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# The Panther

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## PV Convocation Honorees Urged to Dream

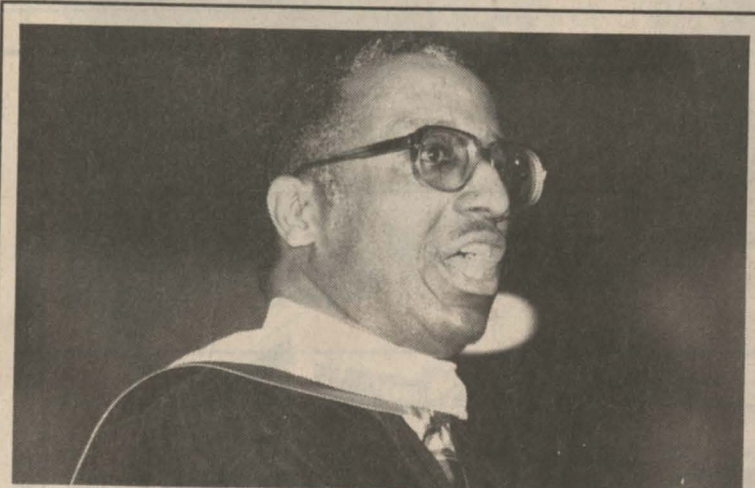


Photo By Betty Iroku

Convocation Speaker-Dr. Howard G. Adams

By Yolanda Taylor  
Panther Reporter

Prairie View A&M University held its thirty-ninth Annual Honors Convocation in the University Fieldhouse, Wednesday, March 17.

The Convocation recognizes and celebrates the academic excellence and achievements of P.V. students.

The theme for the convocation was "In Recognition of Academic Excellence".

The program opened with the prelude by Dr. Danny R. Kelley, organist.

After the prelude, the procession was followed afterward by the honorees, faculty and staff. After the procession, the singing of the "Negro National Anthem".

Keynote speaker was Dr. Howard G. Adams, Vice-President of Student Affairs, and Executive Director of The National Center for Graduate Education for Minorities. Adams focused on education and how important it is to have a good education.

In this speech, he said "I want you to project what you are going to do with your life". He also said that

"easy street for success is closed for repairs" and urged students to get out and strive for themselves.

"Dream about where you want to take your life," Adams said. "It's a tragedy to have no goals; it's a calamity to have no dreams, a disaster to have no ideals, a disgrace to have no stars to reach."

"Start by having a dream," Adams said. "What kind of family, what do you want for yourself? What do I want for my life? Life starts with dreams. Then getting prepared, seizing the moment."

Adams urged the

honorees to accept that life is hard. "Opportunity knocks and you must be ready to seize it. Stop lamenting; stop blaming. If you don't like yourself, you are the enemy in your own skin."

"You can take charge of your life. You can be responsible for what happens to you. You are not ordinary. You are the best we have."

Prairie View A&M University President, Julius Becton recognized the honorees for their achievement.

The honorees were categorized in four categories attaining a grade point continued on page 3



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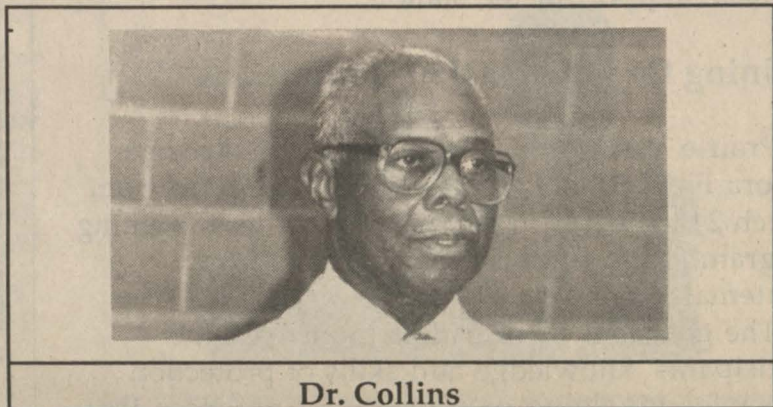
Prairie View's Gilpin Players

### Fashions at Prairie View



Photo By Betty Iroku

Students make a fashion statement at PV See Style pg. 6



Dr. Collins

### Engineering Tech Building Named for PV's Dr. Collins

By CHARLEEN WOMACK  
Panther Reporter

In a dedication ceremony held Saturday, March 20, the engineering technology building was renamed the Samuel R. Collins Engineering Technology Building in honor of Prairie View A&M University veteran Dr. Samuel Collins.

I am highly honored to have the building named after me and I am also honored to have been a part of Prairie View in the student, faculty, and administration capacities," Collins said recently.

Collins was selected for the honor by a committee made up of building administrators working in conjunction with the Texas A&M University Board of Regents. They cited Collins' tireless devotion to excellence and progress in the hope that his life's work would inspire others to greatness as well.

In 1942, Collins received a teaching certificate from Prairie View A&M University. He later received an M.S. degree in industrial education at PV. He earned his Ed.D at the University of California in 1962, majoring

in vocational education. Collins is certified as a provisional teacher and a professional teacher by the Texas Education Agency.

In 1957, he was certified as a "Master Plumber" by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

One of his first duties at PV was as Coordinator of the Cooperative Education Program which included, placement and followup of technology, science and engineering majors in cooperative education at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. He also served as a technical

education advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Trinidad, West Indies.

For one year he served as acting director in the Division of Industrial Education since the director was on a one year study leave.

Collins also distinguished himself as an instructor and finally as the Head of the Department of Plumbing

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### Alexander Hall Residents Complaining of "Stinch"

By HUGH E. GRIFFIN  
Panther Reporter

Lately, many residents of Alexander Hall have been complaining about the "stinch" that has polluted the dorm. Rodney Flakes, a sophomore resident, says, "They need somebody who will clean that stuff on a regular basis! The doors to the stalls need hinges instead of just laying up against the walls all the time. How can we have our right to privacy when the bathroom stalls don't have any doors? And slipping in the same throw-up three days in a row aint what I call fun!"

Mr. Hayes, the dorm

director, says that the odor is a result from a plumbing problem that maintenance personnel has been repairing off and on since the beginning of the Fall semester. Col. A.D. Aldridge, Dean of Men's Housing says that the plumbing problems are mostly a direct result from the residents. Plastic cups, aluminum foil, and anything else besides fecal matter should not be found in the toilets. They stop up the pipes and break the toilets.

During the approaching summer, the university will spend approximately \$200,000.00 on repairing Alexander's plumbing problem alone.

### Reform Program at PV Draws Mixed Reviews

By HUGH E. GRIFFIN  
Panther Reporter

Recently, when an accident occurred in a freshman dorm resident's room resulting in injuries to the student and revealing the hot property he had stolen, many students on campus -- especially campus residents expressed concern. Do criminals really deserve a second chance in society? Does the legal system need new methods for treating criminals?

Here at Prairie View A & M University, the school participates in a legal program -- in cooperation with county officials -- by which young troubled men and women, are granted a second chance to reform their lives in a positive and healthy manner.

Just like the rest of us, these students are required to abide by all the rules and guidelines set by the university. For instance, each student will receive punishment by the university if caught for any wrongdoing, and each student must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 per semester, or (like the rest of us) they will not be allowed to return the university the

following semester.

Holly Barnett, a sophomore said, "Being in a learning institution like PV gives them a chance to be around other students with high ambitions; and they have positive examples to follow. It shows that there really is such a thing as people having a common showing of love toward each other. We can not just go about treating each other like anything besides human beings."

Lou Carr, a freshman engineering major, said, "It sounds nice, however, I think that they should be made to live in different dorms and they should have different eating times from the rest of the students."

Latricia Houston, a freshman accounting major said, "It's good that they're getting a second chance, however, the student body should have been notified of the situation before-hand."

Although learning to live with all types of people is part of what attending a university is all about, there are still some students who feel that this system is unsafe and a risk not worth taking.

### Gilpin Players Making Waves

By CANDICE JONES  
Panther Reporter

"What and Who are the Charles Gilpin Players?" "When will the Gilpin perform on the campus?" These questions many seem to be asking on "The Hill". The Gilpin Players are students of Mr. C. Lee Turner's Theater Arts group who put on various shows throughout the year. Their plays focus on black issues such as the black woman's and black man's roles in society and black legends through inspirational song, dance, and movement. The Gilpin Players were last seen on March 19, 1993.

The Gilpin Players made an appearance at the

Texas Education Theater Association (TETA), convention in Houston at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Jan. 28-31.

TETA held seminars and workshops designed to educate and inform regional theater schools about the advances in theater. The Gilpins set the night off with three remarkable late night performances. The first show included dance movements honoring great legends and dancers such as Honi Cole, Jimmy Slide, the Nicholas Brothers, and Texas' very own, Alvin Ailey (choreographed by Adrian Porter). The other two shows were a collage of scenes and movements with excerpts from "Blues for

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### Would Race Matter?

By James Harrison  
Special to The Panther

What if the people holed up in the Branch Davidian compound in Waco were black?

That question has many people--at Prairie View and elsewhere-- thinking.

Many blacks respond by saying that if the people in the Mount Carmel compound were black, the standoff would not have gone beyond two days.

I don't agree with that conclusion; as a matter of fact, I don't believe that's what would have happened.

I challenge the response that the situation would have ended violently on Day 1. It seems logical that forces would jump at the chance to "off" a large number of blacks at one time.

That conclusion is only logical to a fool.

The whole incident drew major media coverage so fast that we actually saw gunfire between the two sides--the Branch Davidian people and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms shooters.

Now, is that the way good

old Uncle Sam wants to be portrayed? I think not. The Branch Davidian compound could have been filled with blacks, Jews and even Nazis, and the response, in my opinion, would have been the same as it is today.

The government does not want a race war on its hands, and that's exactly what would have broken out if blacks were holed up and it had gone against them with violent action.

I'm not siding with any of the groups involved; I'm just pointing out the facts.

The government does not wish to be a spark in a nation already sitting on a racial time bomb.

If there were a minority group in the Branch Davidian compound, there would probably still be a stand-off, thanks to the intensity of media coverage.



# NEWSFRIDAY

## Key Dates

**April 21**  
PV Spirit Awards

**April 26**  
PV Choice Awards

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## Countdown

12

until Easter Holiday

## BRIEFLY

### KPVU Radio Pledge Drive

KPVU radio at Prairie View will be sponsoring a Spring 1993 "on the air" pledge drive March 28 to April 4th.

Proceeds from the fall and spring KPVU drives go toward the operation of the station, the only broadcast facility based in Waller County. It reaches 50,000 listeners. The radiothon is an attempt to reach listeners and encourage their financial support of the station.

### Training for Guatemalan Technicians

Prairie View A & M University and Arizona-Sonora Field School of Tucson will team up from March 24 to May 5 to conduct a short-term training program for 24 rural road technicians from Guatemala.

The goal of the program is to increase the participants' knowledge and skills of protection principles involving environmental practices that need to be observed during the construction of rural roads.

While at Prairie View the participants will study leadership and extension methods and be introduced to life in the United States. The program is being sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development-Guatemala of Washington, D.C.

### PV Commencement Rehearsal

Commencement rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1993 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health & Physical Education Building. Commencement is Sunday, May 9, 1993. The speaker is Dr. Dolores R. Spikes, president of Southern University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### Education Job Fair Set

The College of Education at Prairie View A&M University has announced an "Education Job Fair" featuring job recruiters from more than one hundred school districts nationwide, colleges, universities, professional schools and federal agencies armed with information for students/applicants for employment.

The job fair will be held April 14, 1993, at Alumni Hall. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### PV In "Honda All Star Challenge"

Sixty-four teams have been selected to compete in this year's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge a question-and-answer game in which students from the nation's (HBCUs) compete for \$305,000 in grant money. Among them is Prairie View A&M University.

Recognizing the importance of HBCUs in educating the majority of African-American college students, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. has exclusively sponsored the campus all-star challenge since 1989. In doing so, Honda has given participating institutions nearly \$1 million in grants.

### PV Radio Students To Visit Atlanta

Students of the Communications Department at Prairie View A&M University will attend the 15th Annual Black College Radio Convention to be held April 9-10th in Atlanta, Georgia.

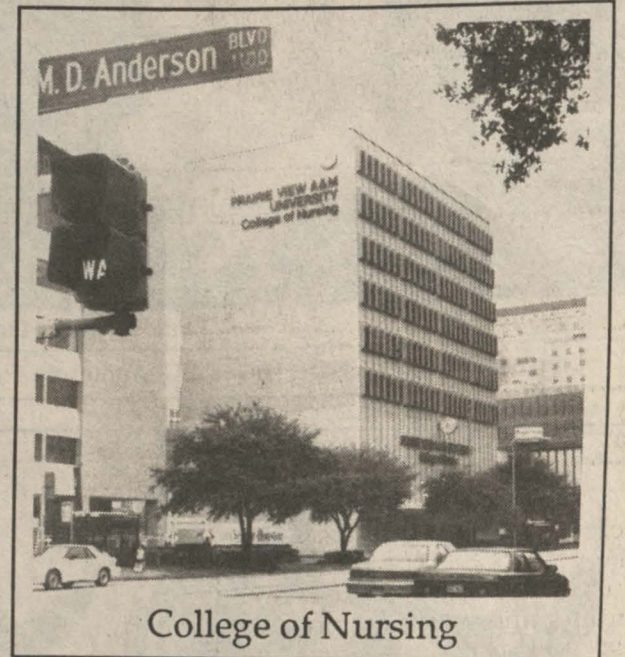
The convention boasts that it will have college broadcasters from more than 100 different colleges and universities. The convention will have seminars, broadcasting competitions, public awareness campaign items, information on expansion grants and an annual awards banquet.

## People

The College of Nursing recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. The college sponsored an open house for the public to view the nine story facilities.

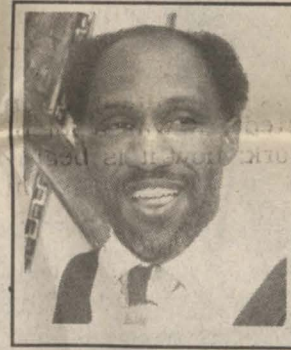
Since a portion of the students are from different countries, they were allowed to have a display show. Foreign students ranged from Africa, Jamaica, and Japan.

Students in the college must complete two years of pre-clinical study on the Prairie View campus. Then an additional two years is spent at the nursing school in Houston. After successfully completing the degree plan, the student is awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



College of Nursing

## FACULTY



Rev. Clarence Talley, professor of art, was recently invited to travel to Vietnam and Thailand in September. He will be a member of a delegation of thirty art educators, curators, museum directors and historians to visit Southeast Asia.

The delegation will travel to Hue and Hanoi in Vietnam. The group will tour various fine arts museums.

Talley was recently included in the 1993 Who' Who in America. He has also won individual and group exhibitions.

Talley graduated from Southern University in 1973 and received his master's from Louisiana State University in 1975.

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### ACCOUNTING

The National Association of Black Accountants will sponsor the 1993 Annual Marathon Oil Corporation Panther Chess Championship April 1-3. 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 AEJMC magazine division will host the 1993 Student magazine contest. The deadline is April 30, 1993. Entries are in magazine writing. Call The Panther at (409)857-2132 for more details.

### ALL MAJORS

The Rochester Institute of Technology offers outstanding graduated programs for juniors and seniors to apply for. For more information, come to the second floor of Hilliard Hall.

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# NEWSWEEK



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## Career Day

### Career Day Activities Pay Off

By Chandra Baty  
Panther Reporter

The College of Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology held its sixth annual Career Day to build relationships between companies and students.

More than 30 companies, including NASA-Johnson Space Center and Eastman Kodak, participated in the day's activities. Dr. Haku Israni, dean of the college, noted that the Career Day was beneficial to companies because many had never been to Prairie View's campus.

Although the day does not guarantee employment or internships, it provided students with an opportunity to enhance interview skills and gave representatives a chance to acquaint students with their companies.

Officer Ruffin Mitchell says The Houston Police Department participated to help eliminate stereotypes about careers in police work.

"People will realize they won't find jobs in what they want. There are lots of other divisions to transfer to in the police department such as planning and research, not just patrolling neighborhoods," he said.

"I believe the Career Day is always beneficial to African-Americans. At least you know the companies are looking for HBCU students," said electrical engineering major, Camille Lewis.

Israni offered another view: "Even though we are a minority institution, we urge the companies to come to Prairie View because they are looking for a good student, not just a minority," he said.

However, some students said Career Day does not meet the expectations of students. "It seems like they aren't looking for anyone to hire. They just show their faces, but have no plans to hire," said Dwayne Fields, a senior electrical engineering major.

Leo Fraga, Civil Rights officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, disagrees. "Students should come whether they get hired or not. There is always a chance. For example, if the Texas Legislature approves the Retirement Incentive Program, 25 percent of our workforce will retire and we'll be hiring. You never know until you come," he said.

In 1988 the Career Day started with fifteen companies and government agencies and has expanded to over thirty in four years. Israni said, "Initially when we started, it was a lot of hard work; now it is beginning to pay off. We put in one-fourth of what we put in four years ago," he said.

The college, which was the first to be accredited in the Texas A&M University system in 1992, includes Agriculture, Home Economics, Computer Science and Engineering technology.

## Wider Audience is Sought For Faculty Senate at PV

By RAQUEL PHEARSE  
Panther Reporter

The existence and purpose of Prairie View A&M University's faculty senate are not well known or reported on. What exactly is the faculty senate and what is its purpose?

The faculty senate is a governing advisory or disciplinary body, consisting of faculty and the student government president.

The senate meets regularly to discuss administrative issues that effect professors as well as students. These issues range from faculty promotion and tenure to propos-

ing a new process for choosing the campus queen.

Although little is known about the senate, it was found that members and participants have different views about its effectiveness and its role at the university.

Some faculty members feel that the senate is not "for" them. What is meant by this, is that they do not feel that their suggestions are taken into account. For example, there have been opposing views about the university's hiring practices and the dismissal of certain instructors. A letter was submitted to the administration concerning these subjects and a response was extremely slow in coming.

One faculty member remarked that more participation is needed of the faculty and that input would be appreciated. Students are somewhat nonchalant about the faculty senate, but one student in particular gave it rave reviews.

Tiwana Flagg, student government president, said that the senate's director was very cooperative and responsive.

The faculty senate is not a hot topic, but its purpose is important. Whether one is a member of this body or not, more people should be aware of its existence, as well as its purpose.

## PV Forensics Team Excels

By Ozzie Banicki  
Special to The Panther

The "Roaring Leprechaun" Swing (double header) hosted by St. Thomas University and the University of Houston on March 20-21, 1993, turned out to be a forensics tournament that should have been named the Panther Growl-PVU excelled.

Two students, Gitonga M'bijewe and Betty Iroku represented our university. In the St. Thomas tournament, Gitonga placed first in informative speaking and

Betty placed first in persuasion. Each of them received first place votes from all judges in the preliminary rounds and the final round

of six contestants. Gitonga defeated five Rice University students in the finals and Betty beat the team trophy



Betty Iroku and Gitonga M'bijewe

champion, the University of Oklahoma, in her final round. That remarkable feat resulted in enough team points to rank Team PVU fifth in the tournament out of a field of 11. (Rice, Oklahoma, Texas Arlington, Angelo State, Southwestern Louisiana, University of Houston, University of St. Thomas, Prairie View A&M, McClennan C. College, Collin C. College, and N. Harris C. College.)

The following day March 21, Gitonga placed first in informative and Betty placed second in persuasion. Since they did not have straight ones like the previous day, we did not duplicate the team miracle of ranking in the top five against the numerous entries from other schools. Team miracles aside, three ones and a two is not a bad performance for a couple of weekend leprechauns.

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### Students Attend Conference

By Angela Harris  
Panther Reporter

Recently, seven members of the Political Science Club attended the 24th Annual Conference of Black Political Scientists in Oakland, Calif.

The conference, held March 10-13 at Parc Oakland Hotel and Convention Center, boasted approximately 250 participants from around the country. This year's theme: "Old Struggles and New Challenges" offered seminars with topics such as "Revolutionary Thought for the 1990s," "The Political Legacy of the Black Panther Party;" and "Atlanta University and Black Political Science: an experiment in Curriculum Development."

Speakers included P.V.'s Dr. Mack Jones and Jim Brown, presidential candi-

date. The highlight of the conference was the banquet, at which Honorable Willie L. Brown, Speaker of the House for the California Assembly, was the keynote speaker.

Six student delegations attended: Kentucky State, Howard University, Miles College, Texas Southern University, and P.V.'s delegation was the largest with seven students.

Funding for the trip was provided through four sources; the S.G.A., the university, sales and self-funding. The Political Science Club would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible.

The students that attended from Prairie View were Lakeisha Cole, Veronica Long, Patrinnia D. Pelton, Moya Rokeymoore, O'Ron Touchstone, Joan Walker and Lauren Williams.

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Spring 1992  
65 honorees - 4.0  
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141 honorees - 3.30 to 3.49  
396 honorees - 3.00 to 3.29

Fall 1992  
74 honorees - 4.0  
318 honorees - 3.50 to 3.99  
175 honorees - 3.30 to 3.49  
420 honorees - 3.00 to 3.29

The program ended with the singing of the Alma Mater "Dear Prairie View" and the benediction.

The student program participants and Ushers were members of the Honor Societies in the College of Engineering and Architecture.

## Staff Hopes You Like Food Service in Alumni

By Portia Hopkins  
Panther Reporter

The staff and management of Alumni Dining Hall are making efforts to improve dining in the cafeteria.

Chuck Okoli, director of operations, says the entire staff has been working hard to increase customer satisfaction by focusing on personal care given to customers and the preparation and presentation of the food. Okoli personally takes all staff members and potential staff members through a "12-Volt" (12 point) PFM

(Professional Food-Service Management, Inc.) training program where they are taught the values of food quality and appearance, and cus-

tomer acquisition and maintenance. The program includes take home literature, instructional videos and lectures given by Okoli.

Throughout the program, employees are given written examinations to test what

they have learned. The program lasts two weeks. Those who complete the program with a passing grade of 70 are then placed on a 90 day probation. Those who do not pass are sent through the training again and are given time to retake failed exams within the same probation period.

Employees who exhibit a willingness to learn more about the food service industry are encouraged to join the Horizon Program. The Horizon Program gives student employees, especially those majoring in computer science, business and nutrition, the opportunity to participate in a leadership and development program, successfully ending in a career with PFM.

Okoli urges everybody to "come to Alumni Dining Hall and notice the improvements in the quality and service of the food and the friendly attitudes and smiles of the staff." He also encourages those who dine in Alumni to voice any opinions or ideas by contacting the Food Service Committee here on campus or any SGA representative.

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# LIFESTYLES

## MOVIE REVIEW

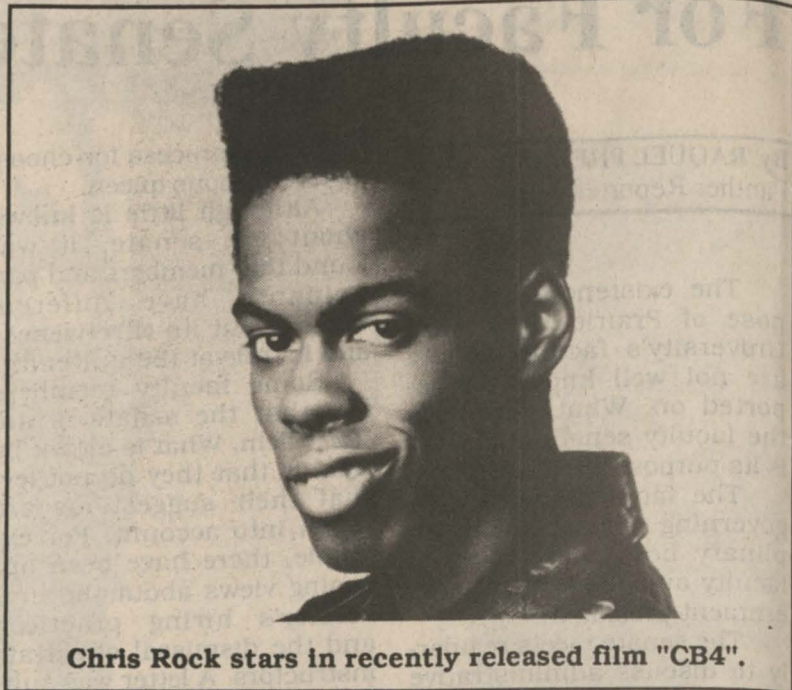
CB4 \*1/2

The recently released film CB4 stars Saturday Night Live regular Chris Rock and leaves viewers with very few laughs.

Chris Rock, who plays Albert in the film, and his sidekicks aspire to become famous rap artists in a popular local club.

The lack of direction and tendency to over exaggerate and stereotype rappers makes the movie a little dry with no direction.

Other stars featured in the film are Halle Berry, Flavor Flav, Ice Cube, Ice T, EAZY-E, Alan Payne, Charles Murphy (Eddie Murphy's brother), and "Shaq" O'Neil.



Chris Rock stars in recently released film "CB4".

## PICK OF THE WEEK

By MONICA ROBINSON  
Panther Reporter

"MAKE LOVE 2 ME" \*\*\*\*

The Panther Pick of the Week is "Make Love 2 Me" by Lorenzo. This song has

been out on the R&B market for quite some time, but has never gotten the attention that is receiving at this point and time. "Make Love 2 Me" has topped the slow jam charts. Recently, Lorenzo made an

appearance in San Antonio at Club Savoy. It was a show-stopping event.

"TILL DEATH DO US PART" \*\*\*

The Album of the week is "Till Death Do Us Part" by the Geto Boys. Rap-A-Lot Records has produced another rap hit for the Geto Boys. In

recognition of the new album, Rap-A-Lot Records hosted a promotional party for the Geto Boys at Club Inferno on

March 24. The first hits from the album that have made quite an impact are "Crooked Officer" and "Six Feet Deep"

The next hot release will be "Murder After Midnight" so be on the look out.

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 and also on every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with D.J. THIRD RAIL at Club Central. PUMP IT UP!!!

### ATTENTION !

All organizations, clubs, and the general public submit to **WHAT'S HAPPENING!!**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND?

### FRIDAY

Catholic Mass, All Faiths Chapel, 12:15pm  
Joy of Koinonia Bible Study, A.I. Building 7pm

Prairie View Relays, 3:30 - until  
PU vs Grambling State Baseball, 12:30  
Party at Club Central 10p.m. - until (first 100 ladies get in free)

ROTC "Adventure Challenge Weekend" begins

### SATURDAY

Prairie View Relays, Blackshear Field  
PU vs Grambling State Baseball  
Party at Club Central with 97.9 The Box 10pm - until (first 100 ladies get in free)

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## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES (MARCH 21- APRIL 19)

Short term goals such as completing homework, projects and filling out applications will be accomplished. Your actions in the near future may prove to be pleasurable. Try to keep things as simple as possible this weekend. Making your life complicated than necessary may be hazardous!

### TAURUS (APRIL 20- MAY 20)

You and your romantic interest share some nice moments this weekend by saying the right things. Exercise may be needed in your agenda for future plans. Expect friends to come over and enjoy themselves. Be prepared for something out of the ordinary to occur.

### GEMINI (MAY 21- JUNE 21)

Family expectations are high right now but do not feel pressured. Prepare yourself for a lot of action and excitement coming to you this weekend. With all the fun do not neglect your obligations, friends, and family. Use some time to recover from mid-terms.

### CANCER (JUNE 22- JULY 22)

Spend time with friends this weekend. Try to forget about all your worries, enjoy yourself. Many social opportunities are approaching, take advantage of it. A past disappointment still may be bothering you but try to get over it by getting involved in weekend activities.

### LEO (JULY 23- AUGUST 22)

True love is worth all the confusion and pain of compromise. Your reputation for being an honest person will come in handy when valuable items of someone you know comes up missing. Save your money. You will need some extra expenditures next week.

### VIRGO (AUGUST 23- SEPTEMBER 22)

Do not be shy! You will make a good impression on someone you meet. A friend may be competing with you indirectly for that person's attention, be flattered. Stay away from crowds. If you don't it may give your enemies the opportunity to show out.

### LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23- OCTOBER 23)

Finally you get a chance to spend quality time with your romantic acquaintance. Do not blow it because you may never get the chance again. Keep whatever happens to yourself because no matter what you think word gets around, fast. Sleep as much as possible.

### SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24- NOVEMBER 21)

A friend you had problems with in the past comes to your rescue this weekend. You may settle your past differences if you both can be mature about the situation. Make your travel plans for next week now. If you don't your plans may fall through.

Delegate tasks to those under you effectively. If they mess up it will reflect on you. In your romantic relationship try not to let your feelings get involved in the decisions you make this weekend. Remain head strong and keep your partner in check. Do not let all your guards down yet. If he/she continues to disappoint you cut them loose.

### CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 19)

Do not ignore your mate too long because if you continue to sweat yourself you may find yourself by yourself. Do not take past experiences out on those who are willing to help you overcome your problems. Write letters and party hard this weekend.

### AQUARIUS (JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 18)

You get a confession of romantic interest from someone. Let them down easy if you are already happily involved with someone else. Let your true feelings be expressed in your relationship. Do not only depend on words but let your actions speak for you as well.

### PISCES (FEBRUARY 19- MARCH 20)

Nagging from loved ones may prove to be effective but do not let them influence your decisions especially in the love department. Take things slow this weekend. Do not force something to work that is not there. Now may be the time to clean up all financial and personal problems.



# LIFESTYLES

## Lack of Adequate Housing Continues to Frustrate Students

By RONALD RATLIFF  
Panther Reporter

As a student or as a private citizen at Prairie View, have you ever wondered why there aren't sufficient places to live?

Inadequate housing in Prairie View has been an issue for a long time, and it has not been dealt with. Limited places to live off campus and insufficient dorms force some students to live below standard.

Prairie View is one of the few college towns in America that do not have apartments on or near campus. Granted, Prairie View is in the country, and there is not going to be a wide selection in living arrangements. But, for the last two to three years, students' choices have wavered between slim and none.

One choice students have

if they want to live "off the yard" is the apartments on Echols Street, better known as the "ghetto". To be considered for those apartments you have to be on a waiting list for at least a year. This waiting period usually means that students must put other important things on hold to see if an apartment becomes available.

The apartments in Waller and Hempstead are mostly occupied by citizens from those respective "cities." Although housing in Hempstead and Waller has nothing to do with the University, students are coerced to live five miles off campus if they choose not to reside on campus. Some students even commute from Bellville and Magnolia. There are also students living in the Prairie View Inn paying apartment rates for a hotel room.

With all the land that Prairie View has, you would think at least one complex would be built. There has always been talk, and even a little action but it has never been followed through. For instance the apartments that were being built on University Drive two years ago have yet to be finished. You never even see workers trying to complete the project.

Housing is one of the largest problems Prairie View has right now. The National Alumni association and University Administrators must address this problem before it gets worse.

Senior, Donna Shelton says, "We do not have enough off campus housing, especially for seniors and graduate students. Property owners rent apartments and housing in any condition because they know how desperate students are for a place to live off campus."



Off campus housing for Prairie View Students is often inadequate.

## Kappas Back on the Yard

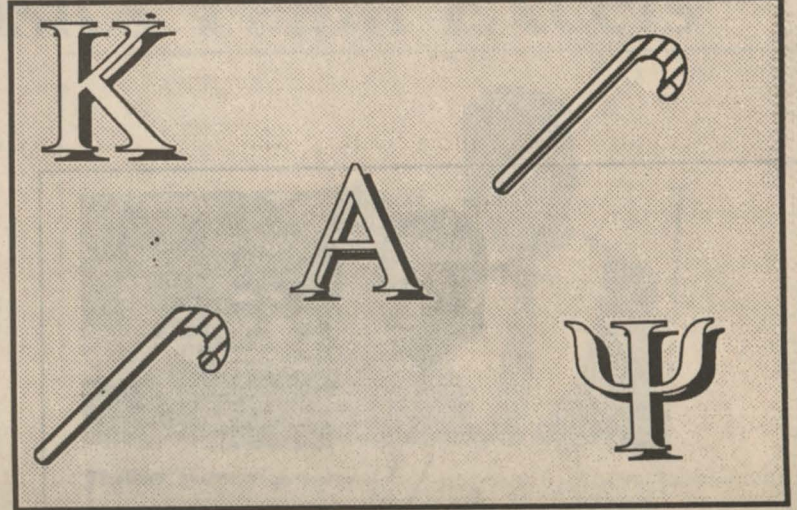
By CANDICE CLAY  
Newsweek editor

Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. got the official word Tuesday, March 2, 1993, that they were no longer "on suspension". The only stipulation

placed upon them was that they could not accept new members during the current semester.

The Kappas were originally suspended Jan. 5, 1989, for hazing.

Since returning to the yard the Kappas have been very active in community service activities.



On April 1 they are scheduled to have an information seminar. They are also planning a canned goods and clothes drive. Kappa Juanelle Sippio said, "We no longer want to be known as a party organization. We want to be known as a forerunner for community service activities."

## "The Wizard of Hip" Performs

Former Prairie View Student Troy Hogan thrills audience

By DONNA SHELTON  
Panther Reporter

Hobart Taylor Recital Hall was never any cooler than when one of its own returned to the stage. Troy Hogan performed Thomas W. Jones' "The Wizard of Hip", a one-man review.

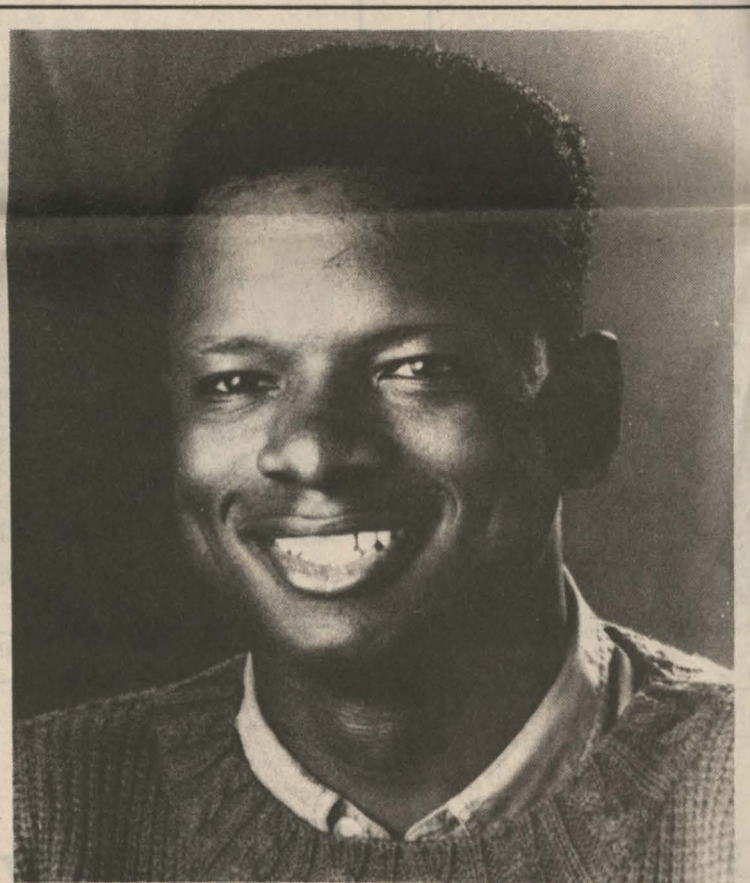
Troy took the audience on a roller coaster trip through time, with the question "What is Hip?" The actor explored areas from childhood, parenthood, and the actual ups and downs of what it takes to be "hip."

The play itself was deep, as well as informative, but full of humor and wit, that only Hogan, himself could pull-off.

Troy is familiar with Prairie View A&M University where he began developing his professional theatre arts skills.

Hogan left Prairie View A&M in 1990, to work with the Alliance Theatre as an acting intern in Atlanta.

Hogan resides in Atlanta, but that does not



Troy Hogan

stop him from acting in other parts of the country. Hogan has been in several off Broadway plays, and television series such as "In The Heat Of The Night", "Street Wars", and "Queen". The young actor has also been cast in his first feature film "KLEPTOMANIAC", starring Kevin Bacon, which begins production in May.

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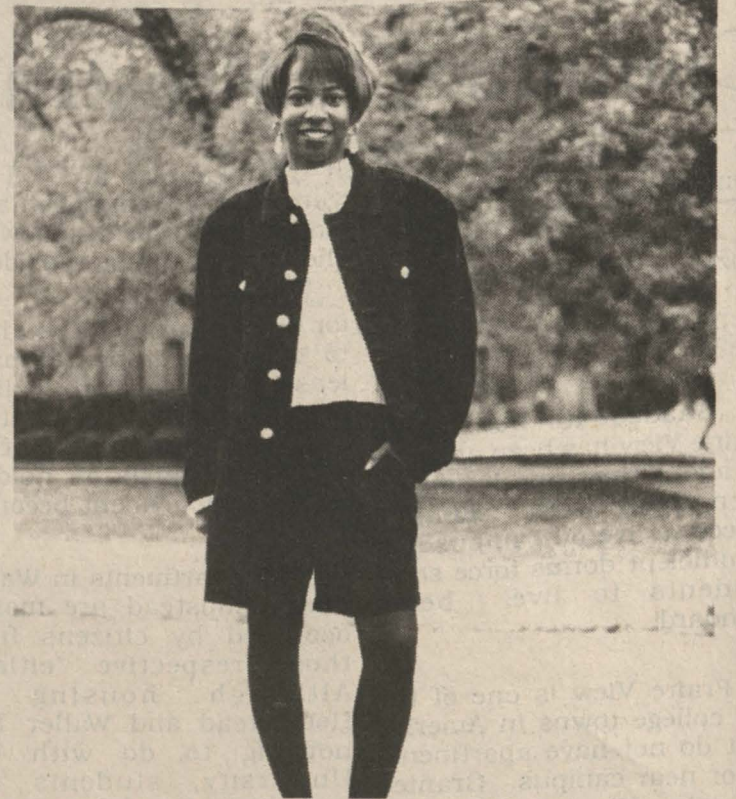
*Editor's note: The fashion magazines may have established trends for the spring, but Prairie View students pose with a style of their own.*



Lewis Jefferson



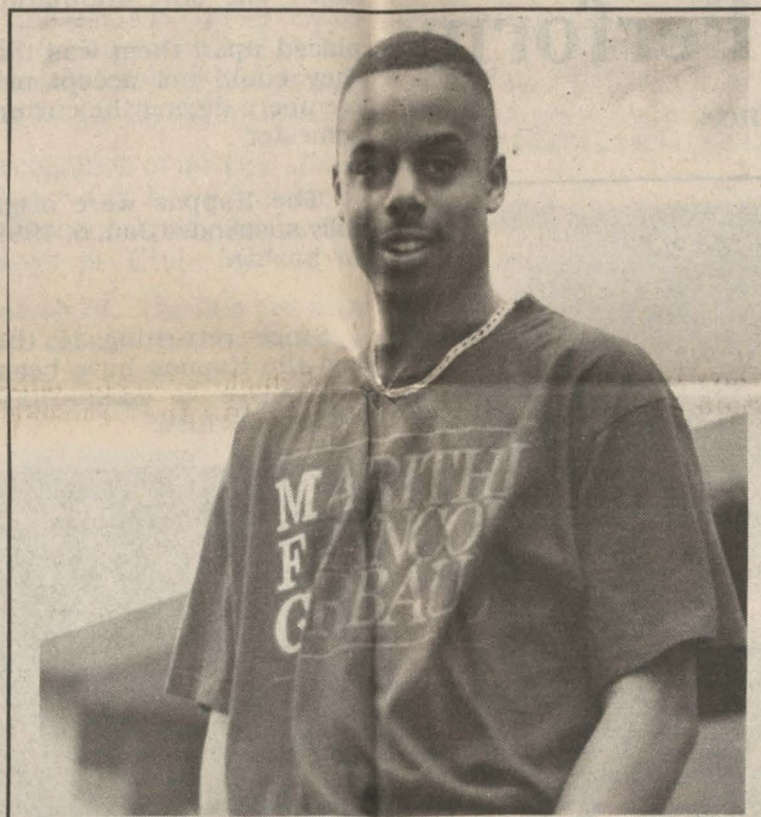
Kantrail Williams and Yusef Miller



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Philip "Peanut" Strambler

## Photos

By Betty Iroku

## Getting Ready for Spring

By Melanie Lacy  
Panther Reporter

Spring is in the air and the question this season is, "What will you be wearing?"

The first step in preparing your wardrobe is to find out what's "in" and what's "out".

Let's start with what's "out". Sophomores Stacey and Tracey Robinson, both fashion merchandising majors, agreed that white shoes worn before Easter are out!

Also leather and suede worn out of season is far from fashionable. "If a cool breezy day permits, heavier fabrics are okay, but let's remember this is Texas, and cool and breezy will turn into hot and humid," says Stacey.

Another look that is fading out this year is sheer clothing. See-through blouses and skirts are not going to be as popular this season. You can still get some wear out of them, but don't look for the style to last much longer.

Let's not forget the ever popular spandex. Although it brought atten-

tion to some curvaceous figures last year, the best option this season will be free-flowing fabrics. Try rayon, linen or silk; also, cotton blends breath well in warm weather.

Now, to What's "in"? The most popular look on college campuses is Cross Colours. "The bright colors and baggy-style clothing are the hottest fashion statements going this year," says Roderick Lawry, senior fashion merchandising major.

What really makes this style so hot is the unisex clothing and how all the colors match so perfectly. Many students are already wearing these clothes so the summer should bring out some interesting "crossed colors."

Other "in" styles to look for are the nostalgic 70s look. It wasn't long ago that we cringed at our parents old pictures showing them throwing up the peace sign in bell bottom pants, hip hugging jeans and loud floral shirts. And let us not forget the platforms.

We'll believe it or not, all that and more are in vogue this season. The continued on page 7

By Maurice Williams  
Panther Reporter

Fellas, now that spring is rolling back in, it is time to hit the beaches and parties, talk to the women in the daisy dukes and be as cool as you can be. What does this mean? It means it is time to dress cool.

You have an image to uphold. You don't want anybody to see you at the beach or at a party dressed any old way. So let's take a trip to

the Galleria and see what we can find for that Kappa Beach Party coming up.

Here, try on this green- and- white striped Tommy Hilfiger shirt with some green Guess shorts that cut off at the knees. If that does not suit you, try on these Marithe Francois Girbaud jean shorts with matching shirt.

For those gentlemen who want that suave look, the new and hot Nautica

Fashion Collection has some stylish linen matching shorts and shirts to give

those suave guys that extra cool look. Fellas, to complete your style of dress you will need the proper shoes or sandals to wear. We all know a woman judges a man on the type of shoes or sandals he wears. So, let's make a good impression with some suede

and leather slip- on sandals by Dolce & Gabbana.

These stylish suede and leather sandals will cost you \$125 in the Galleria. The price may be high but, it pays to look good and be as cool as you can be. Now you are "in the house." You have the complete outfit and know some hot fashions to wear for the spring.

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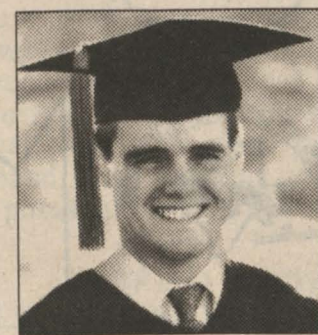
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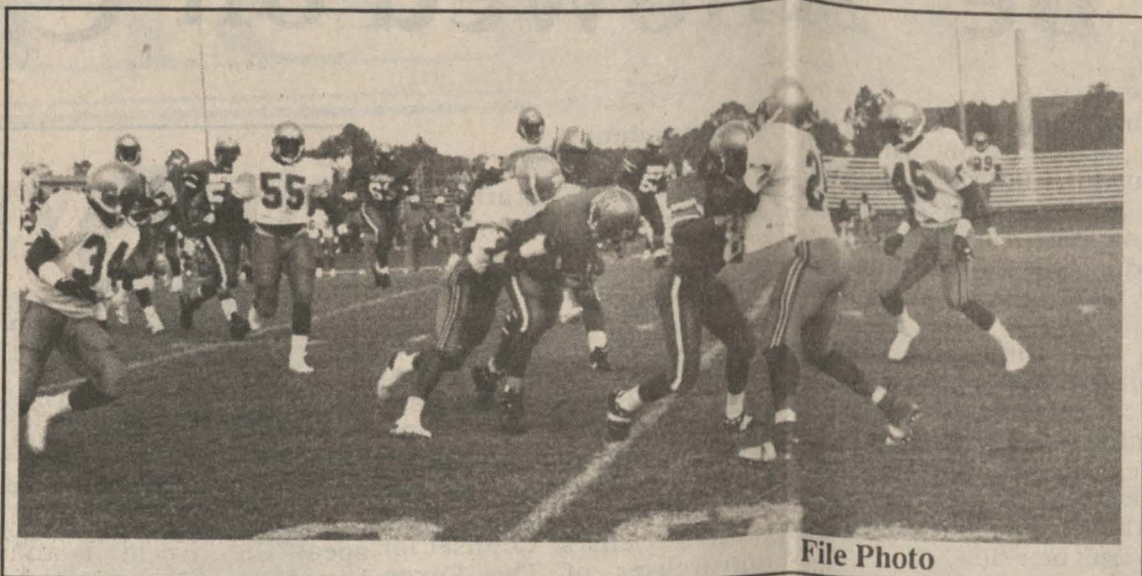
## Future Brightens for Football Team

By CHARLETTE JONES  
Panther Reporter

The future looks bright for the Prairie View Panther football team in 1993. With the addition of several new recruits, and several proposition 48 players. Recruiting for the 1993 football season has been a priority for the football staff.

From nearby Smiley High, Therman Frank has made verbal agreements to attend PV in the fall. From Port Arthur Lincoln, Isack Ballaque and Alvin Lively will show their skills on the field in 93.

Swayne Hector could be one of the premier receivers in SWAC. The 6'3" 190-pound sophomore is a very agile and quick receiver. Kethian Brooks from



File Photo

Shepard will also show his skills on the field. This 6'1" 240-pound linebacker is solid and will help the defense.

The addition of Dwayne Green, a new quarterback competing with Chris Johnson, could help

step up the Panthers' offense. These new recruits are big, strong, and fast. To compensate for their arrival, the returning players have been doing off-season training which consists of running and lifting weights. These athletes are dedicated and show up on

time for practice. This dedication along with the fact that all of the athletes are 100 percent drug free led the Sports Medicine Director

John Mays to say, that "The athletes are ready to play, so wait and see in 93."

## Baseball Team Wins 2

By RONALD RATLIFF  
Panther Reporter

The Prairie View A&M baseball team captured their first two wins last weekend, in a double header over the Texas Southern Tigers. This may very well be the confidence booster the Panthers need to put a win streak together. Sophomore right hander Christopher Deal started on the mound for P.V. and lasted 4 innings, before being relieved by freshman Jason Routt.

The Panthers jumped out to a blazing start, by driving in 4 runs in ht first. P.V.'s power hitter Chris Gladney blasted a two run shot over center to give the Panthers a 4 to 1 lead. But the Tigers stormed back to take a 6 to 4 edge in the bottom of the fifth. Jason Routt put the clamps on the Tigers in the seventh, and received much needed offensive help.

Darvis Watson, Ron Salsman, Michael Stearns and Marcus Ross, all drove in runs, and P.V. Takes the first game 8 to 6.

The second game would prove to be a high scoring affair. Sophomore Marcus Epperson got the nod for the Panthers. Epperson endured 5 innings, striking out 3 but walking 5 Tigers. Senior Bruce Shepard came on in relief in the sixth.

Chris Gladney's long ball tactics were in effect again. The right fielder hit a homer and drove in 4 runs. Third baseman Andre Jackson for the Panthers went 3 for 3, slapping a solo shot as well.

Texas Southern would not be counted out, the Tigers drove in 7 quick runs, and took a 7 to 6 lead going into the seventh. This inning would prove to be the Panthers best innings. P.V. connected on the ball and drove in 6 straight runs, with Salsman, Wesley, and Rose knocking in RBI's. Marcus Wesley's short time on the hill in the seventh would assure Prairie View a 13 to 12 victory. The Panthers next seven games are at home so come out and give your support.

## Golf Teams Do Well

By CALVIN HILL  
Sports editor

The Prairie View Men's Golf team participated in the Woodyard Hangerland Golf Invitational hosted by Sam Houston State University. Prairie View placed 12th with a team score of 385 from a field of twelve universities. Low medalist for the Panthers was Freshman Davy Broughton with 82. Sam Houston State University and Oral Roberts University tied

for the winning spot. Prairie View hosted this year's Texas Invitational March 17-19 in Navasota, Texas at the Blue-Bonnet country Club. Our men and women's team fared well. The women placed third with 616 points and the men placed seventh with 859 points. The team is coached by Darwin Valentine. The Golf Team will travel to Temple, Texas to compete in the Flower Invitational on March 28-30.

Gilpins cont. from pg. 1

Mr. Charlie," "A Dream Differed," "Purple Victorius," and "I have Dream." Following these performances, the Gilpins have been invited to perform more than 46 more shows.

The Charles Gilpin players are moving forward to ensure a better world for not only the black race, but for the future leaders of America.

The sophomore/junior Recital will be held April 28, 1993 at 7:00p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

The Gilpin Players will perform for the Delta Sigma Theta Inc. program scheduled for March 28 in the MSC ballroom.

Style story from page 6

"flower power generation" lives again.

Don't forget to accent your vintage look with a fitted vest, platform mules and, if worn in good taste, daisy duke shorts. Accessorize with ethnic jewelry, long bangle necklaces, earrings and the circular framed John Lennon sunglasses. For a look of your own, try red, blue or yellow lenses.

For the more conservative dresser, the single-vested jacket is a smart in-

vestment. it's a short cut to casual sophistication. For the men, solid, checked and striped jackets go well with lots and lots of denim and a fresh bright tie pulls it all together.

For the ladies, jackets can be softened with French cuffed blouses and gold cuff links or you can opt for the tie. Worn with a skirt or tailored slacks, the outfit really looks good in the classroom.

A good jacket should run you anywhere from \$90 to \$120 dollars. "That might

be expensive for some, but you definitely will get your money's worth," says Tracey.

You may be wondering where the stocking caps, plaid lumberjack shirts and Doc Martins or converse hightops originated. The look is called Grung (grun), out of Seattle, Wash. Inspired by Marc Jacobs of Perry Ellis, it can be described as a new direction in fashion. Grunge is a combination of the 60s and

70s, and 90s. The style is a mixture of American sportswear with elements of the late 60s and early 70s.

Many rock and new wave artist have made this new fad popular.

Now that you have an idea about the hottest fashion to come, it's time to

start shopping around for the look that fits you.

Remember some styles are not for everyone: just because it looks good on Naomi Sims does not mean it will look good on you.

With fashion you can blend in or make a statement that stands out in the crowd.

Whatever you choose, make sure it's in good taste for a campus setting and compliments your personality and lifestyle.

As the old saying goes: It's not who you are that counts but what you wear. I mean who really cares who you are anyway! Ciao!

## Gray Wins Triple Jump

By CALVIN HILL  
Sports editor

Sophomore Christina Gray proudly represented Prairie View A&M University as she participated in the NCAA Track and Field Indoor Championship Meet held in Indianapolis, Ind. in the Hoosier Dome on March 12-13.

Although Christina, finished 14th in the triple jump, she is still determined to compete in the 1996 Olympics. She won the triple jump at the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Meet held March 5-6, in Kansas City, Mo. with a jump of 41' 9 3/4". This qualified her to compete in the NCAA Championships.

Currently, Christina and her teammates are preparing for the 64th annual Prairie View

Relays slated for Friday and Saturday March 26-27 in Prairie View on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

In other track news, Coach Hoover Wright received a special service award in recognition of his continuous support and participation at the Texas Southern University Relays. Coach Barbara Jacket will be honored by the (NAFEO) National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education March 31 - April 4, 1993 in Washington D.C.

In Men's Track, the team continues to be very competitive. Rod Scott continues to shine in the discus and shot put.

Both track teams continue the winning PV tradition.

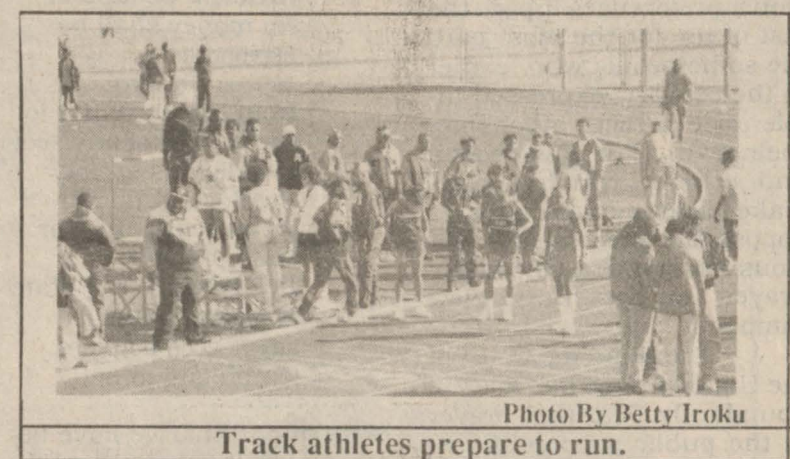



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Track athletes prepare to run.

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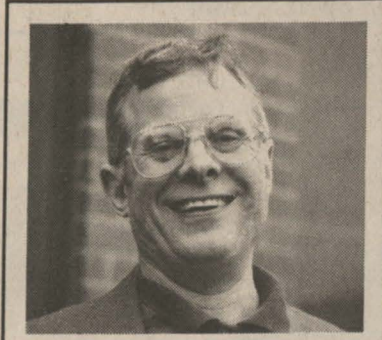
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Should Prayer Be Allowed on Campus?

**Editor's Note:** The issue of religious freedom has been addressed on the campus before. Printed below is an open letter to President Becton and his response.



Professor Thomas L. Wayburn

Dear President Becton:

Everyone knows that a battle is raging over prayer in the public schools. The people who would impose their own particular religious preferences upon the rest of us, for the most part, the same people who, earlier in the century, expressed intolerance of races other than their own. For this reason and others, which I shall make clear momentarily, I oppose the presence of religious observances including prayer, on the Prairie View campus.

The Supreme Court of the United States has made it abundantly clear that prayer in the public schools is unconstitutional. Prairie View A&M University is a public school. Moreover, each employee, at the time of his or her employment, signed a state ment agreeing to support the U.S. and Texas constitutions. The separation of church and state clause in the Texas constitution is even more specific than the establishment clause in the U.S. constitution:

**Article I, Section 7:**

No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any sect or religious society theological or religious seminary, nor shall property belonging to the State be appropriated for any such purposes. [emphasis mine]

More important, we have become a multicultural and diverse society. Many members of the community find prayers - particularly Christian prayers - at school functions embarrassing and humiliating. They simply don't know what to think when they are asked to "bow their heads".

This is unfair, indecent, illegal, and, as mentioned

above, contrary to what we all agreed upon when we joined the Prairie View family. How can we ask someone to support the Constitution and violate it simultaneously? Isn't this the height of hypocrisy?

Perhaps the intrusion of prayer onto our public campus might be justified on the basis the "the end justifies the means", but the drawbacks of the Christian faith seem to outweigh the obvious benefits.

Many students behave as though they expect Jesus to do their homework or complete their term projects - judging from the dedications one reads at the beginning of some standard work.

Finally, let us not forget that it was the Christian missionaries who paved the way for subsequent colonization and exploitation of Africa. Despite many notable and admirable exceptions, Christians are still in the vanguard of those who wish to exploit others economically.

Please President Becton, let us have a clearly stated Prairie View policy prohibiting prayers, hymns, and other religious events on Prairie View campus as required by law and decency.

Sincerely,  
Thomas L. Wayburn  
Adjunct Professor

**Memorandum**

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students

Subject: Prayer at University Ceremonies

This memorandum is issued to specify guidelines for making use of prayer at public university ceremonies and other functions. It represents legal recommendations by the Office of General Counsel for universities of The Texas A&M University System to follow, in choosing to make use of prayer at these ceremonies. These recommendations will provide the guidelines for the use of prayer at Prairie View A&M University.



President Julius W. Becton

to a particular denomination or religious belief, i.e., a Christian, Moslem or Jewish reference or perspective. Non-sectarian prayers which generally address a deity without making specific religious references are recommended. Persons who compose such prayers should be sensitive to the wide range of opinions and beliefs on such matters held by both the students and their guests at such public ceremonies.

Please feel free to contact the office of The President should questions arise.

Speak the invocation and/or benediction be selected by some means other than designation by officials of the institution. This may mean having the student government or a committee of students select the person or persons to deliver the prayers.

(1) It is recommended that the person or persons who

(2) The prayers themselves should not contain references

Julius W. Becton, Jr.  
President

### MARK'S-A-LOT



### S.T.D.'S AT "P.V"

Be Careful, Young Ladies, especially you Freshman  
Who are engaging in the action of sex!  
There are P.V. Students with S.T.D.'s.  
Tell me, now - Who will be the next?

Promiscuous Behavior will come to haunt you  
So You should Respect Your men  
Have But One Sex Partner, If Any  
Instead of Nine or Ten.

If we could learn to Love Ourselves  
And Love Our Bodies As Well,  
Then we must learn to Respect them, too.  
And "T.Pool"-Wouldn't be Raising Hell.

It Really Upsets me, Because I care  
About Everyone at "P.V."  
If my Message isn't Clear to you Now  
I Pray that Soon you will see.

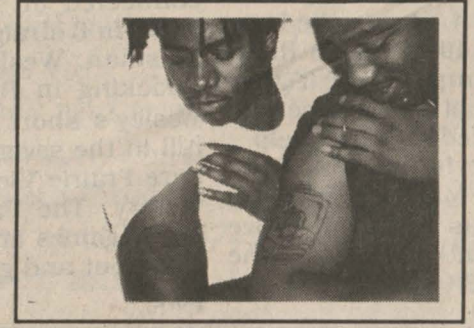
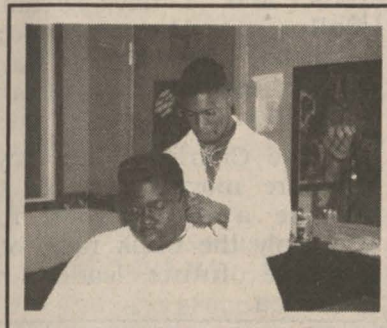
Listen, Young Men, The Story isn't Over  
You too are Much to Blame  
This is what the White Media wants to hear  
And To Our Black Men: "It's Really A Shame."

If You'd Treat Your Lady with Respect  
And At Least Try to be True,  
Then You would not have to Perform Sex  
With Mary, Sheila, Jane and Sue.

So Let Us All Be Careful, Please.  
Just Look at Society and See  
Go and Take Care of Your Problem Now  
... Let's Rid S.T.D. at "P.V."

Tonica Pool

### Enter "Campus Life" Photo Contest



**Contest Rules:**

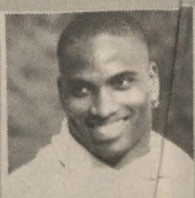
1. The contest will run through Thursday, April 5.
2. The contest is open to all faculty, staff and students at Prairie View.
3. Subject matter of the contest is campus life. Photos should reflect the vigor and variety of life on the campus as it is currently experienced.
4. Photos should be 3-1/2 x 5 or 4x6 and should be affixed to a backing.
5. A note should be attached to each entry setting forth a) full name and phone number of the contestant; b) when and where the photo was taken, and c) technical details (shutter speed, f-stop, etc.) associated with each entry, if possible. (No penalty will be exacted for missing tech. details.
6. Photos should be submitted to The Panther office Room 208, Hilliard Hall or other designated sites on campus and placed in the box marked "Photo Contest".
7. As many as three photos may be submitted by each contestant. Each photo must bear its own attachment, as set forth in Rule 5.
8. Photos submitted for the contest will be mounted for viewing near The Panther office.
9. Judging will be based on: a) clarity; b) creativity; c) originality; d) relevance to subject matter set forth in Rule 3.
10. Professional photographers are not eligible to win prizes in the contest, but are urged to submit photos that adhere to rule 3 and rule 5.
11. Judging will be continuous; submissions that get a certain score on a point scale will be published in The Panther. Prizes will be awarded at a time and place be awarded.

### SPEAK OUT

Question: How did you feel about this year's Spring Fest?



**Theresa Sheppard**  
Freshman  
Missouri City, Tx.  
"I feel Spring Fest was very exciting. It allowed me to be more socially active. Spring Fest gave me time to express myself at the dance I attended. It was fun. Student Activities put a lot of their great effort in making Prairie Veiv's Spring Fest a great one. I hope they keep up with the good work and continue on making great ideas for the future students at Prairie View."



**Marshall Green**  
Sophomore  
Sealy, Tx.  
"Spring Fest was a let down. We should have had more events. The talent show was alright, even though, there was a fight. Security should have been increased. Spring Fest just was not "Spring Fest". Usually, you know it's Spring Fest because events are posted up and tickets are sold everywhere. I didn't see any of that. During Spring Fest other schools on Spring Break and families usually visit and look to be entertained. This year Spring Fest didn't adequately provide that. I still had a good time though. I made the most out of a bad situation."



**Jimmy Thomas**  
Sophomore  
Houston, Tx.  
"One the scale of 1 to 10, Spring Fest rates as a 7. The Student Activities Board could have brought about more and a better quality of show during this 1993 Spring Fest. Also, the committee could petition for the Spring Fest to be declared "dead week" because many students couldn't participate in the activities around campus due to the fact that classes were still going on. Some students had to study and papers were due as well."