fully understand the true meaning of the African flag. The "Black Revolution" was 1954 to 1968, before most of PVAMU students were born. But when asked about the impact of the African flag, students answered with no hesitation.

"According to my understanding, the African flag is to represent the trials and tribulations we Blacks have experienced. I think the African flag should be flown beside other flags because Black people were once a nation and without African Americans,

America wouldn't be what it is today," said freshman criminal justice major Audrey Carter.

The African flag not only stands for justice but also pride, unity, and respect for our race.

"Black Americans should show pride in the African flag, and should gladly accept the opportunity of the flag to be presented and recognized by all nationalities," said freshmen communications major,

Andre Thomas.

Flying the red-black-and-green flag is expected to uplift the university's name in a positive way. Looking at the flag, we should remember our ancestors who helped

us to get to where we are today.

A ceremony has not yet been planned for the rising of the flag.

## Prairie View career fair '95

BY LASHONDA WILLIAMS  
Panther Staff

This week began the annual Engineering Week which features a career fair for Prairie View students. Although the majority of the businesses were looking for individuals with engineering, accounting and marketing disciplines all students were welcome.

Representatives from major corporations such as GTE Mobile Net, Houston Light and Power and Frito Lay were on site. Each of the recruiters shared a common goal: finding individuals who stand out above the rest and are willing to burn the midnight oil.

Students who weren't engineering majors may have become discouraged because most of the companies were here to recruit prospective engineers. After speaking with several representatives they may have discovered that there are jobs available in each organization for non-engineers as well.

Persistence is important when entering the job market; diversity and being bilingual is a plus. There is an increasing demand for minorities in all fields. Many corporations are implementing recruiting programs that

will give fair representation to each ethnic group.

Graduating senior La Toy said, "The fair this year was disappointing in comparison to past fairs. In the past company representatives knew the answers to all the questions they were asked. This year, they appeared to be unfamiliar with the information and were more concerned with giving the company's gifts. I prefer the gift of knowledge."

When asked how she rated the fair as a whole she responded, "I think it defeated the purpose because a large number of the companies students wanted to gather information about weren't present. There is always room for improvement and hopefully next year only the companies that are hiring will come. I think it's great that businesses take out the time to come, but it would be more beneficial if companies were looking for interns and permanent employees."

The primary purpose of the career fair is to provide information for students. Although all the companies weren't hiring, they did provide good advice and issued information about themselves.

# NEWSWEEK

## Telephone fraud investigation absolves PV students

BY NICOLE N. JOHNSTON  
Panther Staff

Collect calls totalling \$29,328.85 have been billed to Prairie View A&M University for the period between Oct. 29, 1994 and Jan. 29, 1995 but investigations have cleared Prairie View students.

The calls were made from two jails in Spur and Newton, Texas to residence halls on campus which should have blocked collect calls.

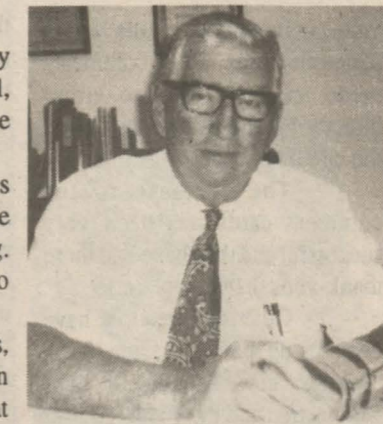
Southwestern Bell security investigated the situation and informed John H. Rafferty, telecommunications manager at PV, that even though there was a system in place which should have blocked collect calls, somehow the caller got a second dial tone and was still able to make a second call with the charges being billed to the originally dialed number.

Since the investigation Southwestern Bell has installed a "Modified Call Line Disconnect"

(MCLD) system which not only officially disconnects a collect call, but also the billing requirements once the party refuses to accept the call.

Southwestern Bell still has not discovered the source of the problem. They are still investigating. Meanwhile PVAMU is refusing to pay for the 2,586 collect calls.

Rafferty said, "The students, I'm convinced, are not involved in this at all. They're doing exactly what they're supposed to do: saying no."



John H. Rafferty

## Republicans take aim at affirmative action laws

BY CHADWICK DAVIS  
Panther Reporter

Senate Republican lawmakers say that affirmative action laws may be discriminating against white males.

Affirmative action legislation is the use of racially oriented hiring preferences in order to help improve the economic status of minorities.

Majority leader Bob Dole said, "It's something we're looking at. Has it worked? Has it had an adverse, a reverse reaction? Why did 62 percent of white males vote Republican in 1994?"

Dole asked the Congressional Research Service to supply him with copies of all federal legislation that promotes affirmative action.

"I think sometimes the best qualified person does not get the job because he or she may be one color. And I'm beginning to believe that may not be the way it should be America," stated Dole.

Dole said his voting record gives him credibility in looking at the issue. He said those who seek jobs or a raise should not "have to pay" for the workplace legacy of slavery or for discrimination practiced by generations "before they were born."

"We did discriminate. We did suppress people. It was wrong. But should future generations have to pay for that?" argued Dole.

Angry California conservatives who claim affirmative action is "reverse discrimination" are pushing for a ballot initiative that would eliminate all affirmative action requirements in state law.

The Supreme Court, which has filtered into a more conservative body in recent years, along with the new Republican majority, is challenging federal law that gives preference to socially disadvantaged people, including racial minorities.

## SGA stronger than ever in '95

BY LATASHA ELLIS  
Panther Staff

"A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything" is the motto of Student Government Association president Kevin Jones, who is determined to bring new ideas to the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

The present SGA body has done more for the student body in one semester than past ones have done in an entire year. Jones and his staff of senators have taken a stand on new ideas and innovative ways of doing things at Prairie View.



Kevin Jones, SGA president

They have put in place such programs as the freshmen retention program which helps incoming freshmen get better acquainted with college life. The program also places them with mentors and even goes so far as to house freshmen with others in their major. They have also been busy allocating funds to various organizations as well as trying to be a voice for the student body.

The SGA is currently comparing the campus bookstore prices with those in other bookstores to investigate possible overpricing. The senate is also looking into the idea of implementing a system that will allow students to register for classes from home via a 1-800 phone

number.

The problem of washers and dryers has also been solved. The SGA has promised that 16 new units will be available on campus as of Feb. 24. This system will allow for faster washing and drying. The new units will be available in Farrell Hall. The SGA has also made it possible for students to paint their own rooms. Anyone wishing to paint their room can check with their resident assistant or dorm director for further information.

The next SGA meeting will be on March 27 in the Babydome from 7-8 p.m. The interest meeting will be held on March 1 from 4-5 p.m. for anyone interested in joining.

## Omega Psi Phi hosts Black Greeks yesterday and today

BY TRANISHA WALLACE  
Panther Staff

Have you ever asked anyone what it means to be Greek? If you have then you could have gotten the answer a black history program sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity last week in all Faiths Chapel.

Houston Oilers linebacker, and Omega Psi Phi member, Eddie Robinson was the master of ceremonies at the program titled, "Black Greeks, Yesterday and Today".

The guest speaker, Minister Lewis X, is the assistant regional minister for the Nation of Islam Mosque No. 45, as well as a Prairie View graduate.

The minister, who is also an Omega Psi Phi member, went beyond the step shows and paraphernalia and got to the root of Greek organizations.

On many black college and university campuses, the most important goal for a student is to become a part of one of the eight historically black Greek fraternities or sororities.

The minister said that, "Fraternities and sororities are charged with being the torchlight for America," and that they should be "shining examples of what God wants on the planet."

The minister mentioned each of the eight organizations and told how they came into existence. He also shared his vision of what he

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# NEWSWEEK

## Alumni Hall: new management, new attitude

BY CANDICE Y. CLAY  
Panther Staff

Since Marriott took over PV's Alumni dining hall it has made several changes.

One of the first changes Marriott put into effect was a new management team. Of the seven managers two were previously employed by the previous dining hall contractor before Marriott was awarded the contract. The other managers came from various places all over the United States.

"Our biggest change at Prairie View was a change in attitude," said Omar Muhammad director of food services. The new attitude is customer driven and the Marriott employees are actively seeking ways to fill their customers' desires.

If anyone has suggestions for improvement or encouragement there are several ways for these suggestions to be made. The managers can be contacted directly,

there are comment cards and a suggestion box. All comments made are responded to either directly by a manager or posted on the comment board in Alumni.

The response to the comment cards has been very successful and they have had more thank-yous than complaints.

Other changes that have been made pertain to the food. There is a new bar called the Sub-Connection and there is fresh fruit all day. Marriott does occasional specialties Muhammad calls "treats". Steak night, a pasta bar, and an ice cream sundae bar are a few examples of the "treats". Occasionally they try new foods to see students' response such as exotic foods and New York Strip Steaks.

There is surveillance equipment in Alumni as well as televisions for videos that are shown on monitors throughout the dining hall. There is a touch screen

that can be used to select any video in the system, but it is currently inoperable. Muhammad hopes to have it working by next week.

Muhammad encourages and welcomes visitors to the Food Service Committees; they meet every other Thursday.

Soon to be implemented is a program where students will be randomly selected to attend special formal dinners during the week. These dinners are geared to building a better relationship with the Marriott staff and their customers. Muhammad hopes to expose students on the proper etiquette and get more feedback from students on their suggestions for alumni.

The main improvement Muhammad sees that needs to be made is that the staff needs help and participation from the student body to solve the tray problem. This problem shows the students' lack of pride in Prairie View.

## PV and Texas A&M students on the Hill

BY ROBERT LONG III

On Monday, Feb. 6 Prairie View A&M University was visited by 19 students from the creative leadership development program at Texas A&M University. The students visited PV to experience campus life at a historically black university.

The students attended classes, toured the campus, and had a discussion with PV's student

leaders. The students enjoyed their day here on the hill. They were particularly fond of the professors' teaching styles and were fascinated by the interesting class discussions. One of the students commented that she felt PV students were getting a better education than those at Texas A&M. The students from TAMU felt welcomed by the PV family. This was the second year the TAMU students participated in this liaison between TAMU and PVAMU.

## PV lesson on blackness

BY DEREK BOYD  
Panther Staff

Dr. Imari A. Obadele and Professor Harold Dorsey gave a brief presentation Wednesday night in All Faiths Chapel.

The topic—multiculturalism was addressed by Obadele to explain the slavery of blacks by the whites.

He talked about the writing of the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson and its relation to the way the struggle of blacks was diluted by whites.

In his discussion of The

Education of Black People, Dorsey introduced W.E.B. Dubois, who he believed to be the only true philosopher that America has produced.

Dorsey explained two conflicting thoughts of Dubois and Booker T. Washington.

Further included in his discussion was Dubois' idea to go beyond Washington's plan of teaching vocational and technical education for the immediate survival of our people.

Dubois expressed the importance of man to not only use his hands, but also the importance of critical thinking.

# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

## BET's Ed Gordon, Black man on the move



Ed Gordon

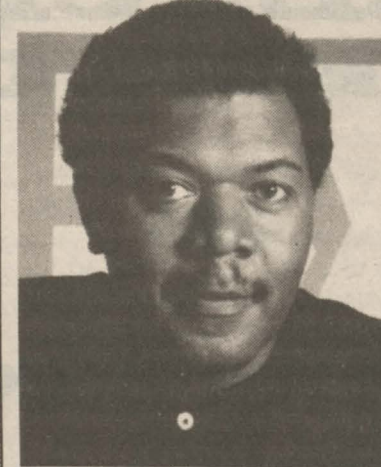
Ed Gordon is a BET News anchor and chief correspondent. He is also moderator of BET's Black Agenda 2000 and is currently anchoring the weekly BET News and Lead Story. He has been heralded for

his keen interviewing skills which are showcased in his critically acclaimed series conversation with Ed Gordon. Prior to joining BET News, Gordon served as host of the nation's longest-running minority affairs program, Detroit Black Journal for PBS. Mr. Gordon hosts several BET News specials and provides special assignment reports. He joined BET full time in September of 1988 after working for the Network as a Detroit-based free-lance reporter. He will be sharing a number of his experiences with local students and the invited public, including some of his one-on-one exclusive coverage with former President George Bush, President Bill Clinton, Minister Louis Farakkhan of the Nation of Islam, Bryant Gumbel, Today Show, Social activist, Angela Davis and Randall Robinson of Trans Africa. He was also one of the few journalist invited to the White House to conduct a one-on-one interview with

President George Bush, and in 1992, would be credited with conducting the first national television interview with President Bush following his return from surveying the Los Angeles interview with President Bush following his return from surveying the Los Angeles rebellion.

Gordon, an accomplished journalist, has won local and national awards for his superior work in the field. In 1991 and 92, Gordon was the recipient of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Award of Excellence for In Focus. In 1990, he won the Communications Excellence to Black Audiences (CEBA) Award for Merit, Distinction and Excellence. Gordon has also won numerous other awards including an Emmy and the Outstanding Journalistic Endeavor Award from the NABJ, and has been nominated for a Cable ACE Award, cable television's highest honor.

## Mainor pushes to get Blacks better film roles



Rayfer Mainor

Americans in more respective roles in the film industry.

Mainor's latest work in progress that is getting personal endorsement from college presidents throughout the country is a screenplay which he is writing for a motion picture, entitled "FIRST". It chronicles the life and achievements of seven young black men who came to New York in 1903 and were tenacious enough to go to college during that time— at the turn of the century; who were tough enough to endure the rigors of college life; who went on to become engineers, executives, educators, physicians and architects; and who pioneered "the first" Greek letter fraternity organized originally for black college men at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1906.

Forty-one-year-old award-winning Rayfer Earle Mainor has joined several political figures, including President Clinton and Tipper Gore, in the crusade to portray African

The current president of see MAINOR on page 9

## Twenty-three Men of Color Who Changed The World

- Aesop**  
"The Ethiopian" — world's greatest creator of fables
- Richard Allen**  
Founder, African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Cody Anderson**  
Broadcast entrepreneur
- Crispus Attucks**  
First person to die for American independence
- Daniel Barnes**  
Husband-father-family-provider-evangelist-counselor of ministers
- Ludwig Van Beethoven**  
Composer
- Tony Brown**  
Broadcast journalist
- Siddhartha Guatama Buddha**  
Founder of Buddhism
- George Washington Carver**  
Gentle savior of southern agriculture
- John Henrik Clarke**  
World renowned historian-folklorist-author-educator
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge**  
Composer
- Bill Cosby**  
Husband-father-family provider-comedian-philanthropist
- Benjamin O. Davis**  
General, U.S. Army
- Martin Delany**  
Ethnologist-physician-explorer-scientist
- Martin De Porres**  
Roman Catholic Church saint
- Nathaniel Dett**  
Composer
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Author-historian-scholar-civil rights leader
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Novelist
- James Charles Evers**  
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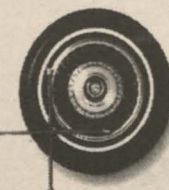
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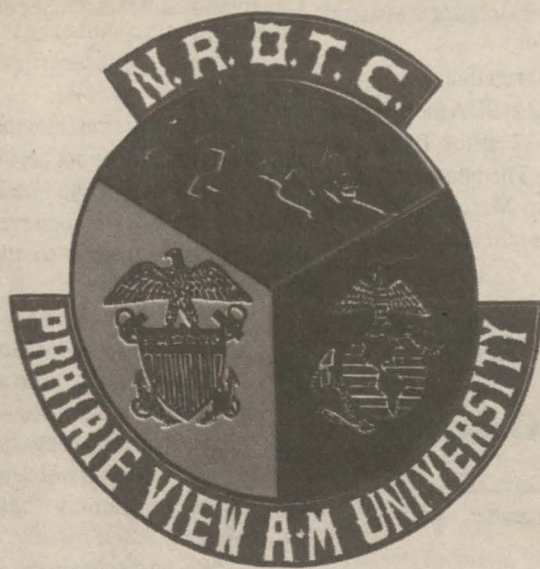
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# INVENTIONS

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LEMON SQUEEZER	J. THOMAS WHITE	DEC. 8, 1896
MOP	THOMAS W. STEWART	JUNE 11, 1893
TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER	GRANVILLE T. WOODS	DEC. 2, 1884
GAMMA ELECTRIC CELL	HENRY SAMPSON	JULY 6, 1971
TYPEWRITER	BURRIDGE & MARSHMAN	APRIL 7, 1885
GUITAR	ROBERT F. FLEMMING, JR.	MARCH 3, 1886
ICE CREAM SCOOP	A.L. CRELLE	FEB. 2, 1897
HAIR BRUSH	LYDIA D. NEWMAN	NOV. 15, 1898
LOCK	W.A. MARTIN	JULY 23, 1889
PEANUT BUTTER	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	1896
IMPROV. SUGAR MAKING	NOBERT RILLIEUX	DEC. 10, 1846
DOOR KNOB	O. DORSEY	DEC. 10, 1878
FURNITURE CASTER	D.A. FISHER	MARCH 14, 1876
THERMOSTAT CONTROL	FREDERICK M. FISHER	FEB. 23, 1960
AUTOMATIC CUT-OFF SWITCH	GRANVILLE T. WOODS	JAN. 1, 1889
RECORD PLAYER ARM	JOS. HUNGER DICKINSON	JAN. 8, 1918
BICYCLE FRAME	I.R. JOHNSON	OCT. 10, 1899
LANTERN	MICHAEL C. HARVEY	AUG. 19, 1884
AUTOMATIC FISHING DEVICE	G. COOK	MAY 30, 1899
STRAIGHTENING COMB	MADAM C. J. WALKER	APPROX. 1905
KEY CHAIN	F.J. LOUDIN	JAN. 9, 1894
LAWNMOWER	J.A. BURR	MAY 19, 1889
STOVE	T.A. CARRINGTON	JULY 25, 1876
TRICYCLE	M.A. CHERRY	MAY 8, 1888
BABY BUGGY	W.H. RICHARDSON	JUNE 18, 1899
REFRIGERATOR	J. STANDARD	JULY 14, 1891
AIR CONDITIONING UNIT	FREDERICK M. JONES	JULY 12, 1949
ELEVATOR	ALEXANDER MILES	OCT. 11, 1867
FIRE ESCAPE LADDER	J.W. WINTERS	MAY 7, 1878
FOLDING BED	J.C. BAILEY	JULY 18, 1899
SHAMPOO HEADREST	C.O. BAILIFF	OCT. 11, 1898
PROGRAMMABLE TV REMOTE	JOSEPH N. JACKSON	MAR. 28, 1978
WHEEL IT	JOE EDMONDS	DEC. 13, 1988
DUAL WHEEL DRIVE BICYCLE	BILL BECOAT	JAN. 23, 1990
EAR CLIPS	CAROL RANDALL	NOV. 29, 1990

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## ?? Black History Quiz ??

1. When did Congress pass the 13th amendment that abolished slavery in the United States?
2. Who was the first black member of the New York Stock Exchange?
3. Who received the Spingarn Medal in 1960 for pioneering research of fertilization and cell division?
4. Who was the first Egyptian King?
5. Who assisted Alexander G. Bell, improved T. Edison's light bulb and supervised installation of electrical lighting in London, New York and other big cities?
7. Who received the patent for the elevator?
6. Who received the patent for the pencil sharpener?
8. Who was the first black heavyweight champion?
9. Who was the first black person killed in the Revolutionary War?
10. What is the name of America's first black newspaper?

Answers: 1. Jan. 24, 1865; 2. Joseph L. Searles; 3. Ernest E. Just; 4. Narnet-Menes; 5. Levi H. Latimer; 6. A. Miles; 7. J. L. Love; 8. Jack Johnson; 9. Cnspus Attucks; 10. *Freedom's Journal*

## A True Black Man

Here I am  
I am bold and strong  
I'm a true Black man  
that stands alone.  
I'm rising up  
like the sun I will shine  
just give me a chance  
to say what's on my mind.  
I speak very loud

but I'm still not heard  
as I speak my mind  
to spread the word.  
Dreams can happen  
just wait and see  
because a true Black man  
will someday rise up  
in this society.  
Melvin Douglas McClain Jr.



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# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

# Shedding Some Light on Black College Graduate Myth

BY LADIDIE HOWARD  
Special to *The Panther*

What does it mean to be young, gifted and to have been educated at a predominantly black college or university?

In order to posit an accurate response, we must briefly deal with the problem of perception versus reality. We all deal with misconceptions such as there are not enough many young, positive and ambitious black youth. Some believe that if a person is smart, ambitious and just happens to be black, then he should attend a large white university. Others assume black colleges and universities offer only mediocre programs that do not prepare their students for a multicultural society.

These, of course, create the perception that graduates of black

institutions are less qualified than other graduates. The reality, however, is that in addition to building exceptional critical thinking, technical and tactical proficiencies, and excellent written and verbal communication skills, the undeniable gifts a black college offers strengthen one's self-confidence and instill a belief in one's ability to succeed despite the odds. These are indelible qualities that will determine who will lead and who will follow. Predominantly black colleges and universities build leaders.

My black college experience was indispensable. Never during my high school years had I considered attending a predominantly white university. Now I realize that to have done so would have been to deprive myself of the invaluable grooming and support that will carry me through a lifetime of achievement. In addition to

preparing me for theoretical and pragmatic challenges of life, my confidence was strengthened and supported at South Carolina University.

Confidence precedes success and is, to paraphrase Hebrews 11:1, the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. For a young man aspiring in a world where intellectual capacity and professional suitability are often determined by subjective standards, it is the quintessential element that urges one who is flanked by outstanding competition to not only persevere, but to excel. For many, this is what it means to have attended a black institution.

And if there are problems that I find, it is that having confidence in one's own ability while being very ambitious fills one with impatience. I

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## Mainor

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Cornell, Dr. Frank H.T. Rhodes said, "The University is pleased to hear of the Rayfer Mainor project ("FIRST") to chronicle the founding of Alpha and the seven outstanding Cornellians responsible for Alpha Chapter. We are always happy to have the unique contribution of our alumni highlighted in the positive way planned by the "FIRST" project. I want to extend best wishes from all of us for Mr. Mainor's continued success as poet, writer, and humanitarian."

Mainor flew to Cornell University this past December to begin research on the founders of this eminent fraternity, whose presence, history and contributions have enriched so many lives significantly. While there, Mainor visited with Cornell's Vice president Dr. Henrik Dullea, who said: "I found the young poet to be very interesting. My visit with him was most enjoyable and will be indelibly a memorable one. His commitment to focus on a true story, to provide old heroes for a new generation is very commendable and refreshing-even though these old heroes and are of course the founders of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which originated here at Cornell."

Dr. Henry Ponder, national president of Fisk University stated that "FIRST" is a great. Mainor says, "The fact Dr. Ponder believes in this project feels like I personally deserve it and is praying for my success is not only powerful encouragement, but it is a tremendous lift to my spirits and my bound and committed determination."

Dr. Walter Washington, President of Alcorn State University told the young writer, "Your project, "FIRST," is the message of success story, which should be told. I feel that it will be well received. You have my support and best wishes for continued success."

As a former film reviewer in Los Angeles, Mainor has always been disappointed in the stereotype

producers create for black men. "What I wanted to know is why I couldn't take a positive, upbeat theme like that of the Bill Cosby show and put it on the big screen," Mainor said.

I've talked to people in the movie industry who defend the stereotype, insisting that they create it, because this is what sells, this is what people want to see."

Mainor thinks it is time that movie producers took an in-depth look at the ideas they are "selling" to America's black youths. "We have violence enough on the street for kids to see. It's time to make movies that offer them and escape from the tragedy that's going on in their own backyards and some hope for the future.

He hopes that Americans are finally growing weary of the violence, Mainor suggests turning on the nightly news or reading the newspaper. "If that isn't enough for you, the nothing is."

He insists that showing "Jimmy what will happen if he doesn't go to school is much less important than showing him what can happen does." Mainor insists that painting such a bleak picture of the future for today's black youth can often be a self-fulfilling prophecy. "All we're doing is turning tomorrow's adults into today's embittered, embattled, endangered youths."

"Rather than showing black kids what life is like in the gutter, which I'm sad to say, most already know, let's focus in on the beautiful, fulfilling life that can be theirs if they're willing to make a commitment to excellence."

Mainor is the author of three books of poetry, prose and free verse, including *Poems II*, *Tribute to Blackness*, *Love Story*, and *Life and Times of Sister Mercie Menefee*. His poetry appears regularly in *Esquire* magazine. Mainor's biography appears in the *International Who's Who in Poetry*, published in Cambridge, England. He is currently touring throughout the Southeast speaking to college students.

## Black Man

Black Man  
First Man  
Strong, Spirited, Spiritual  
SURVIVOR...  
Beleaguered, beset, belittled  
Envyed, hated, feared  
TARGETED...

Because  
Fired in life's fiercest furnace  
At your best  
YOU ARE PURE GOLD

Marian E. Barnes



# PRAIRIE VIEW POETS

## A Girl and Her Dad

There's nothing left of you now  
but an old photograph.  
Yet somehow I remember  
as though it were only yesterday  
the little things,  
so easily taken for granted;  
the smell of your cologne,  
climbing into your lap after a hard day at school,  
you holding my hand when I got stitches,  
all the times you so patiently pushed me on the swings at  
the park,  
bedtime stories,  
hot cereal made on cold winter days,  
and being taught everything  
from multiplication tables  
to how to roller skate.  
You weren't here long enough  
to see me get my high school diploma  
the way you cheered me on  
at my kindergarten graduation,  
and the big warm hands that so gently  
rocked me to sleep on so many nights  
will never hold grandchildren.  
But deep inside I know you are with me always,  
so I live with my memories of a girl and her dad.



Sasha-Nicole' Cory

## How To Kill a Roach

A roach is a terrible and disgusting thing  
that has a sneaky and snide approach.  
So, I have taken the time to explain today,  
how to kill a roach.

You may have once tried to kill a roach,  
and thought that the creature was dead;  
but once you went to get some tissue,  
you find it's run off instead.

There are many ways to kill a roach  
One is to crush it up under your feet.  
A simple stomp is all it takes  
to squish out all of it's meat.

If the roach is big and fat enough,  
you must step on him to secure him first.  
Then you lean with all your weight on him  
to make the devil burst.

Another way to kill a roach  
is to hit him with a fly swatter.  
You swat the roach upon the wall,  
and the guts run out like water.

A funny way to kill a roach  
is with a roach motel.  
It glues the roach inside the box,  
and sends him straight to hell.



A way to kill a lot of roaches  
is foggers bought in cans.  
While dying they turn upon their backs,  
and do a little dance.

A sadistic way to kill a roach  
is to put him in a microwave stove.  
You close the door and turn it on  
then **BOOM**, there he blows!!!

So stop them now, and stop them hard.  
Don't even let them on your porch.  
With disease and germs they will come in  
your house,  
and you will wonder how to kill a roach.

By DeJuan

## To Be With You

To be with you,  
in the future I have planned,  
you will be my only woman,  
and I will be your one and only man.



To be with you,  
we will go out and have good things to eat,  
and at the end of the night,  
I will make good love to you, to the Isley's  
*In Between the Sheets*.

To be with you,  
you will always have your hair done and a good manicure,  
for you to be my woman,  
you will look good and that's for sure.

To be with you,  
there will be no wrong, only right,  
the only wrong there will be,  
is the sleepless nights.

To be with you,  
our relationship will last longer than the four seasons,

Why so long? you ask.  
We were meant to be, that is the reason.

To be with you,  
you will have the finest things across the land,  
to get these things I will work 'till my fingerprints come off  
my hands.

To be with you,  
I will love and protect you each and every day,  
because a woman with your beauty,  
**"IT'S HEAVEN I SAY!"**

To be with you,  
I will see to it that you are the most wanted and respected  
lady.  
Because everytime I see you,  
**"IT'S JUST BEAUTIFUL BABY!"**

To be with you,  
is a dream I'd like to see come true,  
because the only thing I pray for, is to be with you.

Jeremy Drake

# PRAIRIE VIEW POETS

## The Value of Time

Are you using your time  
The best way you know  
Treasuring moments small  
Living them all  
Being in the show

Or are you planning ahead  
Living for tomorrow instead  
Of Today

If you're not having fun  
Something must be done  
To make the most of time  
That's yours and mine

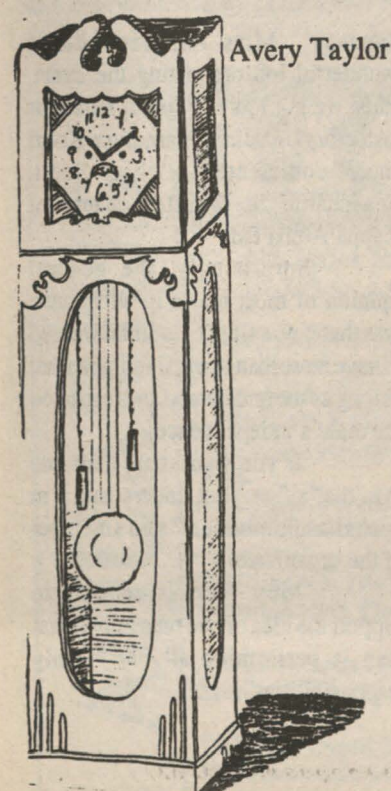
Stop holding back  
Overcome lack  
It will pay

Just dump the excuse  
Be kind of loose  
Follow your passion  
You'll have fun in a flash

And you can bet  
You won't regret  
What you'll do

If each day has a pleasure  
Memory is a treasure  
Worth more than gold  
Or jewels of old

If you enjoy yourself  
With everyone else  
Contentment will come to you



Avery Taylor

## Broken Hearted

I can't be mad this time  
it's partly my fault  
this isn't the first time you've been caught  
I fell for all those lines  
about how you love me  
and I really loved you...  
but wasn't a damn thing true  
you've played me  
and my broken heart can't be mended  
I think it's time this relationship ended  
Now you call me on the telephone  
talking all sad about to cry  
that ship has come and sailed on by  
my heart is no longer your home  
It takes a fool to learn about love  
and you've taught me so much  
always will I remember your touch...  
sometimes you are all I dream of...  
So broken hearted  
it's time a new love started



Lakeith Moore  
Tiffany Edwards

## Distant Lover

So many miles away  
So far from me  
So close to hold but too far to touch  
Long days and cold lonely nights  
How long must I live in torment  
before I can hold you tight  
Dreams of you and I, you and me  
Wishing on a star that our love will out last eternity  
Distant Lover come end my misery  
and pain, come be my umbrella  
so I can stand the rain  
Distant Lover hear me please,  
I need no one else for you're  
all the lover I need  
Despite the distance that separates us,  
nothing in this world can tear us apart  
Not only are you my Distant Lover,  
but you are also my heart, Keep that passion  
for me let it burn, for it's you  
that I love and it's to you I  
will return

Miguel William  
De La Ghetto

## Everyday Valentine

I sat down,  
trying to think  
exactly what I should  
get you for Valentine's Day.

I shopped.

Candy heart,  
balloons,  
A dozen roses,  
pre-printed greeting cards  
with testimonies of undying love...  
I lost myself in aisles  
of red ribbon and paper roses.

None of those things could say what was in my heart.

None of them described  
that funny feeling I get in my stomach  
at the end of each day when I see you.  
Or what about the silly things?  
Like rolling around playing in the grass  
that day it snowed,  
the way you have of kissing me on my chin,  
*how much I like it*  
*when you call me that nickname that only*  
*you could get away with.*

The farthest we've ever traveled  
is the walk to school together every morning.  
We don't go to exotic places,  
only grocery shopping every Monday.  
You haven't bought me  
a diamond ring,  
only your fraternity pin.  
But it's those everyday things  
I think of that say what I really meant...  
I Love You!!!

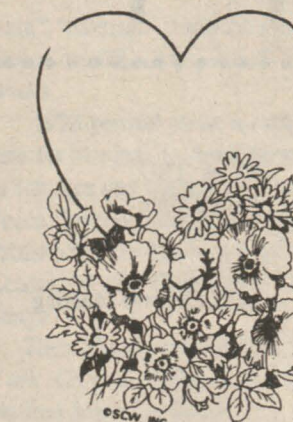
-Sasha-Nicole' Cory

## The Splash

Swift and take a dive  
A great big mistake  
felt so good  
feels so bad  
with exotic velocity  
aggravated tempo  
in and out  
like busy busboys  
e-mail, faxed foreplay

a sexual Big Mac  
manifestation of lust  
wet and dry  
hot breeze on a summer day  
midnight passes by  
the thrill is gone  
and what did she say her name  
was?

Chadwick





# LIFESTYLES

## peep this

PV vs. TSU Baby Dome	February 25
SGA General Meeting	February 27
<b>MARCH: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</b>	
Outdoor Females Rap Fest	March 1
Miss PVAMU Pageant	March 4
Midterms	March 9-11

### Nursing Department at PVAMU continues to excel

BY STEFANI MCDADE  
Panther Staff

Prairie View's College of Nursing has graduated some of the top nursing professionals in the field today. Throughout the college's 75 years of excellence, many changes have taken place.

In December 1992, the Title III program saw the need for a nursing counselor, someone that would be able to work with and academically advise the pre-nursing students more closely. The position has since then been filled by Flora D. Youboty, a PV alumna.

She alone has taken the responsibility of counseling and advising over 400 pre-nursing students. Every semester between 50-55 students receive recommendations from Youboty to enter nursing school. She also conducts clinical interviews and submits applications of pre-nursing students to the College of Nursing.

Prior to entering nursing school, each student must complete 64 prerequisite hours, have maintained a grade point average of 2.5, and taken and passed all parts of the TASP test. Youboty feels that a lack of dedication is the major hindrance to students which delays their entrance into nursing school.

**Her purpose for being she says, "is to make a difference in at least student's life."**

Youboty is also adviser to the Nursing Club, an organization on campus comprised of almost 100 nursing students. The club is involved in several community service projects such as, an annual Cystic Fibrosis Walkathon, canned food drives, tutoring, and CPR certification classes. She encourages all pre-

nursing students to take advantage of the resources available here on campus. There are new computer programs located in the Accelerated Learning Resource Center (ALRC) that teach medical terminology along with critical thinking and study skills. Also diagnostic reasoning, a required course or all pre-nursing students, is now being offered through telecommunications for the first time. This course is expected to give the students a direct link to the nursing school in Houston.

As a nursing professional, she strongly advises all pre-nursing to stay focused in the areas of math, science, and critical thinking. Youboty has contributed her entire career to helping students in each and every way possible. She says the only thing that she is guilty of is giving too much of herself. Her purpose for being she says, "is to make a difference in at least one student's life each day."

**The Panther would like to wish Barron Henderson GOOD LUCK as he participates in the Jr. Power lifting Nationals, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

### Kappa seminar on relationships in the '90s

BY CHADWICK DAVIS  
Panther Staff

Ever so often a group of individuals come together and inspire service, truly concerning themselves with the interests of the public.

Continuing a rich tradition of achievement and service the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. in conjunction with Miss Crimson and Cream presented a seminar on the topic: "Why do some women feel they need more than one man?"

Kyra Patterson, "Queen of Kappa" for the Fall '94 and Spring '95 semesters organized the event and was MC for the evening.

She helped put together a panel of male and female students who attempted to shed some light on the controversial issue. The audience hit the panel with insightful questions enhancing the discussion.

"Overall the seminar was a

success. Miss Patterson did a wonderful job organizing the event. Plus, we got lots of support from our sister organization, Karnation Kourt Inc.," commented Michael Scott, president of the Zeta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Surprisingly, the general opinion of most males in attendance was that it was fine if a woman wanted to have more than one male companion, as long as she understood and respected the male's independence.

"If you want more than one man that's fine. But understand, I'm gonna handle mine too!" said a member of the organization.

Most females claimed to support the idea of one man only if that man is performing all his "manly responsibilities".

# LIFESTYLES

## Bob Marley: Revolution, Freedom, Redemption



Robert Nesta Marley

BY AARON DAVIS  
Panther Staff

### Revolution. Freedom. Redemption.

From the shanty towns of west Kingston, Jamaica rose a figure who placed these words in the hearts of the people.

Emerging as the first superstar of the Third World, Bob Marley defined what modern reggae music is today. However, Marley was more than a popular musician. He was the universal voice of the oppressed; a prophetic bard who was not afraid to stand up for his and other's rights.

Marley was the son of Cedella Booker and Captain Norval Marley, a white man who served as Quartermaster in the British West Indian Regiment. Despite the fact that the Captain was more than 30 years Booker's senior, the couple married in 1944.

A year later, on Feb. 6, Marley was born. Although the Captain provided financial support to his wife and son, pressure from his family concerning the nature of the marriage (his wife and son were Black) caused him to rarely see them.

Young Marley grew up in rural St. Ann on the northern side of Jamaica. He dreamed, as did most rural settlers, to one day migrate to the crowded capital city of Kingston, a proposed mecca of job opportunity.

Kingston, however, had little job opportunity and most who migrated there ended up living in the makeshift ghettos known as shanty towns rather than return to their rural homes.

It was in the most infamous of these shanty towns, Trench Town, that Marley and his mother came to live.

Marley, 14, soon quit school and went to work in a welding shop spending all his free time pursuing his real ambition, music.

Together with good friend Neville O'Riley Livingston, known as Bunny, Marley would tune into American radio stations and listen to songs by such artist as Ray Charles, Curtis Mayfield, and the Drifters.

Marley and Livingston enlisted the help of famous singer and Trench Town resident, Joe Higgs, to hone their vocal abilities. It was here the two met another youth striving for musical fame, Peter McIntosh.

In 1962, Marley received his first big break. He auditioned for local music producer, Leslie Kong, performing a song entitled "Judge Not." That song became Marley's first single.

From there Marley linked with Livingston and McIntosh to form the Wailing Wailers. The group's first single, "Simmer Down", was released in December 1963 and by January 1964 hit number one on Jamaican charts.

The Wailers started out performing ska, dance floor music with a prominent back beat. But Marley soon abandoned the "rude boy" style when he embraced Rastafari.

Rastafari has its roots planted in the movement started by Marcus Garvey in the 1920s. Garvey, a Pan-Africanist preacher and entrepreneur, began a movement to create a new Black state in Africa.

In 1930 Ras Tafari Makonen, who later changed his name to Haile Selassie, was crowned emperor of Ethiopia. Selassie claimed to be a direct descendant of the line of Menelik, son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

Garveyists believed Selassie to be the messiah Garvey had prophesied about in his preachings. As a result a new religion was born into existence, Rastafari.

**"... is better to die fighting for freedom than to be a prisoner all the days of your life."**  
Bob Marley

Marley's new spirituality and marriage to back up singer, Rita Anderson in February 1966 reflected in his music. Rock steady, a slower, sensual music, replaced the faster ska in popularity, a perfect medium for Marley's spiritual and love themes.

Political topics, however, remained his primary themes.

The group's strong ties to Rastafarianism led to conflict with their production company. Consequently the Wailers started their own label, Wail 'N' Soul, but the company folded shortly after its conception due to business naivete on the part of the group.

In 1970 with the addition of Lee

Perry, Aston "Family Man" Barrett, and his brother Carlton, the Wailers was complete.

The Wailers' first album, "Catch A Fire", was the first reggae album to be treated seriously. Although the group were big stars in the Caribbean, they were unknown internationally.

To modify that dilemma, the Wailers launched a British and American tour working with such acts as Bruce Springsteen and the most popular soul group at that time, Sly and the Family Stone.

In the ensuing time between 1970 and 1976, the Wailers released three more albums: "Burnin'" (1973), "Natty Dread" (1975), and "Rastaman Vibration" (1976).

These albums yielded such hits as: "I Shot the Sheriff", "No Woman, No Cry" and "Who the Cap Fits."

The Wailers had finally reached the status of international superstars.

In 1976 Marley returned to Trench Town and scheduled a free concert in Kingston's National Heroes Park to give back to the people and to emphasize a need for peace within the ghetto.

Certain factions behind the ghetto violence wanted Marley silenced and tried to have him assassinated.

On the eve of the Dec. 5 concert, the would-be assassins stormed Marley's Trench Town home and shot him. The attempt on his life failed and the next day Marley performed a small set at the concert, including the eerie "Time Will Tell", in defiance of the assassination attempt. Immediately afterward Marley left Jamaica and moved to London.

Marley's fifth album, "Exodus", which contained the hits "Waiting in

Vain", "Jammin'", and the title track, stayed on UK charts for 56 straight weeks.

1978 proved to be a significant year for Marley. In April he returned to Jamaica and played the One Love Peace Concert which was attended by Prime Minister Micheal Manley and Leader of the Opposition Edward Seaga.

Then Marley was invited to New York City to receive the United Nations Medal of Peace.

At the end of the year, Marley visited Africa for the first time traveling to Kenya and then Ethiopia, the spiritual home of Rastafari.

"Survival", Marley's ninth album, was said to be an album of Pan-African solidarity. This album included the heralded single "Zimbabwe", which became the national anthem for a liberated Rhodesia.

In April of 1980, Marley and the Wailers received their greatest honor yet. They were the only musical group to be invited to perform at liberated Zimbabwe's independence ceremony.

Later that year Marley became seriously ill from an old football (soccer) wound which became infected. The infection turned cancerous and rapidly spread through Marley's body.

Marley fought the illness for eight months before succumbing to it on May 11, 1981.

One month earlier Marley was awarded Jamaica's Order of Merit (O.M.), the nation's third highest honor, in recognition of his contribution to Jamaica's culture.

On May 21, 1981 the Honorable Robert Nesta Marley O.M. was given an official funeral by the people of Jamaica.

Among those attending were his wife, Rita, his 11 children, and thousands of fans. Prime Minister Manley and Leader of the Opposition Seaga were also in attendance.

In February 1994 Marley was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

If Marley were alive today, he would have just celebrated his 50th birthday. No one can truly know what subsequent contributions he could have made to help mold the face of modern music and politics.

But it is possible to survey the legacy that Marley left behind and

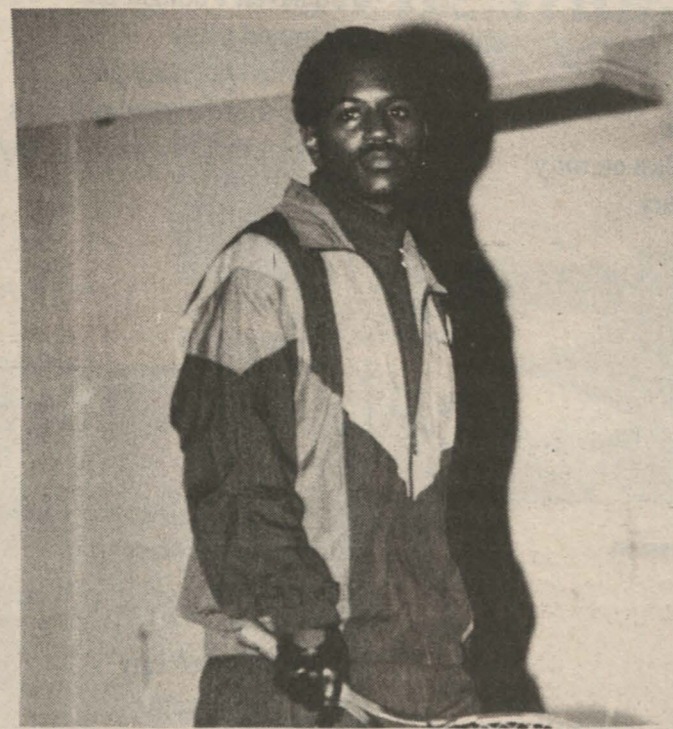
**The Annual Bob Marley Festival will be held at University of Houston's Robertson Stadium on Sunday, February 28.**

### NABJ Sneak Spring Fashion Show a success

BY ANGELA HARRIS  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) hosted the first annual "Sneak Spring Fashion Review" in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall Feb. 16.

The show consisted of 18 models from various departments on campus and was one of the many fundraisers to help aid the group attend the regional conference in Oklahoma, March 31 to April 2. Professor Ozzie Aniki, speech instructor here at PV attended the show and said, "The show was well organized and everyone looked very nice," and even though the music was very loud he was still very impressed. Tammy Haywood, a senior who modelled in the show said, the show itself was a lot of fun and hard work but it was worth it!"



Model sports active wear in NABJ fashion show by Gitonga M'mbijewe

## AQUARIUS

# HOROSCOPES

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)** \*This week promises to be better than the others. Expect someone to tell you some encouraging news.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** \* Your studies have not been at the top of your list. Big mistake. Your significant other will understand; STUDY!!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Listen to your first mind. Be on alert when you go out with this new person. Their not what you think.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** \*Please clean out your little black book. The numbers are no longer listed. Start fresh and get real; it's becoming.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)** \*The decision you make this week is a important one. Please think twice before you decide.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19)** \*Your parents are looking for a call from you. Take time out and speech to our family, their concerned.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)** \* You can love someone from afar. That relationship is not healthy for you. Let go. You can do bad by

yourself.  
**GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)** \* Control your drinking. You've been having a little elbow trouble. Handle that. You can be yourself without drinking and partying.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22)** \* That last test didn't go to well. Don't be discouraged. Go to someone close to you for help. Don't be afraid they understand.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)** \* Go shop for yourself this week. You deserve a little pep; you've been working too hard; Change your hair.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** \* Is it your friends that are controlling you? Break away and have sometime alone.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)** \*This semester marks the start of a new attitude for you. Don't be afraid to explore the unusual.



# LIFESTYLES

## WHAT'S THE FLAVA?

By George Spillman, Jr.

### Too Short "COCKTALES"

LABEL: JIVE RECORDS  
PRODUCTION: THE DANGEROUS CREW,  
SHORTY B, ANT BANKS, PEE WEE,  
SPEARHEAD X, L.A. DRE & B. TURNER

The scene is set in a smoke-filled night club. It's player's night and Too Short is the featured M.C. for the occasion. Many rappers have played this stage, but few, if any, can say that they have released nine albums in nine years. On his latest album "Cocktales", Short Dog boasts this fact and claims his place as a veteran in the rap music industry. "Cocktales", is basically a "best of Too Short" album that includes live music, a few guest M.C.'s and the usual funky bass lines that have accompanied his last eight albums. Ant Banks and The Dangerous Crew made sure that there were no corners cut as far as production went, but the lyrical content was a bit trite and rehased, no thanks to Too Short. The other artists that performed on this album helped to break the monotony of Too Short's nursery rhyme like skills.

"Cocktales", is the first single from this album and its spin-off from the ghetto classics "Freaky Tales Pts. 1&2." "Can I Get A B\*(#%)" is a duet with Ant Banks that primarily speaks to those that don't believe that there are any "players" left on earth. "Giving Up The Funk" is a jam that more likely, was meant to be blasted in a jeep on a sunny day like 2/21/95, or to be played while under "herbal influence." "Things Change", is funkier than the sewer system at night in front of Drew Hall. Jamal and Malik of the rap group Illegal and a newcomer named "Baby D", flexed wicked styles of lyricism and let the world know that they can hang with the "big boys". "Game", which happens to be my favorite track on this album, features a guest M.C. straight out of D-Town, that calls himself Old School Freedy B. He and Short Dog send out a clear message that says "Death to All Ratheaded \$%#@%\$^".

True enough this project has more than its share of demeaning comments toward women, but if you don't cut for it, you don't have to buy it or listen to it; this is America, you know!!!

And for all of you that don't have anything better to do, count the number of curse words on the whole album, you should be done by Spring Break!!!

\* LOOK OUT FOR NEXT ISSUES FLASHBACK\*

HOTEP!!!

## NAACP, Del Mar to set up fund for aspiring PV students

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Del Mar College Foundation, Del Mar College Program For Ethnic Studies and the Del Mar College Arts and Sciences Department will team in an effort to build a scholarship base locally.

The four groups are working to produce a band and choir concert on April 30 at 3p.m. in an effort to increase the number of scholarships available to students.

The scholarship program will endow scholarships to students attending or planning to attend Prairie View A&M University. Ten scholarships will be equally divided among students at Del Mar College interested in attending PVAMU. Five scholarships will be named the "Bryan H. & Mabel Barrows Jr. Communications Scholarship Fund" and the rest will go to deserving students under existing financial programs.

According to Lena D. Coleman, newly-named NAACP president, "We are asking the business community and the public in general to embrace this benefit program because its advantages should be obvious to the entire community. Please join us Sunday, April 30 at 3

p.m. in Richardson Auditorium for a benefit concert which will be talked about for years to come!"

Del Mar College Foundation, under Dr. Glen Kost, is assisting the team of agencies working to put on the PVAMU benefit concert. Kost said, "We are just so pleased to be able to work with the NAACP to help bring these fine groups to Richardson Auditorium and we hope that our students will avail themselves of the new opportunities afforded by the establishment of these new dedicated scholarships." Also participating in the staging of the program is the Del Mar College Program for Ethnic Studies, directed by Patty Scoggin. Dr. Everette Powell, dean of arts and sciences at Del Mar College, has been an integral part of making the scholarship benefit a reality.

The NAACP, Del Mar College and PVAMU all see this cooperative community effort as a major accomplishment in increasing the number of educational opportunities for local students who have a sincere interest in obtaining an upper-level degree. By linking with Del Mar, PV hopes to increase its attractiveness as an upper-level institution to interested individuals of all races and cultures. While PVAMU was established in 1876 as a college

for black students, PVAMU recognizes that its new charter (given by the Texas Legislature) emphasizes its goal of reaching traditional and non-traditional students to truly become an "institution of the first class". PVAMU hopes to see an increase in the number of Hispanics, Caucasians, etc., entering the gates of the historically black university campus. As the second oldest state institution of higher education in the state of Texas, it is committed to quality higher education for all who are truly willing to apply themselves.

Every spring, the PVAMU symphonic band and the concert choir participate in a combined tour. Last year both groups performed in Houston and Dallas to an audience of alumni and friends. This year the band and choir will perform Sunday, April 22, at the Dallas Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters (JABAL) sponsored by the Dallas Metropolitan Alumni Chapter.

During the spring of 1994, the PV concert choir, under the direction of Curtis Powell, toured the Pacific Basin as they performed in such picturesque cities as San Diego and Oakland, Calif., and Seattle, Wash. This May the choir will tour the Caribbean, ending with a final performance in the Bahamas.

## Greek Life

Phi Beta Sigma Seminar  
February 28

Delta Sigma Theta Seminar  
February 28

Alpha Kappa Alpha Founders' Day  
March 2

Alpha Phi Alpha Black History Program  
February 27

## PV Top Ten

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|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| M | 1. Kitty Kitty.....            | 69 Boyz          |
| M | 2. If You Love Me.....         | Brownstone       |
| M | 3. I'm Going Down.....         | Mary J. Blige    |
| M | 4. Murder Was the Case.....    | Snoop Doggy Dog  |
| M | 5. Big Poppa.....              | Notorious B.I.G. |
| M | 6. Baby Baby.....              | Brandy           |
| M | 7. My Life.....                | Mary J. Blige    |
| M | 8. All I Ask of You.....       | Raphael          |
| M | 9. What Can I Do? (Remix)..... | Ice Cube         |
| M | 10. World of Mine.....         | Big Mike         |

## Thomas wins the title of Mr. PV '95-'96 Hines

PAUL MASTERSON  
Panther Staff

*The Essence of the Black Man* was the title of the 1995-96 Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant, and the black man shined brightly as eight of Prairie View's finest presented themselves to family, friends, and peers last night.

One of those men Nakia Thomas, said, "I kept the notion in my head that it was just another competition and I just kept my calm and didn't let the anxiety of the judges and audience get to me."

In a competition that was filled with the tension and anxiety Thomas, a 2-year-old advertising art major from Houston, walked away with the title of Mr. Prairie View A&M University 1995-96 to a sold out crowd of supporters, family and friends in Hobart-Taylor Recital Hall.

"The fact that I'm Mr. Prairie View, still hasn't come to me yet. To tell you the truth, I really didn't think I was going to win. The competition on this stage tonight was very close, it could've been anybody's night," said Thomas.

In saying it could have been anyone's night Thomas was right. He received heavy competition from worthy competitors. "The men on the stage with me this evening all are Mr. Prairie View, I'm just wearing the crown but, none of these men should be upset on their placing," Thomas said.

He performed an original dramatic interpretation entitled: *The Man My*

Mother Knew She Could Be". "I got the experience for my interpretation from my own personal experience of how my mother single handedly raised three children working three jobs all without the support of a man. She was there for me in both the good and bad times. She was my mother, father, everything that I am today, I owe it to her," said Thomas.

The other pageant contestants competed excellently as well. Especially the men that make up Thomas' newly crowned court. The biggest surprise of the event was the announcement of Donald Jennings as 1st runner-up. Jennings, a 22-year-old health and human performance major from Atlanta, Ga. captivated the crowd and judges with a seductive crowd raising version of the tune "My Love". The only returning contestant from last year's pageant, Seth Howard performed a crowd pleasing dramatic musical performance titled "What Should I Do". Howard also won the award for best interview.

In winning awards it was again Thomas who swept the competition with the awards for most advertisements, talent, and tied for the most congenial with contestant Gregory Turner. "I knew that I performed well enough to win some award, but sweeping everything was a surprise. I'm just glad I got a chance to perform to the best of my ability and use the talent that God gave me," stated Thomas.

For his year as Mr. Prairie View, Thomas plans to become a more active voice on the campus. Being Mr. Prairie

View means that you have to be a voice for all people on campus. I plan to develop a series of projects and seminars that will be going into the works as soon as possible," said Thomas who said that during his reign as Mr. 10 1993-94 he was not active on campus. "When I was Mr. 10, the only thing that I cared about was having the title. I've learned that if a person is an important voice he must utilize his position in the helping of the betterment of the student body."

This is true to his plan of action as Mr. Prairie View. "I'm dedicating my year to educate the black male," said Thomas. "There are a lot of brothers on this campus just like me. As Mr. Prairie View, I want to be able to show them they don't have to gang bang or sell drugs to be successful."

Aspiring to become a fire fighter, Thomas said that he wanted to create a Male Initiative Program (MIP) that he hopes will garner more black males on campus to become involved in more activities on campus such as the Mr. Prairie View Pageant.

Thomas stated that he felt proud to see that the audience was filled with a huge contingent of black males who were cheering him on just like the ladies in the audience. "This really made me feel proud to see that we (black men) can come out to an event other than a party or concert."

Thomas would like to give thanks to those people who gave him the backing during the competition. "There are certain people who would not have made this night for me come true. Thomas would like to thank the Mr. Prairie View A&M Support group, George Smith, William Young, Raymond Johnson, Paul Masterson, and special friend Tyrone Wright, and the countless others who have been there for him.

"Without those men mentioned I wouldn't be here tonight. I hope I can fulfill the purpose of the position that has been granted to me. For those of you who think that being Mr. Prairie View will change me, it won't. I'm still the same Nakia Thomas I was when I woke up this morning. Nothing will change that."

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a mecca for the disabled," said Hines.

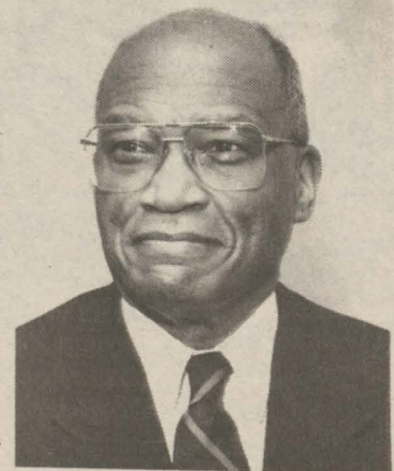
Hines is very family-oriented and says that his children will be attending Prairie View. He plans to keep his residence semi-private. "I may be helping them (my children) with their homework, so there won't be an open-door policy. I don't intend to follow the birthday parties, but plan

to invite students by class and college to celebrate achievements," said Hines. (President Becton built a tradition of celebrating students' birthdays once a month at his residence.)

Hines also spoke out on the recent criticism of financial aid department head, A.D. James. "In Mr. A.D. James we have one of the finest financial aid directors in the nation. We all need to help Mr. James. It (financial aid) is a major irritant. Ill feelings are bound to happen in a charged environment that determines whether or not you will be in school."

The president went on to say: "Negative comments are not uplifting. I see things that are wrong and need improvement, but will not make improvements at the personal expense of people. Unless you have walked in their shoes, you can't know what they are going through."

Other areas Hines plans to expand are criminal justice and the graduate programs. "We must be able to offer terminal degrees," said Hines. "I will do the best I can, day in and day out. I'm not going to make decisions out of malice. I can't do my job worrying if people are going to be mad. I will not manage under fear," he said.



Charles Hines

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## Kendall

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murder on Thursday, Feb. 9 and sentenced to 50 years in prison, with parole eligibility after 12 years, on Friday, Feb. 10.

With a GPA that awarded him the honor of graduating Magna Cum Laude, Keith was liked by everyone, faculty and students alike, and was considered by many to be a model student. Keith was pursuing a career in orchestra management when his life was brought to an abrupt halt by Lisa Kay.

Family and friends responded to the verdict:

Kevin Kendall, M.D. and Keith's older brother, said, "I'm sorry it happened, but we're dealing with it with God's help."

Lorraine E. McKinney,

friend, said, "Keith was like a brother to me, we shared dreams and aspirations of continued success. He was always there to talk, give advice, or help whenever needed. I'll always hold on to the wonderful memories of our friendship that I cherish now and forever."

Dr. Vicki Seldon, advisor and friend said, "I'm relieved that justice has finally prevailed. Knowing all sides of Keith, I know that he was what others aspired to be."

## SGA

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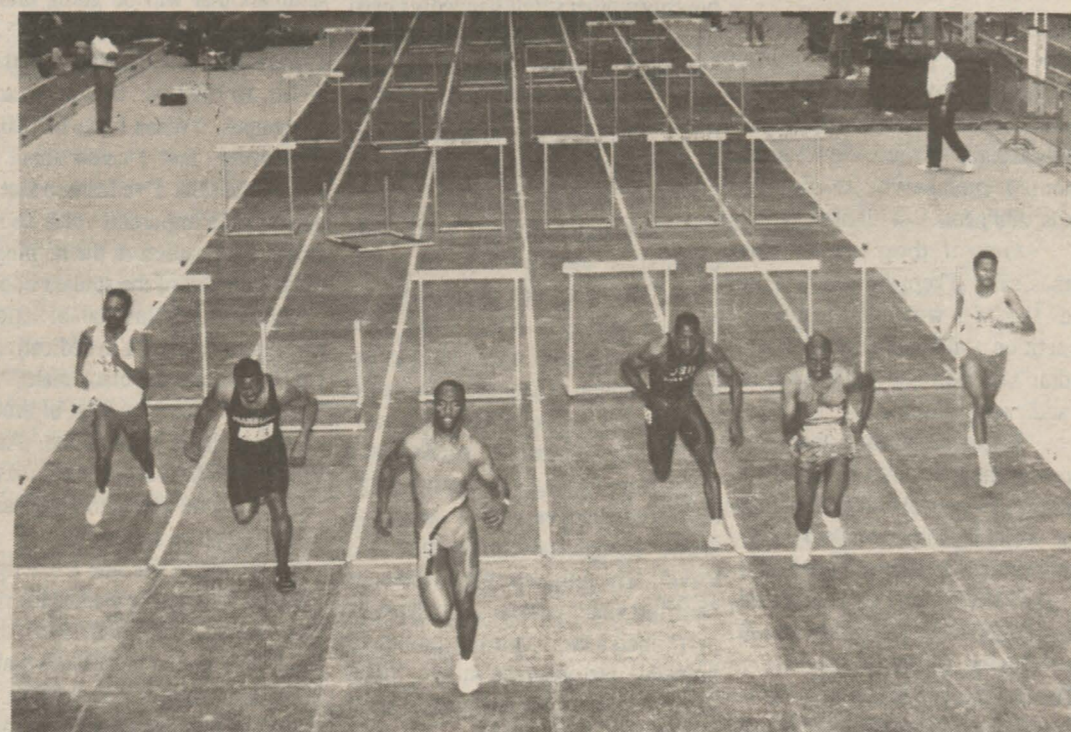
for further information.

The next general SGA meeting will be on March 27 in the Babydome from 7-8p.m. The interest meeting will be held on March 1 from 4-5p.m. for anyone wishing to join the association.



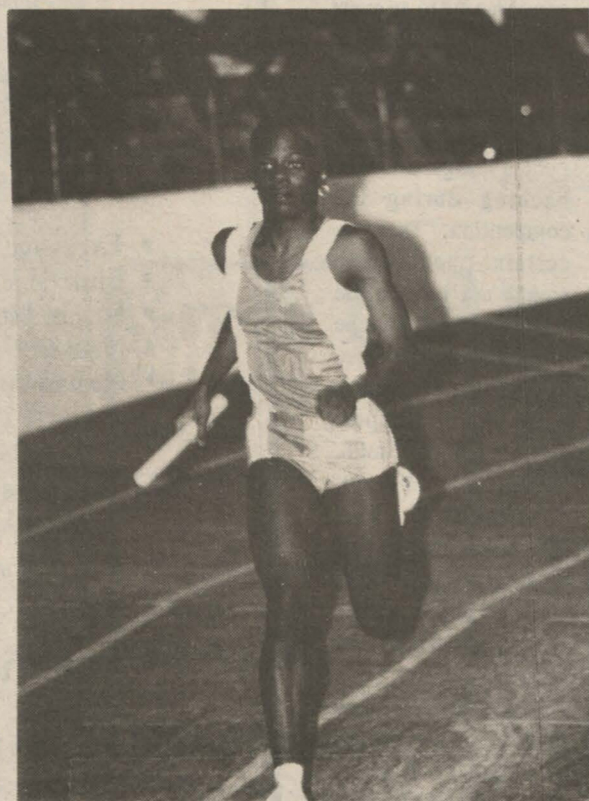
# SPORTS

## Congratulations to the Prairie View men's and women's teams



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Christine Gray, above, after a successful triple jump; Lisa Rosbrough, below, running a leg of the 4 X100 relay; Prairie View team wins men's hurdles in photo, above right.



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## SWAC feels PV track impact; women finish 2nd, men 3rd

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
 Panther Staff

Even with a shortage of athletes for both Prairie View men and women track teams, a definite presence was felt as indoor track action wound down the SWAC 1994-95 season at Will Roger's Stadium, in Fort Worth, Sunday, Feb. 19.

But that lack of numbers did not deter a squad of hungry Panthers and Pantherettes.

The first-place bracket was familiar to several Pantherettes. Dytonia Maryland, Yvette French, Sharicka Jones, and Christine Gray took home a blue ribbon in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:55.76. Gray dominated in both triple (41-08.75) and long (18-10.75) jumps.

With Tenitia Johnson in place of Gray, the Pantherettes cruised in on the second-place position for the distance medley relay. French hopped, skipped and leaped her way to a nationally ranking triple jump (41-03.75). The women's 400 meter sprint saw the likes of Cecilia Crear as she strided an impressive 57.58, bringing the Pantherettes within contention for one of the top three team awards.

While three is a charm, some of the Pantherettes charmingly took

third. Gray in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.31, and freshman Sidonye Haugh in the high jump with a jump of 5'4". Jones and Maryland also finished in third with that classical style and form in the 800 meters with a time of 2:21.40 and 3,000 meters with a time of 10:54.74, respectively. Lisa Rosborough cruised a grueling 400 meters and gained a time of 58.53.

Freshman Kasana Reeves contributed with a fourth place rank in a spectacular 400 meters (60.28), while 800 meters specialist Maryland, suffering from an injury sustained in an earlier race, jumped back into the swing of things when most athletes would have quit.

The Pantherettes secured a second-place finish with 106 points. Crear, French, Gray, and Rosbrough are all NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) qualifiers for the indoor meet, to be held in Nebraska this weekend.

Lack of depth did not prevent the men's team from getting deep into the swing of things either. Of the seven teams in attendance, PV men had the fewest participants.

That was not a hindering factor because 1600 meters speed demon Johnnie Roberts turned in the first-place time (4:33.99). Rod Scott did the usual by once again dominating the

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## PVU beats Grambling 70-64 in fieldhouse

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
 Sports Editor

Just when you think the Prairie View men's basketball team is down on their luck, they always have a few hidden tricks up their sleeves. One of those tricks was the impressive win over the Grambling State Tigers.

In what was an amazing win, the Panthers rallied and defeated the tigers with a 70-64 victory to a crowd of 2,489 in the University Fieldhouse.

"This was a very important win for us. This win along with other conference wins will show how we'll place in the SWAC and our placing in the tournament in March," said David Jackson who was referring to the SWACTournament. The tournament will be held March 9-12 in Baton Rouge, La. Only six of the eight schools in the conference will be competing this year.

Alcorn and Alabama State will not send representatives to the event because they failed to meet the guidelines established by NCAA-Division 1-A rules regarding ineligible players playing.

"This is a good advantage for us because now we only have to concentrate on winning the rest of our SWAC games and try to finish in the top four," said Jackson who went on to say that the top four teams get automatic byes in the tournament. With the win over Grambling, the

men seem as if they are on their way.

During the first half, the Panthers swept through and kept on top of their game. Lead scorer, center Derek Walls had 20 points in the game and led the team with nine offensive rebounds. Forward William Evans had 6 field goals and 14 field goal assists and helped rally for the win with 17 points in the game. Panther forward Lateef Clark also scored in double tigers with 10 points and guard Vincent Charles had nine.

The Tigers' biggest help came from guard Kenny Sykes who had 29 points and led his team in both field goal averages and assists. Grambling forward Micheal Tardy had 14 points.

"Our team played very good. This was probably the best game we've played all season. We came out here hyped and focused. We stayed focused and didn't let our minds linger into the feeling that we're going to lose," said Charles.

"The way we played tonight we have to play two times as hard when we go against TSU. That will be a game in which we'll have to be both mentally and physically prepared," stated Charles. "TSU is a good team but they are playing us at home this time and we believe that with enough support from our crowd that will give us that extra incentive to go out there and do what we got to do."

The Panthers go up against defending SWAC champions, the Tigers of Texas Southern this weekend, Saturday, Feb. 25. All the excitement begins at 5:30 with ladies' game and continues at 7:30 with the men's.

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field of shot putters with an explosive heave (53-07.5).

Kevin Garner was second in the shot put (48-02.75), and Steve Morrison was not far behind (46-10.00). Cedric Bowman wisped through the 55 meter hurdles (8.03), also for a second. Freshman Dominique Henderson put on the "ups" for a 6'6" high jump.

Freshman Eric-Chamel Gaither finished third in the men's triple jump (45-11.75).

Roberts, after his commanding 1600 meters performance, filled the fourth position in a heavily contested 3,000 meters (9:16.00).

## City of Atlanta prepares for the '96 Olympics

By Paul Masterson  
 Panther Staff

Tickets to the Games of the 100th Summer Olympiad will go on sale in May. The games, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia will mark the celebration of the 100th modern Olympics.

Tickets to such as events as the track and field, women's gymnastics, U.S. volleyball, and U.S. Men's basketball are sure to be the hot items on the bill. Atlanta merchants have all ready begun setting up ticket venues in and around Atlanta and it's surrounding areas trying to get a boost on the competition.

Atlanta police along with state, federal, national and international

security have begun implanting systems in the Olympic Village which will house the athletes during the 16 day event.

City officials hope that crime will go down during the time they play host to the games, and they have already begun with plans of moving the city's homeless from under the bridges and underpaths, in the same manner that many U.S. cities (particularly Dallas) done last summer when the U.S. played as host country for the World Cup Soccer Tournament. "We are trying to elevate crime in hope of not having to experience what happened in Munich in 1972," said Juan Antonio Samaruan, president of the International Olympic Committee

(IOC) who was referring to the tragedy that occurred at Munich games when terrorist invaded the Olympic Village and killed athletes from the Israel Olympic team

International broadcast stations are also getting ready. Journalists from around the world have already begun gathering to the city while the Communications department on the campus of Clark-Atlanta University will be very busy as the school will become the center place for the international broadcast. Atlanta native and cable mogul Ted Turner has bought the rights to broadcast live daytime coverage of the games which will be broadcast on his Turner Network Television (TNT) stations.

## Prairie View to meet Texas Southern in dome

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
 Panther Staff

Fur will fly and cats will roar as the much anticipated game of the season comes to the dome. There are many things that you look for during the second semester at Prairie View, Springfest, the commencement exercises, and the PV-TSU game in the dome.

The latter of those three comes your way this weekend as Prairie View plays host to the Texas Southern Tigers.

The game with all the hard pounding action of the men's and women's team from both schools has

become a time-honored tradition. But without looking at the festivities, lets look at a preview of the game itself

Texas Southern are the reigning SWAC champions and one of the best black college teams in the nation. During recent non-conference games, the Tigers defeated some of the country's top white universities. Making an appearance at last year's NCAA playoffs, the Tigers lost a close game to the Duke Blue Devils.

This, along with other attributes make the Tigers the virtual favorite to win but like all great teams, the Tigers can be defeated. This is true in their recent loss to

Mississippi Valley State. Any team can lose and TSU is no exception.

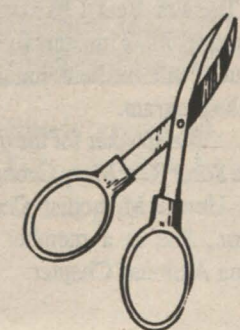
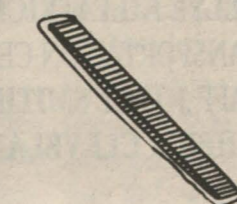
The Prairie View Panthers have a lot to prove. This season they have shown that they can play with the best of them. They won over Alcorn and had a surprising win over Grambling. But inconsistency has plagued the team this season.

With losses against Southern, Mississippi Valley, and Alabama State, the Panthers will have to come out fighting and place all personal differences aside if they are to come out on top.



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# VIEWPOINTS



Dear Jaquita

I am a 23-year-old student who is in a romantic relationship with a faculty member. He is in his mid-40s and is a wonderful person who I enjoy spending time with. The only problem is that he's married with children. That's not the bad part, I'm two months pregnant with his child. He doesn't know yet and I don't know if I should tell him. I'm very scared and have even considered abortion. What can I do?

Student Lover

Girl what have you gotten yourself into, first of all you need to tell Mr. "faculty" member about your situation, because he does have a right to know, and then too, I think you'll feel better. Second, you need time to yourself to think about the consequences of having a child by a married man and also map out your alternatives. Last, but certainly not least (should have been first and foremost on the list), you need to pray. I know you probably think you're at life's end, but you must remember that everyone makes mistakes, that's how we learn and grow. You may also want to get additional advice from a close relative, counselor or pastor.

SPRINGFEST  
APRIL 17-23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating 82 Years of Public Service

The Eta Beta and Prairie View Alumnae chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. cordially invite you to join us in celebration of our 82nd Founders' Day.

The theme for our celebration is "The Delta Legacy: A Journey of Historical Significance". Our program will be held at Prairie View A & M University's Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. The Eta Beta Chapter will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. A reception will be held immediately after the program.

The speaker for the occasion will be Soror Rev. Mary Cebun of St. James United Methodist Church in Houston. She is a member of the Houston Alumnae Chapter.

Black Christian Leaders is hosting seminars for the students, faculty and staff of Prairie View A&M University.

Date: March 3, 1995  
Place: Chapel

Time: Seminar I 2:00-3:15 p.m.  
Seminar II 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Seminar I  
"Finding Your Purpose"  
This seminar is designed to make known the benefits of knowing who you are in God.

Seminar II  
"Holding On To the Vision"  
This seminar is designed to help develop your purpose.

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THE PHYSICAL PLANT,  
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TRANSPORTATION CENTER  
STAFF JOYCE SMITH AND  
SHEILA CLEVELAND.

## Negro Speak

Negro speak, I want to hear what you have to say, over 200 years of oppression, you are set free this day  
Negro speak, tell why you allowed yourself to get beat , your men killed, your women raped, and your children found dead in their sleep.  
Negro speak, tell of your pain, misery, and suffering, tell how they said you would never amount to nothing  
Negro speak, explain why you kill one another, your beautiful black sister and your handsome black brother  
Negro speak, explain why you live up to your ignorant name, destroying your own race as if it were all fun and games  
Negro speak, tell me where has your identity gone, the self-esteem in yourself, the pride in your Negro songs  
Negro speak, it's the truth you were not seeing God didn't make you a Negro but he shaped, and made you a human being.

Miguel William  
De' La' ghetto

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



I SAID, "HOMIE DON'T PLAY THAT."

# VIEWPOINTS

## Race-mixing not a good idea for Blacks

Dear Editor,

What do you mean there's nothing wrong with brothers dating white women and sisters dating white men? What do you mean there's nothing wrong with whites, Jews and non-African American foreigners taking over businesses in our communities? And what in the world do you mean that setting up a separate territory from white people is a hateful crime?

You NIGGERS are sick! Why am I calling you niggas? Because a lot of you are too ignorant to realize what's happening to our race. You're too busy fighting and killing each other over things the white men own, while he's sitting back in his seat laughing at how stupid you really are. You are too busy slingin' dice, selling drugs and bumpin' & grindin' while that blonde, blue-eyed devil from hell is steady creating diseases to keep us from expanding our families.

You are also too busy going to church, jumping up and down waiting for Jesus to come while the Ku Klux Klan, skinheads, and the WARM (White Aryan Resistance Movement) are steady training themselves for the declaration of the Race War Campaign against us. A lot of you dumb niggas think that this will never happen. IT WILL!

If you don't watch your back, you're going to be prime target, and your loss of life will be nothing more than elimination of pests to them. For those of you who know what's going on, you think that marching down the streets singing "We shall overcome" will help us achieve our rights. You fear death! God taught us not to fear death when we fight against our oppressor! Even the Uncle Tom preachers in our churches know this. But they're too scared that , the ol' devilish cracker will come up to them and put a bullet through their heads.

We brothers and sisters have two choices: we either fight to death against our oppressor for our freedom, or continue to live with a bunch of niggas in a white man's hell. And the same goes for you dumb niggas who are still living with "jungle fever". The reason why you have jungle fever is because you have no respect for your race, and have too much hatred for self. The only solution to these problems is to study learn, and gain knowledge of self. After you study, learn, and gain knowledge of self you will become free from that racist, evil education the white man has given you. Furthermore, you will become an excellent person in life. Life is too short for you blank-minded niggas to fool around. You either wake up or go to hell with the white man.

Charles Lucas

## James says no need to act an ass

Dear Editor,

I realize that The Panther is a student newspaper to keep the students advised of the happenings at the university.

However, your viewpoint "Must We Continue To Act An Ass" contains several several incorrect facts. An interview with me or any number of my staff would have provided you with valuable information as to the refund process for the university. Since you chose not to research your article, I would like to clarify several statements which you made.

There is no money held in the financial aid office. The university receives 95 percent of the financial aid funds via electronic transfer rather than checks. If financial aid funds were used to pay salaries of its employees, it would be illegal. I am sure you have seen no audit report indicating that this practice has ever been done at Prairie View A&M University. The so-called violent threats did not expedite the issuances of the commuting students' refund checks.

Refund checks were processed after the 12th class day as originally scheduled to assist off-campus students with their expenses. Overpayments are issued after the students enrollment for the semester is finalized. This procedure assists the university in keeping its loan default rate low so that the university can continue to receive federal aid funds.

It is totally irresponsible of you as a leader to encourage our students to "act like they don't know how to act or have any sense."

If you disagree with the "system" or have a complaint about any entity of the university, please try to address your complaint to the department head. You may find that things are not exactly what they seem to be and you find that it is unnecessary to act like an animal.

A.D. James Jr., Director  
Student Financial Aid

## Do You Think O.J. Simpson Will Be Convicted?

Michael Ware  
Elect. Eng./  
Elect. Tech  
Major  
Detroit,  
Mich.  
Senior



Lashon Davenport  
RA/TV Comm  
Major  
Kansas City, MO  
Junior



Shannon Porter  
Bus. Mgmt.  
Major  
Detroit, Mich.  
Sophomore



I don't think O.J. will be convicted because he has a strong defense team which have supplied great evidence and witnesses.

O.J. won't be convicted, in my opinion, because there will more than likely be a mistrial, because of the exposure the media has brought forth.

O.J. will not be convicted because he has some very experienced lawyers that stay on "top". The defense team is doing excellent, so far, whereas the prosecuting team have made several errors. I also feel that there isn't enough evidence for O.J. to be found guilty.

Rachelle Tillman  
Poli. Sci.  
Major  
Houston  
Sophomore



Torrence Truscott  
RA/TV  
Commun.  
Houston  
Freshman



Janna Wright  
Elem. Educ.  
Major  
Ft. Worth, Tx  
Sophomore



No, because the jury has been influenced due to the coverage of the media, so I think there will be a "hung jury", or possibly even a mistrial because the evidence of the prosecuting team is too scarce.

I feel that O.J. will definitely be found guilty, because it has already been mentioned if there is a mistrial then O.J. will be tried again. It seems as though he is fighting a losing battle., despite his defense team's hard work.

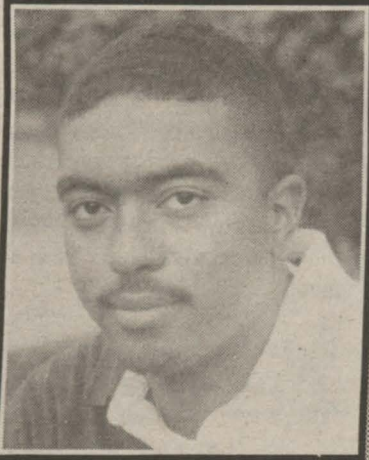
The media has already convicted, tried and "hung" O.J.; therefore, he probably will be found guilty.

# Speak Out



# VIEWPOINTS

## Don't wait on the movie; read to learn



Derald D. Powell  
Editor-in-Chief

Books are constantly being written, but we don't pick them up. We are still waiting for the movie to be made. It's amazing how people can make it all the way to Houston for a new outfit for the PV vs. TSU game but can't quite find the Shrine of Black Madonna or even take a brisk stroll to Amistad.

We are wonderful but we're scared to know how wonderful we are outside the areas of SPORTS and ENTERTAINMENT. Is it because we really don't love ourselves? I know that's an old and played topic, but let's look at the example of the 40 ounce; 40 ounces of any alcoholic beverage for less than a \$1.50 can not be good for you.

There must be a change in the way we look at things. We support television shows like Martin and Family Matters. These are the same shows that may, just may, cause European-American interviewers to think that we may be just as bufoonish or sorry as those portrayed on these shows.

I know you say that people couldn't actually think we are like that but shows like Roc get cancelled for trying to move in new directions, but Good Times was on for about 50 years.

Let's try to look at who we truly are and pay attention to what's going on because if we don't the Republicans will have all of us in jail, unemployed, sick, and our children living in orphanages.

Black History month is almost officially over (so we're told), but did you do anything special? Did you learn anything more than the basic facts the majority of African-American junior high students learned or already know.

We have become satisfied and make no real strides to truly gain knowledge of African-American history. Most of us don't even know how many countries there are in Africa. Africa, at one time, was the greatest nation ever formed, the cradle of civilization, etc... Do you actually look at the Black History pages in The Panther? Well you probably do look and not read. The knowledge is out there, old and new and all we have to do is read.

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us." John Russwurm, *Freedoms Journal*, 1827

## Black Greeks should come together now

Dear Editor,

I'm a Man of Alpha and I attended the recent Omega Psi Phi black history program titled, "Black Greeks Past and Present". I decided to attend because I thought the seminar would be rather interesting. However, the moment that I sat down I was amazed by the lack of support by other so-called Greeks. Of course the Deltas came out to support their brothers, but beside myself, two Zetas, and a member of Sigma Gamma Rho there wasn't another so-called Greek to be found anywhere. Why is that, when the title of the seminar was "Black Greeks Past and Present"?

At first I tried to convince myself that besides the Deltas that were present we were the only so-called Greeks that didn't either go to the Sleepers' party or have a test the next day. So-called Greeks, when are we going to realize that we are not on the streets of South Central Los Angeles or the southside of Fort Worth for that matter. Colors shouldn't cause us to dislike or even disassociate from one another.

I co-oped last semester and on the various campuses that I visited the so-called Greeks got along really well. It troubles me that we let

something as superficial as stolen Egyptian symbols and colors separate us. People do you even know why black national Egyptian letter organizations came about in 1906? Alpha was founded despite the turbulent winds of unjust and inhumane oppression to uplift the black race. Upon their founding the remaining so-called Greek organizations shared the same seemingly insurmountable adversity so they shared the exact same aims and objectives. Let me say that once again, but just a little bit slower...t-h-e-y-h-a-d-t-h-e-e-x-a-c-t-s-a-m-e-a-i-m-s-a-n-d-o-b-j-e-c-t-i-v-e-s! Only trivial matters caused their difference in chosen symbols, colors and mottos.

My brothers and sisters I'm begging you let's support one another regardless of our affiliations because our membership in the exclusive class of God's chosen people encompasses and takes precedence over the very organizations that were founded to better its plight.

Some say that the black race has outgrown the need for sororities and fraternities. If we continue to let such trivial matters separate us and live by the doctrines of street gangs we do nothing more than further prove what they say true.

My founders were ostracized by other blacks at a predominantly white university and oppressed by both their white counterparts and faculty. So there is no doubt that my founders' struggle wasn't in vain because I promised myself that I shall do the works of my fraternity until I am no more. Can you, my fellow members of the remaining seven national black Egyptian Letter organizations say the same? If not I challenge you to do so.

In closing I ask are you standing for what your founders stood for? Why don't we get along and support our fellow Egyptians like on other campuses? What's the difference between a gang member and a member of a fraternity or sorority?

And to the "Sons of Blood and Thunder" I would like to say welcome back on the yard. From what I've heard it just hasn't been the same without Rho Theta. We, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. look forward to working with you to make Prairie View A&M a better place than we found it. Good luck black men, your founders as well as the black race are depending on you.

Sincerely,  
Montreal Dukes

## James upset over writer's negative comments

Dear Editor,

I read your article in the Feb. 10, 1995 edition of The Panther regarding the speech Dr. Hines delivered at the convocation on Feb. 1, 1995.

I attended the same convocation and I don't recall Dr. Hines stating that the incident regarding his daughter happened in the financial aid

office nor did I recall Dr. Hines stating what office the catalog incident occurred in.

If you had researched your facts prior to printing the article, you would have been aware that the financial aid office does not issue catalogs to students.

A more positive statement regarding the financial aid staff being available in the field house to assist

students with their 1995-96 application for aid would have been appropriate. However, even though the staff was available, less than 100 students stopped by the counselors' station to secure their forms for September 1995. It appears that the old adage of procrastination still exists with our students applying for aid.

A.D. James Jr., Director  
Student Financial Aid

## Comedy Corner

