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Four Greek Organizations Still Under Discipline?

By Candice Clay
Newsweek Editor

Prairie View A&M University has a unique "Greek" problem.

Of the eight Greek organizations on campus, four are being disciplined by the review board.

Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. and Omega Phi Psi, Inc. have been suspended for hazing, and Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. are on probation.

The Alphas are on probation for participating in illegal pledging activities with the Ladies of Distinction.

They were allegedly involved in hazing, mental cruelty and sexual harassment.

Sigma Gamma Rho is on a two year probation for perjury, induction of illegal members and forgery of an university official's name, which is a federal offense.

The Kappas were supposed to have been released from suspension Dec. 31, but they allegedly violated university policy during their period of suspension. Since the review board is under reconstruction a decision has not been made as to what actions will be taken. The Omegas will be suspended until 1995.

Greek organizations at such area schools as Texas Southern University, East Texas State University, Sam Houston University, University of Houston, and University of Texas in Austin appear to have a better relationship with their respective boards than do the Greeks at PVU.

At TSU there are no organizations on suspension and the Omegas are the only organization on probation.

The disciplinary action taken at East Texas State, when Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. and the Omegas got into a fight, was to prohibit Greek organizations on campus

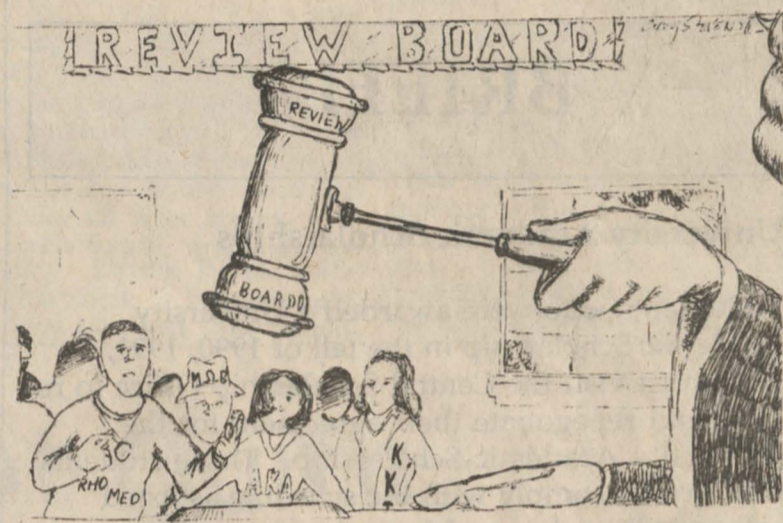
from holding more than one fundraiser per week. None of the organizations are suspended at East Texas State.

Sam Houston has no organizations on probation and the Kappas are the only organization on suspension.

Lamar, U of H and UT have none of their organizations under discipline of any kind.

"Comparing Pan Hellenic council organizations here at PVU, I feel we are more involved in our community than any others compared, but we fall behind when it comes to interacting

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College Sex Survey Shows Inhibitions Passe'

By Derek Walls,
Panther Reporter

Sex! Sex! Sex! Sex!
The word, the mere thought of it can cause the imagination to run rampant with wild ideas and schemes.

The media bombards society with sexually provocative material everyday.

The young adult perspective of sex is a long way from "the birds and the bees" story parents have told their youngsters for decades!

Sex in the 90s is equivalent to most rap music videos--- candid in dialogue, and ostensibly conspicuous.

On most college campuses, sex is as prevalent as sunshine in Southern California!

Sexual freedom and college, traditionally, have been bedfellows.

In spite of the continual

threat of STDs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) and unwanted pregnancies, sexual attitudes and activity have shot through the roof on college campuses. (Especially among Black students).

According to a survey of 1000 Black college students conducted by Dr. Stephen Thomas, director of the Minority Health Research Laboratory at the University of Maryland, 95% are sexually active.

"This information is of no surprise," said a female Prairie View student who requested that her name be withheld. "Almost everyone I know is doing it, so it's nothing new!"

Nothing is new when talking about sexual encounters on campus. But, what is surprising, according to Dr. Thomas, is that, "Almost one in five---17 percent--- of

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Fuller Hall after late night scavenger hunt.

Scavenger Hunt Becomes Unruly; Hall Damaged

By Mariette Shelby
Panther Reporter

This is a story about a scavenger hunt that went awry.

Suarez resident director Terri Toller had coordinated the planned hunt with Fuller Hall director Edward Clark.

The women would need underwear, socks, undershirts, male magazines, cologne, shaving cream and other items.

These, it was agreed, would be "donated" by the makes for the hunt, but would be returned at hunt's end.

"The intent was to provide an organized fun dorm activity," Aganette Johnson, advisor to Suarez, reportedly said.

But the event turned chaotic when male residents

at Fuller apparently stormed Suarez and Banks.

"We were just running in rooms grabbing whatever we could," said a resident of Holley Hall.

Insists Student Life dean, A.D. Aldridge: "The scavenger hunt was not authorized." Still, he believes it could have been a successful event if it had had proper administrative guidance.

As a result of the raid on the dorms, doors were kicked in, locks were broken, several people reported losing personal property, and there was water damage.

Aldridge indicated that several students had been punished, adding that "reprimands have been issued and action will be taken at the hall staff level.

Man from outer space?



Photo By Betty Iroku

Man in asbestos suit outside W.R. Banks.

The Militarization Of PV Becton Says It's Not So...

By Antrina Cooper
Panther Reporter

Prairie View A&M University President, Julius Becton, sought recently to debunk rumors that since he came to PV, it has turned into a military post.

During his January convocation, he presented members of his administrative staff several of whom had a military background.

Those announcements, coupled with the announcement that a new security booth would be erected at the entrance of the campus to a military operation.

According to Becton, The qualifications that he looks for in hiring someone at Prairie View is professionalism, respect from their peers, and someone he feels comfortable with.

Since Becton came to PV in 1989 he hired 12 administrative personnel, four of whom have a military background.

Col. Jiles Daniels, Vice President of Student Affairs; Sanderson Woods, the newest member; hired to head disciplinary actions; Col. A.D. Aldridge, Dean of Men; and Willie Templeton, head of the finance department.

Becton goes about hiring anyone for a job at Prairie View advertising the position and interviewing the person, to determine who is

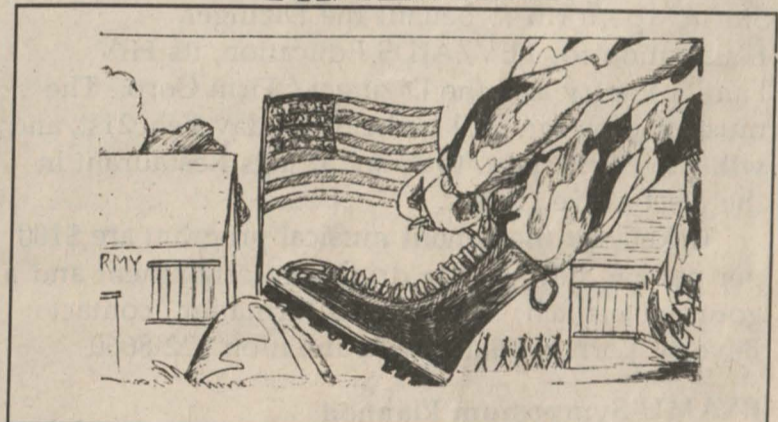
the most qualified for the job.

Freshman, Hugh E. Griffin said, "The people who Becton hires should have references, experience and not be judged only on their military experiences. I feel that someone who work at Prairie View with military background obviously are not doing their jobs."

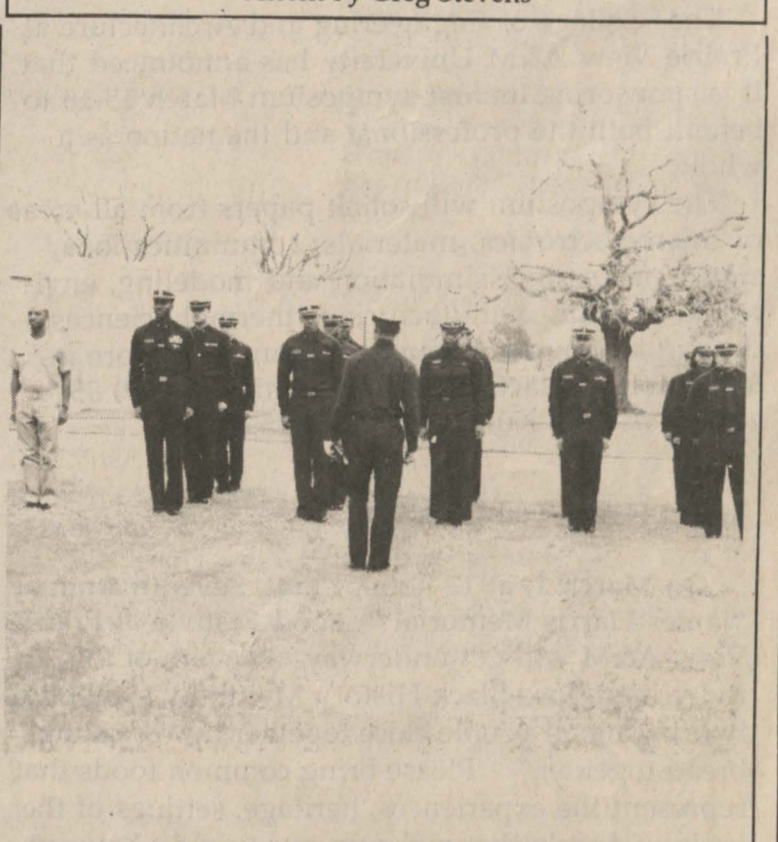
Walter Redd, Executive

Assistant to the President, states that, "Most of the faculty and staff at Prairie View with a military background was not in the military by choice. During the Korean and Vietnam Wars, most young men at the age of eighteen were called up for the draft."

"Prairie View is not turning into a military post and the security booth is to make sure people who do not attend Prairie View can stay out and make this campus a safer place for students to live," says Becton.



Sketch by Greg Stevens



Navy ROTC Stand at Attention

Panther Photo Contest

University Release

printed clearly.

Photographers should submit photos to Room 207, The Panther office on the second floor of Hilliard Hall.

Judging will be continuous and photos that get a certain score on a point scale will be published in The Panther, said Iroku. Photos will be judged on the basis of clarity, creativity, originality, and relevance to the stated purpose of the contest, Iroku added.

Prizes include cameras, free film, free processing, theater tickets, movie tickets, magazine subscriptions and much more, states the contest rules.

The Panther kicked off its first photo contest this month with an invitation to all members of the Prairie View A&M family to submit photos that reflect "the vigor and variety of life on the PV campus as it is currently experienced."

"What we want to capture are scenes showing people interacting in a wide variety of ways," said Betty Iroku, one of the student coordinators of the contest which ends mid-March.

Photos should be submitted mounted on poster board with the photographer's name

NEWSFRIDAY

Key Dates

March 4-6
Midterm Examinations

March 8-13
Spring Break



The most crimes committed by Blacks between the ages of 13 to 28 is Black on Black crime. Think about it.

Countdown

16

until Spring Break

BRIEFLY

University Academic Scholarships

Students who were awarded a University Academic Scholarship in the fall of 1990, 1991, 1992 must visit the Central Scholarship Office to review and renegotiate their agreement for the University Academic Scholarship. Those students who do not comply with the schedule as listed below, will be dropped from the University Academic Scholarship roll until they complete a current agreement form. The schedule is as follows: March 8-11, Alphabet A-I; March 12-19; Alphabet J-Q; March 22-26; Alphabet R-Z.

Those students who entered the university as University Academic Scholarship recipient in the fall of 1989, should have completed four years as a University Academic scholarship recipient and will be discontinued at the end of the Spring semester 1993.

Limited scholarships are available. April 1 is the deadline for the fall 1993 scholarships. Visit Dr. Price's office in Evans Hall, Room 302.

Sigma Xi Research Paper Competition

The Sigma Xi Research Society of PVAMU announces the 2nd annual Sigma Xi Student Research Paper competition to enhance campus-wide productive research and foster creative research environment for students, scientists and engineers. The competition will be held on Friday, April 9 at the Seminar Presentation Room in the Agricultural Laboratory Building. The top five papers shall be selected by qualified panelists, and plaques, cash and certificates will be given. The deadline is March 12, 1993. Contact Dr. Young W. Park at (409) 857-2209 for more information.

PVAMU Says, "Strike Up The Band"

"Strike up the Band" is the cry around Prairie View A&M University these days as spinoff groups of the renowned PVAMU Marching Band, "The Storm," perform to benefit the Dizinger Foundation for HIV/AIDS Education, its HIV Family Pantry and the Dizinger/ Firm Corp. The musical program will be held Sunday, Feb. 21st, and will run from 1p.m. to 3p.m. at Jags Restaurant in the Decorative Center.

Tickets for the benefit musical program are \$100 per person and include drinks, entertainment and a gourmet brunch. For more information, contact Beverly Lerner, Dizinger Foundation 522-8660.

PVAMU Symposium Planned

The College of Engineering and Architecture at Prairie View A&M University has announced that it is sponsoring its first symposium March 15-16 to benefit both the professional and the nation as a whole.

The symposium will solicit papers from all areas of microelectronics, materials, communications, signal processing, simulation and modeling, environmentalism, manufacturing, thermal sciences, urban planning and transportation. For more information, contact Shahryar S. Ardan (409) 857-2211 or A. Anil Kumar (409) 857-2591.

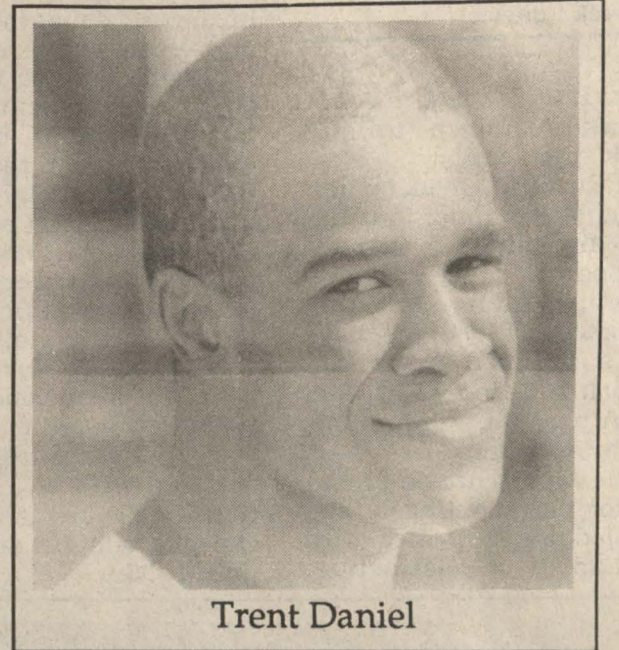
James Harris Food Festival

On March 1, at 12 noon, the Seventh Annual "James Harris Memorial" Food Festival at Prairie View A&M will get underway. The aim of this activity is to close Black History Month by symbolically bringing all people close together by "breaking bread together." Please bring common foods that represent the experiences, heritage, settings of the various people that make up our world. You can contact Howard Jones at (409) 857-4024 for further information.

People

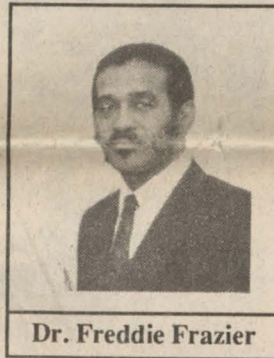
Trent Daniel, a sophomore Radio & TV major, works at Majic 102FM/1590AM in the production department and is co-host of a weekly talk show on 1590AM. He is a disc jockey for the original 91.3 from 10p.m.-2a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

In 1991 he began a campus variety show, *Panther Talk*. Daniel says he feels what he has accomplished is not out-of-the-ordinary and regrets that some of the Communication majors are not taking advantage of the opportunities afforded through P.V. He is currently working on the return of *Panther Talk* for 91.3 FM.



Trent Daniel

FACULTY



Dr. Freddie Frazier

Dr. Frazier received his B.S. in 1962 and his M.S. in 1966 from Prairie View. He also received his Ed. D. in 1975 from the University of Houston.

He recruits students from Houston area high schools for the Engineering Concepts Institute at Prairie View. He is also instrumental in the recruitment of several students from BOOST (Naval Prep School) in San Diego, Calif.

Dr. Frazier is the director of the Environmental Testing Laboratory and Co-Dir. of the Oasis Laboratory. These laboratories combined have generated funds exceeding \$200,000 for the university in the past year.

DEPARTMENT NEWS ACCOUNTING

The National Association of Black Accountants will sponsor the 1993 Annual Marathon Oil Corporation Panther Chess Championship April 2-4. Registration will be from Monday, Feb. 15 through April 2.

Prizes vary from titles, prize money and trophies. For more information, contact Dr. Sid Howard Credle, tournament director at (409) 857-4011 or Rodney Graves, advisor at (409) 857-4099.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Brazos Valley Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators is sponsoring an event called Beyond the Outer Limits which is open to all area writers, editors, designers, photographers, illustrators, audiovisualists and printers..

The competition includes more than 50 categories and all entries must have been produced during the 1992 year.

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CORRECTIONS

In the story "The First Black Owned Grocery Store..", the first Black owned store was in 1957.

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NEWSWEEK

SBSLC Hosts Leadership Conference



Prairie View students attend Leadership Conference.

By Walter Smith
Panther Reporter

Recently Texas A&M University hosted its fifth Annual Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC).

Approximately 1,000 students and faculty from states as close as Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, and as far as Illinois and New York attended the conference, representing approximately sixty historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and majority schools.

The theme of the conference was "Empowered by

the Past... Focused on the Future."

According to Ms. Demetria L. Chester, Conference Chair and a senior biology major at Texas A&M, "The past four years, SBSLC has enriched the lives of African-American collegians academically, spiritually, culturally, and politically. There have been numerous dynamic and energetic speakers such as Dr. Benjamin Hooks, former NAACP Executive Director; Ms. Susan Taylor, Editor of *ESSENCE* magazine; Charles Barron, CEO, Dynamics of Leadership, Inc.; and Mrs. Wilhelmina Delco of

Texas House of Representatives, Dr. Na'im Akbar and others who have inspired audiences with their oratory brilliance and stimulated our activism in making a difference in our world."

Chester also said that she hoped the conference served to unite HBCUs and other majority universities --- Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M for example.

Most of the events of this conference centered around techniques for improving the conditions of African-Americans abroad.

Some of the seminars that were presented were

"Too Black or Not Black Enough"; "Sisters of Substance: Diversity and Richness of the Modern Black Woman"; "Mo' Money: Economic Empowerment Within the Black Community"; and "Negro, Colored, Black, African-American: What's in a Name?"

The audiences were given an opportunity to ask questions, read information and literature on various subjects and even debate certain ideas.

In addition to seminars and workshops, SBSLC hosted a Career Fair; several companies helped raise funds for the conference.

Keynote speakers included many outstanding orators:

Nikki Giovanni, who is proudly called "the Princess of Black Poetry", has gained world recognition with her first book *Black Feeling Black Talk*; Dr. Ivan Sertima, a literary critic, linguist, and author who compiled the *Swahili Dictionary of Legal Terms and They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America*; Dr. Patricia Russell-McCloud who is a professional orator and President of Russell-McCloud and Associates, and Mr. Charles Barron, community activist and former Secretary General of the African People's Christian Organization.



Ministers raise \$20,500 at Conference

Ministers Raise Much Needed Funds

University Release

About 600 members of the nations clergy attended the 35th Ministers Conference on the campus of Prairie View A&M University recently.

The conference was sponsored by the United Ministries of Texas and had as a theme "The Catalyst For Change: Vision-Leadership".

Rev. Van Johnson, conference director, commented, "We had a good spirit-filled conference and we look forward to another great conference next year. Next year, we will expand the conference by a couple of days in order to include training classes in business, social and economic issues."

A goal of the conference was to raise \$25,000 to support the All Faiths Chapel.

Through the registration process, \$20,500 was raised and Rev. Johnson hopes during the next six months the

ministers and their churches will make the full \$25,000 a reality.

Although there were many noteworthy ministers at the conference, one of the outstanding guest speakers

was Rev. William P. DeVeaux, of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Rev. DeVeaux and his church recently welcomed President and Mrs. Clinton to Washington, as a part of

the week long inaugural activities covered by all major television networks.

Rev. Johnson said, "I hope that the university will make use of the ministers

conference and its broad-based support to wield more political power on behalf of Prairie View A&M University. These ministers are very

supportive of Prairie View and they can be very valuable in the progress of this university."

Disciplinary Affairs Has New Boss

By Erica Sanders
Panther Reporter

The new boss of the Office of Disciplinary Affairs is Col. Sanderson Woods.

He received a degree in biology from Prairie View in 1962, and has had a flourishing 30-year military career.

Woods duties include observing disciplinary hearings, and making decisions affecting students who are in need of disciplinary action.

Woods said that his job is more that just a rigid form of discipline for students who

break the rules, he wants to ensure that the students' rights are taken care of, and would like to see more student involvement with the Judiciary Board.

Despite having an intense concern for the students well being, Woods said he will continue to adhere to the President's guidelines.

Woods also wants to focus on keeping more students in college, and would like students to work with him to ensure that this goal becomes a reality.

Woods said that many problems that develop in the dorms, as well as throughout the campus, could be avoided

if more students took the time to read the Student Handbook. He also said that a lot of the trouble generated on campus, is caused by outsiders who enter the campus grounds.

Woods, who admits he still has a lot to learn about his new job, is optimistic about his future at Prairie View, and believes that his 30-year military background will leave little influence on the decisions he plans to make while, he's head of the Office of Disciplinary Affairs.

Woods said that, "If I have to resort to my rank (in the military), I have lost it!"

Freedom of the Press

It's in the 1st Amendment

Discipline Prairie View Style

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with our administration. There are too many hidden agendas and we need to get past this in order for all of

our organizations to flourish," said senior Sigma electrical engineer Calvin E. Hill.

There have been rumors

on PVU's campus that all Greek organizations on suspension will be granted immunity. Freddie Roberts of Student Activities said that the information is incorrect.



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Lecture by Spike Lee, Screening of *Malcolm X*, Q&A
Students \$4/\$8/\$12 • Non-students \$5/\$10/\$15

FESTIVAL PASS

Covers all events from Thu., Feb. 25 to Sun., Feb. 28
*WAKE UP! - The Films of Spike Lee (6 films)
*Documentary Directors Series (2 films)
*Late Night Directors Series (3 films)
*Feature Directors Series (5 films)
Students \$30 • Non-students \$40

GENERAL ADMISSION

Individual ticket prices for films (grouped by program)
WAKE UP! - Students \$2 • Non-students \$3
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LATE NIGHT - Students \$4 • Non-students \$5
FEATURE - Students \$5 • Non-students \$6

SPECIAL PROGRAMS (Free Admission!)

* 1992 Student Academy Award Winners
Compilation Film / 4:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
* Lecture by Michael Dyson of Brown University
4:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3:00 p.m. Media Session with Spike Lee; Press only	4:00 p.m. WAKE UP! <i>She's Gotta Have It</i>	1:30 p.m. WAKE UP! <i>School Daze</i>	10:00 a.m. WAKE UP! <i>Mo' Better Blues</i>	1:00 p.m. WAKE UP! <i>Jungle Fever</i>
3:30 p.m. Student Leaders' Forum with Spike Lee; Invitation only	7:00 p.m. WAKE UP! <i>Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads</i>	4:00 p.m. SPECIAL 1992 Student Academy Award Winners	1:00 p.m. WAKE UP! <i>Do the Right Thing</i>	4:00 p.m. DOCUMENTARY <i>Road Scholar</i>
7:00 p.m. Opening Night with Guest of Honor Spike Lee • lecture • <i>Malcolm X</i> • Q&A	8:30 p.m. DOCUMENTARY <i>Silverlake Life: The View From Here</i>	7:00 p.m. FEATURE <i>Just Another Girl on the L.R.T.</i>	4:00 p.m. SPECIAL (lecture) <i>"The Ghetto and Questions of Gender in Contemporary Black Cinema" - by Michael Dyson of Brown U.</i>	8:00 p.m. FEATURE Closing Night (T.B.A.)
	11:30 p.m. LATE NIGHT <i>This State I'm In</i>	9:30 p.m. FEATURE (T.B.A.)	7:00 p.m. FEATURE <i>The Cabinet of Dr. Ramirez</i>	
		Midnight LATE NIGHT <i>Fear of a Black Hat</i>	9:30 p.m. FEATURE <i>Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me</i>	
			Midnight LATE NIGHT <i>Charlie's Ear</i>	

All films are presented in Rudder Auditorium at Texas A&M University. Tickets available at the MSC Box Office, (409) 845-1234, and through TicketMaster. Questions? Call the Student Programs Office, 845-1515 or the Aggie Cinema hotline, 847-8478



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LIFESTYLES

PICK OF THE WEEK

MONICA ROBINSON
Panther Reporter

"CHECK IT OUT" ***

The Panther Pick of the Week is "Check It Out". It is a hot new rap release by Grand Puba. He has definitely made a 'grand' come back with this jam. It not only contains rap, but also a little R&B from the voice of Mary J. Blige. The video version and the album version are quite

different. It is guaranteed that the album version will spark a music lover's interest.

"REACHIN" ****

"Reachin'" (A New Refutation Of Time And Space) by Digable Planets is the Album of the Week. This rap trio, better known as Butterfly, Ladybug, and Doodlebug, has discovered a whole new rap style which includes jazz. "Reachin'" is full of jazz rhythms and beats.

Besides "Rebirth of Slick", Digable Planets have two other jams that will rock the rap world. One is "Nickel Bags" and the other is "Pacifics" which will be featured on the soundtrack for the movie, *New York Is Red Hot*.

Some of these jams can be heard on KPVU-FM 91.3 with Fast Eddie from 6-10pm M-F and Saturday nights 10-2am.

PANTHER PUMP IT UP!

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. HIP HOP HOORAY | NAUGHTY BY NATURE |
| 2. REBIRTH OF SLICK | DIGABLE PLANETS |
| 3. PUNKS JUMP UP TO GET BEAT DOWN | BRAND NUBIAN |
| 4. MURDER SHE WROTE | CHAKA DEMUS & THE PLIERS |
| 5. LOOSE CONTROL | SILK |
| 6. WHO GOT THE PROPS | BLACK MOON |
| 7. I'M SO INTO YOU | SWV |
| 8. DAISY DUKES | DUICE |
| 9. WHO'S THE MAN | HEAVY D |
| 10. PAPERBOY | DITTO |

PICK OF THE WEEK
"CHECK IT OUT"
GRAND PUBA

ALBUM OF THE WEEK
"REACHIN'"
DIGABLE PLANETS

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Friday 19

Party at Club Central (first 75 women get in free)
10pm- 4am

Saturday 20

Fun Flicks West Wing Alumni 12pm- 4pm
Party at Club Central with 97.9 the Box 10pm-4am

Sunday 21

AKA founder's day program and Worship service 11am
All Faiths Chapel

Monday 22

Zeta Phi Beta's founder's day program 7pm All Faiths Chapel
Baseball game PU vs NE Louisiana State 3pm
Black History program sponsored by SGA and Sigma Gamma Rho 6:30pm

Tuesday 23

"Who Am I?" Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Animal Industries at 7:00pm
Stork's Nest sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta 7pm Drew Hall Canteen
Black History Awards Program sponsored by AKA 7pm Animal Industry building
Jazz on the Hill Concert featuring Kyle Turner and PU's finest stars

Wednesday 24

"Fakin & Shakin" sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha 6:30-8pm Harrington
Handeling depression sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho 7:30pm Rm TBA
Black Women throughout History sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta

Thursday 25

Celebrating Black History at Prairie View sponsored by Delta Sigma
Theta 6pm Administration Auditorium

?? BLACK HISTORY QUIZ ??

- When did Congress pass the 13th amendment that abolished slavery in the United States?
- Who was the first black member of the New York Stock Exchange?
- Who received the Spingarn Medal in 1960 for pioneering research on fertilization and cell division?
- Who was the 1st Egyptian King?
- 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?
- Who received the patent for the elevator?
- Who received the patent for the pencil sharpener?
- Who was the first black heavyweight champion?
- Who was the first person killed in the Revolutionary War?
- What is the name of America's first black newspaper?

ANSWERS: 1. January 24, 1865 2. Joseph L. Searles; 3. Ernest E. Just; 4. Narmer-Menes; 5. Lewis H. Latimer; 6. A. Miles; 7. J. L. Love; 8. Jack Johnson; 9. Crispus Attucks; 10. *Freedom's Journal*.

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Eddie Murphy to wed next month

MONTOYA WARNER,
Lifestyles editor

Actor, comedian Eddie Murphy and model Nicole Mitchell will finally tie the knot March 18, 1993. It is claimed to be one of the biggest weddings of the year.

Eddie Murphy and Nicole Mitchell have two children and are highlighted in *Ebony*

magazine as one of America's 10 hottest couples. Some others in the category are Oprah Winfrey and Stedman Graham, and Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown.

Murphy is noted for his movies "Boomerang", "Distinguished Gentlemen", "Harlem Nights", "Beverly Hill Cops", and "48 hrs."



Actor/comedian Eddie Murphy will marry in March.

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ARIES (MARCH 21- APRIL 19)

A social function may become valuable to you in the future. Be prepared to start a rocky but interesting relationship. Relax and let things work themselves out. Set goals. You might keep them and be surprised!

TAURUS (APRIL 20- MAY 20)

Watch how much money you spend. Do not try to purchase items you know you can't afford. A job well done is needed in your classwork. Be clear when giving others suggestions.

GEMINI (MAY 21- JUNE 21)

Continue with your evening plans because you may meet an old flame that has been trying to get in touch with you. Your tolerance and kindness is one of your best attributes. Shrug off insensitive statements and avoid constructive criticism.

CANCER (JUNE 22- JULY 22)

With strict discipline and rules you will be able to complete any task. Now is the time to tell your lover the one thing that you have been holding back. You will have a piece of mind.

LEO (JULY 23- AUGUST 22)

Do whatever gives you most pleasure this weekend. You may be hesitant at first but as time goes on you will be okay. Take this extra time out to organize your room and work.

VIRGO (AUGUST 23- SEPTEMBER 22)

Say what you want. Stop beating around the bush! If you are struggling with your school work times ahead should be getting better. Try to listen to your lover more.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23- OCTOBER 23)

Keep your planned schedule because good timing is es-

sential. The Golden opportunity for you is just waiting to happen. Try to balance your love life and school work by allowing school to take first priority. Do not put off now what you can do today.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24- NOVEMBER 21)

Your stubbornness is getting the best of you. Try to listen to other peoples opinions. A younger person may need your advice. Go out and release some built up stress and anger you have.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 22- DECEMBER 21)

Be careful with your spending. Talk frankly with others. Ask questions. Some important future matters will require your attention. do not let your love interest get the best of you. Remain focused.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 19)

Think about what you are buying before you buy it.

You will receive good news in the near future. Avoid an argument with your mate. Do not attack them falsely. Think before you speak. What you say may hurt the relationship later.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 18)

Do your paper work! You and your love interest will create fireworks and the two of you will begin to get closer and closer. Give him/her the attention they deserve but do not let the good loving cloud your thinking. Take care of old business or it will come back to haunt you.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 19- MARCH 20)

Express to a loved one how important they are to you. Talk over your problems with an older and wiser person. If you do not you might find out the solution to your problem the hard way.

LIFESTYLES

Six Ladies Compete For Miss P.V. Title

By Montoya Warner, Lifestyles editor

On February 26, six beautiful ladies will compete for the title of Miss Prairie View A&M University. The 24th annual pageant will be held in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at Prairie View A&M University, 7:30p.m., admission is \$2.

Contestant number one is Rezolia Lashawn Johnson "CoCo", a political science major from Abilene. She is an honor roll student and aspires to be a corporate lawyer. CoCo is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and co-sponsor of the PVAMU cheerleaders. Her hobbies are singing, modeling and cheering. CoCo's talent presentation will be a vocal selection. She is the daughter of Ms. Margaret Johnson.

Keisha Lynn Johnson is a civil engineering major from Dallas. Keisha is an honor roll student, member of the NAACP, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Her hobbies include stamp collecting, reading, writing, and soccer. Keisha will play a violin selection in the talent competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson.

Tonya Maristine Scott, an English and Secondary Education major, is a member and Chairperson of the English and Foreign Language Club whose aspirations are to become a successful English professor and Speech Pathologist. Tonya will sing in the talent competition. She is the daughter of

Ms. Minnie Faye Scott.

Tonia Janeen Alexander, and electrical engineering major from Mobile, Alabama, is a member of the University Majorette squad whose hobbies include singing, dancing, reading, and jogging. Tonia will sing a vocal selection in the talent competition. She is the daughter of Ms. Barbara Shute.

Tawana Lynn Walter, a nursing major from Beaumont, enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. Her career goals are to become a singer and nurse so that she can heal people through music and medicine. Tawana's talent offering will be a dramatic interpretation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Walter, Sr.

Donna Tomlinson, an economics and political science major from Jamaica, is a member of the University Concert Choir and the Caribbean Club whose aspirations are to become a corporate lawyer and politician. Her hobbies include modeling, singing, public speaking and athletics. Donna will sing during the talent competition. Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mavis Tomlinson.

Ms. Cynthia Lester the present Miss Prairie View 1992-93, a junior from Alabama will give up her crown to the winner.

Those scheduled to perform are the Classic Dance Ensemble, the singing groups Basis and Ideal and Alana Thompson and Alfred Fulton.



Contestant number two, Keisha Johnson



Contestant number three, Tawana Walter



Contestant number four, Tonya Scott



Contestant number one, Rezolia Johnson



Contestant number five, Tonia Alexander



Contestant number six, Donna Tomlinson

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Delta Sigma Theta Founder's Day

By Antrina Cooper Panther Reporter

On Jan. 31, Prairie View Alumnae and the Eta Beta Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. observed their eightieth founders' day and eighty years of public service.

Founder's day recognizes and celebrates both the founders and sorority.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has stressed from the beginning the importance of education and voter's registration.

The theme for the afternoon was "The Delta Launch 2000: A New Leadership for a New Century."

"The purpose of the theme is to try and encourage leadership development among current emerging leaders to enforce the sorority's policies, standards, procedures and framework for an effective chapter management," says Gwendolyn Carter, President of Prairie View's Alumnae Chapter.

The program opened with the singing of the "Negro

National Anthem." After the opening song Ms. Gwendolyn Jeffrey and Elizabeth Vaughn paid a musical tribute to their twenty-two founders.

Ms. Khadija Fredericks, National Second Vice - President of the Sorority, was the keynote speaker. She recited a story by the late Zora Neal Hurston.

With this story, Fredericks challenged her sorority to use the different keys they had to change and make a difference for the African-American community.

Later she stressed the importance of solving the homeless problems in this country.

Kimberly Owens, President of the Eta Beta Chapter on Prairie View's Campus, said she sees the future for her sorority in the year 2000 as "the current state of affairs requires a re-generation of the society for the benefits, of all human kind. As a public service sorority Delta Sigma Theta will meet the challenge, to provide the leadership which will make this world a more humane place today, tomorrow, and in the year 2000."

Phi Beta Sigma Hold Their Founder's Day

By Calvin Hill Panther Reporter

On January 25, 1993, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. held a celebration in remembrance of their founding fathers. This celebration was held in the All-Faiths Chapel.

The guest speaker was Gulf Coast Regional Director Paul Griffin. Griffin spoke of the changes necessary to continue the fraternities 79 years of service. Griffin challenged those in attendance to make

changes in their everyday life, not just his brothers. Griffin spoke of the fraternity motto, "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity."

Other honored guests on hand were past, present, and future leaders of Phi Beta Sigma. Representatives from the other 7 Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, and the student body were present. Refreshments were served and the Men of Sigma held a social hour for informational purpose.

Black History

Theme: Black Roots

Miss Suarez and Mrs. Drew- The Women Behind The Residential Halls

When one thinks of famous influential black women from the past, one might think of Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, or Sojourner Truth.

However, one might also think of black women who influenced the history of Prairie View A&M University.

One should consider women such as Miss M. E. Suarez, and Mrs. Alice Jones Drew as women with enormous responsibilities, and as women who helped female residents at Prairie View A&M University.

Miss Suarez served on the personnel staff as Dean of Women for many years. She was also appointed to supervise the first Nurse's Housing Facilities for blacks at the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston. Miss Suarez was Dean of Women at Prairie View for 17 years. She attended Hampton Institute (Hampton University), where she received her degree in education.

She taught for a number of years at colleges such as Tuskegee Institute, where she served as Dean of Women. She also worked with Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee's founder. She served as a social worker for the Y.M.C.A in France during WWI, and traveled throughout Europe. With these incredible memories behind her, she decided to come to Prairie View, and began planting her seeds of wisdom.

As a result of her influence on black women at Prairie View, the university named a dormitory-Suarez Hall-after her.

Alice Jones Drew taught mathematics and home economics at Prairie View. She also taught in public schools at Webster Grove, Mo. She then married Jesse

Monroe Drew, who was a former President of Prairie View A&M University. Mrs. Drew received her education from the University of Illinois and a master's degree from Cornell University.

She also studied design at the University of Texas, as well as Traphagen Design School in New York. She had the opportunity to study design in Paris, for one year. As a result of her effort to be a guiding light for female students at Prairie View, Drew Hall was named for her, after her death in 1966.

There were other black women who had a positive impact on the history of Prairie View besides Miss M.E. Suarez and Miss Alice Jones Drew including, Glovina Banks. Mrs. Banks was the wife of W.R. Banks who was the seventh principal of Prairie View. She was a noted lecturer and book critic. Banks Hall was named after Mrs. Banks.

Evans Hall was built in 1926, and was named in honor of Anna Laura Evans, an English teacher who worked at Prairie View between 1895 and 1906. Evans Hall, which now serves as the Financial Aid Building, was once a dormitory for freshman and sophomore women.

L.O. Evans, which was erected in 1955 was named after Lucille O. Evans. She was the first wife of E.B Evans who was the first President of Prairie View.

Finally, Collins Hall which was also built in 1955, was named after Gertrude W. Collins. She was Dean of Women from 1906-1926.

Overall, black women have greatly influenced the history of Prairie View A&M University, and despite the complaints that female as well as male students have about the dormitories, every student should look at the individuals for whom the respective dormitories were named, and examine the life that they led.



"If you can control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. When you determine what a man shall think you do not have to concern yourself about what he will do. If you make a person feel that he/she is inferior, you do not have to compel him/her to accept an inferior status, he/she will seek for it. If you make a person think that he/she is a justly outcast, you do not have to order that person to the back door, that person will go without being told, and if there is no backdoor, the very nature of that person will demand one."

Carter G. Woodson,
Originator of Black History Month

Death of MLK Spurs Riot at Prairie View in 1968

By Stephanie Banks
Panther Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. touched the world with his philosophy of non-violence. African Americans and White Americans around the world, especially in the United States, respected that.

On April 4, 1968, about six o'clock on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., King was assassinated.

Out of anger, the world turned violent with riots, looting and killing because it lost a great leader.

On that night, some angry students of Prairie View A&M University trashed and burned buildings on campus as well as stoned cars that passed on Interstate 290.

Pervis Carter, professor of History at Prairie View A&M University, recalls that some offices in the old Agricultural building were burned along with some temporary buildings. Other damages included the former Memorial Center where the University Exchange (bookstore) is located.

Following the riot, the administration staff was available to answer any questions and get some idea of what the problem really was.

Carter feels that the media at that time might have put too much emphasis on the riot, it was not a total destruction. Instead it was students mourning the loss of a leader.

THE FACTS

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Lisa Aubrey, member of Prairie View's Banneker College faculty, wears her African clothes with pride. She recently was on a research tour in Kenya doing work on a doctoral dissertation on the impact of nongovernmental organizations, such as women's groups, on development. She has been a faculty member at PV for about two years.

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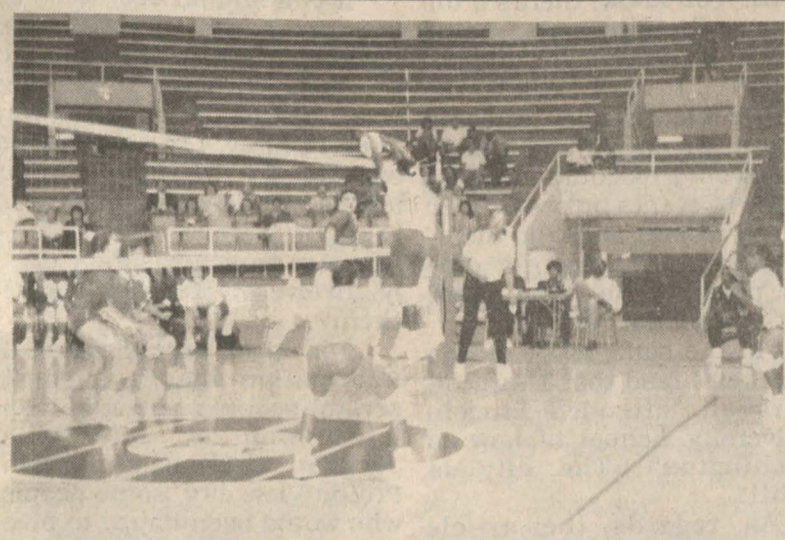
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SPORTS

Women Honored In Women's Day Program



Women in Sports; 1992 SWAC Champions

ANTRINA COOPER
Panther Reporter

The Health and Human Performance Department at Prairie View celebrated the 5th annual "National Women in Sports Day Program."

Wednesday, the University saluted the elite female athletes of Prairie View A&M University, Hempstead, Waller, Montgomery, Magnolia, and Brookshire Independent School Districts.

The program opened with a musical selection by Brian Dickens. Wynette

Cline, a Health and Human Performance major then gave the invocation. A dynamic poem was recited by the Health and Human Performance majors and minors.

The keynote speaker for the afternoon was Ms. Barbara Jacket, 1992 United States Women's Olympic Track Coach and PVAMU's Athletic Director.

Awards were presented to various young ladies in different sports, ranging from basketball to track and field.

Closing remarks were made by Lenice D. Brown, department of Athletics at PVAMU.

Fight Mars Intramurals

By Hugh Griffin
Panther Reporter

A massive brawl occurred in the New Gym on Feb. 9 during the intramural basketball game between the teams "187" and Showtime.

As told by some Showtime players, while moving in for a shot, Lee Phane ("187") was fouled by Roderick Smith. In anger and frustration he advanced toward his Smith swinging at him as if to attack. He missed Smith, and unfortunately struck Derek Walls (Showtime). Surprisingly, both teams left their bench-

es and began to fight. The fight was broken up by the coaches. Both teams were placed on probation, and playing was resumed. The final score was 40 - 39 in favor of Showtime.

Ronald D. Beard, Director of Intramural Activities says, "When you have a lot of serious competitors, it sometimes brings out the best as well as the worst in them...You can never solve a problem with violence. That's why I have placed both teams on probation. They're here to play basketball; we supply basketballs not boxing gloves."

Defense Hurts Lady Panthers

By Charlette Jones
Panther Reporter

The Lady Panthers traveled to Marshall, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 11, determined to beat Wiley Kittens, whom they had defeated 98-51 in an early season game.

But a Panther victory was not to be. The Division I Panthers were surprised and embarrassed by the Division III Kittens, whose record is 9-12. The Kittens won the game 91-69.

The Lady Panthers were sluggish in the first half. With 4 minutes left in the first half the Lady Panthers cut the lead to 10 with the score 47-37.

After half-time, the Lady Panthers vowed to beat the team, but ended up losing 91 to 69.

After beating this team earlier this year by 47 points, one might have thought that the Lady Panthers could pull off another victory and improve their record of 2 wins and 14 losses. The Lady Panthers were not successful.

The anticipated victory was probably one of the causes of the loss. Because the Lady Panthers felt that this would be an easy game, they were relaxed during the warm-up and during the opening minutes of the game. The players knew beforehand who the key players were and who they should be on the look out for.

Guarding the 5'10, 225 pound center for Wiley was a big problem for the Lady Panthers, but sending her to

the line to convert 10 of 13 free throws was one of the turning points in the game.

Several Lady Panthers did a good job overall off the bench.

Katra Irving was 5 for 7 from the free throw line and ended up with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Nichelle Hardy also had 10 points in the first half to keep the Lady Panthers within a winning range at halftime.

Two outstanding Freshman, Nikki Freeman and Helena White along with

Katra Irving and Nichelle Hardy played tough defense on the center for Wiley. Both Nikki Freeman and Helena White both had 8 points each. Prairie View's point guard Christina Dixon had some

trouble defending the opposing point guard, but she continued to attack the defense and produce fast breaks creating several easy baskets for the other Prairie View players. Dixon was perfect from the free-throw line, and had a total of 9 points.

Leading the offensive strike for the Lady Panthers was Crystal Powell who added 15 points. Arvitta Scott had a near perfect game from the field and scored 8 points. Also coming off of the bench to aid the Lady Panthers in the defensive strike was Candy Stamps who scored 2 points.

Almost But Not Quite

By Ronald Ratliff
Panther Reporter

The Grambling State Tigers visited Prairie View last Saturday hoping to put a damper on the Panthers' hopes of gaining a home victory. From the opening tip-off, it was evident that this would be the best game the Panthers have played all season. The Panthers came out with new-found intensity, that would last until the final buzzer.

The game was so intense that, in the beginning moments, a fight occurred, when P.V.'s Kirk Martin drove to the bucket and was fouled viciously by a Tiger. Soon after, mayhem began.

After the refs returned peace, three players were ejected - Prairie View's Chris

Mullins and Grambling's Michael Tardy and James Gray. However, the 20-minute delay did not seem to hurt the Panthers.

P.V.'s transition game was at its best, with Derrick McGriff running the team. Tied at 35 with 7:12 left in the first half, junior guard Derrick Hunter came down and hit a long-range jumper from 3 point land to put the Panthers in the lead. But the Tigers stayed with their plan to punch the ball, inside and they took a one point lead into half up 50 to 49.

The second half was no different from the first. Still, the Panthers were clearly playing their game of a lifetime. With the game going back and forth throughout the second half, Grambling pulled ahead 74-67 with

eight minutes remaining.

The Panthers maintained their poise and fought back with Steven Ramsey pulling a 3 pointer and connecting with nothing but the bottom of the net. Prairie View's relentless defense became their offense, and Ramsey received the ball in the open court off a steal and flushed it, tying the game at 77.

Seconds later, D. Hunter came down and rained another 3 to put P.V. ahead 80 to 77. But the lead would not last for long. With 3:50 left in the contest, the Panthers began to unravel.

Grambling's offensive rebounds allowed them to stay on the charity strike, and they gave. With G.U. up 89 to 87, the Panthers had one last chance at the game with 15 seconds left.

D. McGriff came down the court looking to score and somehow got trapped and lost the ball, and the Panthers lost another heart-breaker, 89 to 87.

Monday's game against Mississippi Valley State would be just as hard to swallow. The Panthers playing well in the first half, but the second half was their downfall.

Turnovers in the final 10 minutes of the second half allowed Mississippi Valley to get easy buckets.

P.V.'s Lateeff Clarke poured in his season high 18 points while D. Hunter and D. McGriff combined for 44. With 21 seconds left the Panthers would not be able to get their last shot at a home victory. Mississippi Valley dealt Prairie View a loss 100 to 92.

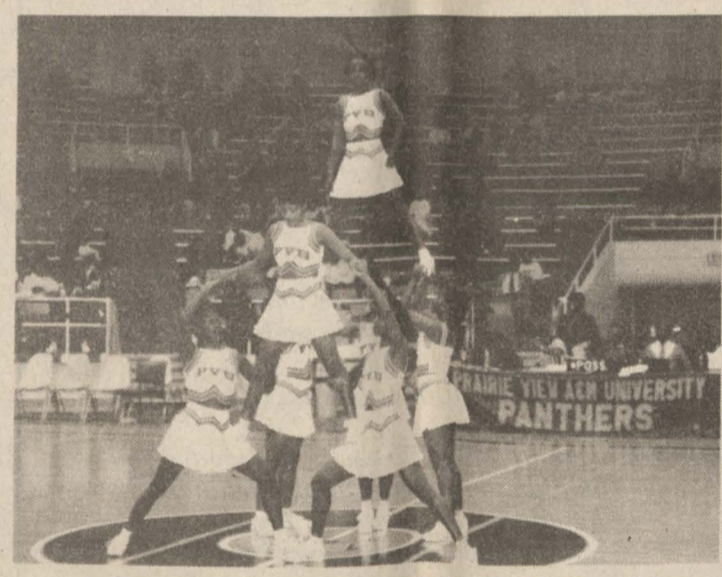


Photo By Betty Iroku

Panther Cheerleaders build a pyramid

Boredom Soon To Cease

By Charlette Jones
Panther Reporter

Prairie View's residential parking lots are filled with cars on weekdays, but soon as the weekend arrives, the campus becomes deserted as most residents head home, presumably to escape boredom.

Observed one student: "There's nothing to do on the weekends," adding that there's an arcade in the Memorial Student Center, but if one does not have money, there is not much to do but watch.

But, there may be a solution to all those who suffer from the weekend---or weekday---blues---a way to be active and healthy and wise.

The Intramural Program in the new gym offers such activities as basketball, weightlifting, racketball, dominoes, card games, swimming and aerobics.

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Sex story

Continued from page 1
the black coeds are having anal intercourse."

He also said, "That's particularly disturbing news when you consider anal sex is the highest sexual risk behavior for AIDS transmission."

Although sexual activity is high and diverse on college campuses, those participating seem to be knowledgeable about AIDS and methods of prevention.

"More than 90 percent of students knew that multiple sex partners increase the risk of AIDS and that condom use is an effective means of preventing its spread," said Dr. Thomas.

"Safe sex" is not only a day's society; especially on college campuses. It's good news that the awareness of STDs is widespread. Also, the use of condoms is frequent.

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VIEWPOINTS

Mrs. Becton Breaks Silence :Speaks Out About *The Panther*

Letter to the Editor

I recognize that the Panther is a student publication and I have refrained from writing before. However, when an article is published using my name with inaccurate information, I must respond. It bothers me because no one from the Panther ever asked me what I did during the disturbance at our house following the PV-TSU game.

First of all, I am hard pressed to figure out why the article appeared at all since no PV students were involved, but I respect your First Amendment rights. So let me give you briefly the actual version of what happened.

Following the game, Dr. Harris, President of TSU, and Mrs. Harris joined us at our house. Our son and a fellow Army captain were spending

the night. The two guys were in the kitchen "feeding their faces" when a car drove up to our back door and parked directly behind Dr. Harris' car blocking him in. The five thugs (my term) got out and headed on campus. Our son, thinking they were normal kids, thought he'd do them a favor by asking them to move their car, because he knew "mommy would just call the police and have it towed." Well, the thugs wanted to know "who the f---" he was to tell them where to park, and one of them proceeded to urinate in the yard. At that point, our son came to the door and told me I'd better call the police. As he turned, he saw one of the thugs pushing his friend. He went to step between them and the urinator came up behind him and "sucker punched" him. At that point he and his friend



Mrs. Louise T. Becton

proceeded to defend themselves against the five, quite effectively, until the police arrived. My husband had also come out (you didn't mention that). Dr. Harris did not come out until after the police arrived. The only thing I did was to call the police and apply ice to my son's lip. I was not the person who went out to check on the noise as your article stated. My son was right, considering the environment on this campus that evening. There is no way I would have tried to communicate with

thugs. I'd let our capable police handle it.

Since this is my first (and probably last) letter it, may appear to be one of the "kitchen sink" variety. I have the greatest love and respect for Prairie View students. There are young people here struggling against all kinds of odds, trying to amount to something. They will succeed because they believe they will and they work hard toward that goal! We also have a few thugs (I pray they will change and become productive citizens and leaders it's a choice only they can make.) I do not feel that this same article should have made the negative references to those few TSU students. I think the TSU student body is

not unlike the PV student body. It's larger but predominately good, with a few thugs just like ours! I think of our

student who made a spectacle of himself on the floor at the game. You know, there's a difference between art, being sexy and being vulgar and obscene! I really wish the Prairie View students would create an environment here that would discourage attendance to events by people with no self respect and who therefore have no respect for others, property, the Alma Mater or the National Anthem.

In the same issue of *The Panther*, I read that Thurgood Marshall "attended Lincoln University School of Law in Washington" -The city is right!

As regards the article "First Black Owned Grocery---", there was the Fuller store here in almost the same location in 1957 when we came here. It was owned by a former dean of men at the University (then college); he is

the man for whom Fuller Hall is named.

If you should ever need to use my name in an article again please have the courtesy to check with me to get my version, then print what you like. Frankly, I can not blame students for these errors. You are here to learn and for that to occur there must be teaching. Are your advisors actively involved? Do you utilize them?

For local area historical information may I suggest several people who could help if you want it. Mr. Frank Jackson is on campus. In Prairie View city, some people who would be happy to help you are Dr. Anne Campbell, a former Head of the English Department and Dr. George Woolfolk, Head Emeritus, History Department. Their phone numbers are in the city directory.

Love, Louise T. Becton

Student Commends SGA President On Job

Letter to the Editor

To the response of the young lady that wrote the article in *The Panther* titled "Student Challenges SGA President" (Jan. 22).

I would like to say to you, that Ms. Tiwana Flagg is the best SGA president that Prairie View A&M has had since I've been here (Fall '87). She is the only president that has stood up for the student body and made a change.

Most of the students will in fact say that Tiwana has done a good job. Maybe, sometimes, she gets a

little rowdy, but if you want things to happen, you can't just sit back and take what the administration gives you.

Some of the things Tiwana has accomplished are: longer library hours, visitation hours, alumni hours. She helped with the proposal for Taco Bell and PFM, and she helped change the Residential Hall Book.

As far as her participation with the Organization Review Board, Ms. Flagg resigned from the board long before her own sorority came before the board. I am a member of the board so I WOULD KNOW. How can you say that Ms. Flagg be-

came upset when her sorority was disciplined by the Review Board, when she was not an active member of the board?

That's the problem with some people; "you need to preach what you know and not what you heard or assume." Tiwana felt as though the board was not functioning in a professional manner.

After this problem to no avail, she removed herself from the board. If you were a member of a board and you didn't like the way business was being taken care of, would you not do the same? So to the young lady (yes I know who wrote the article) that wrote

the article, you need to keep that lame opinion to yourself. Tiwana is running again for the SGA president and she will win hands down.

I know Arthur Simmons (Vice-President of SGA) and I have nothing bad to say about him, because he has done a good job also. But to Tiwana Flagg, keep up the good work. You have the student body on your side. Also, when you have people talk bad about you that means are doing something good. So you "Go Girl!!!!"

Sincerely yours,
Ms. Deanna Ashley

Flagg Responds To Critic

Letter to the Editor

In response to the unprofessional article written about me in the past two issues, I would like to print my side of the story. First of all, it is very clear who wrote this article; secondly, if you print anything about me please sign your name. I would like to apologize to the student body for the person that wrote this unprofessional article. If anyone has a problem with what I am doing my office is always open to talk. I'm not sure why the article was written but I do want to take up three of the issues that were mentioned in the previous article. The statement was made that I was angry with the president and that I did not attend any advisory meetings. This is not true. My relationship with the president is just like any other student. I feel that I am in a position that calls for many differences with the president and the administration because, as Student Government President, I am for the students not the administration. I am at every advisory meeting because I am always there raising sand.

Where are you? On the issue about the Organization Review Board, first of all you are not a member of a Greek organization, so you really shouldn't bring other organizations into your mouth. Yes, I was a voting member of the board and because of after the third week I did not like the way the board was being ran. I resigned and that is one of the reasons why the board is under revision and many students and organizations are happy. My sorority was not an issue and to set the record

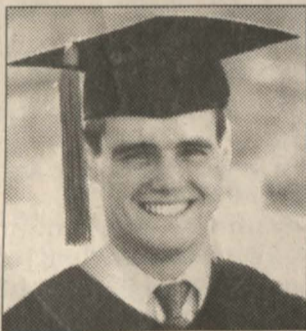
straight my sorority is not in major trouble as you think it is. You called me dumb or you and you said that I repeatedly asked the same question to the president over and over again, well obviously you are a student who doesn't care about your rights. Yes, I asked the president over and over again why Christmas break was shortened because I never got a straight answer.

Overall, SGA has finally moved to where it should be and if you know me, if there is something that needs to be done or said, I will do my darnest to see that it does indeed happen. I'm not afraid to speak up for what is right and I notice you call me radical this may be true, but the job has gotten done regardless of how it got done. I will run again because there is one more thing that needs to be done and that's for the band to put on their new uniforms next fall.

To the student body, thanks for believing in me, thanks for supporting me and for being so patient. Together, you and I have done a very good job regardless of those in the SGA who didn't work with us. I know that you know who has really stood up for you when ever there was a problem, and I know that you know who saw it through. I will continue to be there for you. To all those who have responded just as I did thank you as well.

Many Thanks,
Tiwana K. Flagg
SGA President 92-93

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*Considering myself as the faithful one
I deserve a man better than you.
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position
You are worth the dollars of two!*

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You didn't love her. Did you tell her?
I could never cheat on a loved one
My standard shall never lower*

*My mind tells me not to love you again
But my heart persuades me to
One is dominate over the other
But it's wrong to go back to you.*

Tonica Pool

SPEAK OUT

Question: Do you think Black History month is a token month or is it justified?



Carlos Stringfellow
Freshman
Dallas, Tx.
When I think of Black History month a question comes to mind. Why is it

that we only have one month out of an entire year to express our Negro history? Our Black heritage was not made in one month, therefore, it shouldn't be limited to just a month. We are all taught American history year round, so why shouldn't we also be taught Negro history year round?



Chadwick Davis
Freshman
Austin, Tx.
I've never thought of Black History Month as a token. However, I do see how it

could be viewed as such. We all must take it upon ourselves to embrace our lost heritage, and that will take more than just 28 days out of the year. If White America feels the need to ease its guilty conscience by setting aside the shortest month of the year for Black History, then so be it. I just hope Black America will realize our history is too rich to be confined to just one month.



Camellia Harmon
Freshman
Philadelphia, PA
I do feel that Black History month is a token in the sense that white people generally believe that we,

as Blacks, should be satisfied with this "great honor" and not complain about a lack of acknowledgement. However, I also feel that Black History month is very much justified because for a large majority of African-Americans, this is the only time during the year that they get to learn positive aspects about our history and culture.



Dawn Hopkins
Freshman
St. Louis, Mo.

Black History month should definitely be justified. As Afro-Americans we should not have to demand the right to one month out of the year to acknowledge our fascinating history. The constant, bitter struggles our ancestors have so courageously fought for should be justification in itself. From past experiences in our history, Afro-Americans should be given all the rights they so graciously deserve. Our ancestors have been beaten down, lynched, ridiculed and despised and, for what? We deserve all that we ask for and nothing less.