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# TACO BELL

TACO BELL EXPRESS HAS STUDENTS  
"RUNNING TO THE BORDER"

# HOLD ON...

WE'RE GETTING CALL  
WAITING ON CAMPUS?

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# BOOKS!!

HOW MUCH  
ARE THEY  
NOW?

## New Help Phones designed to enhance safety



Emergency Telephone Booth

In a move to enhance safety and welfare of students, staff and faculty on campus, especially during periods of darkness, President Becton has instructed the Physical Plant to install special emergency phones at six specific locations on campus.

Sites were selected by a committee which included representatives from Housing, Department of Public Safety and the student body. Installation was started during the Christmas Break. Telephones which resemble

stand-alone pay telephones are mounted in a waterproof enclosure and are programmed to ring down to campus security by pushing a large red button on the face of the phone. Once depressed a red light indicator lights up on the phone which signifies to the caller that contact has been made with the security dispatcher. Simultaneously a site location indicator signifies the special location the distress call is coming from.

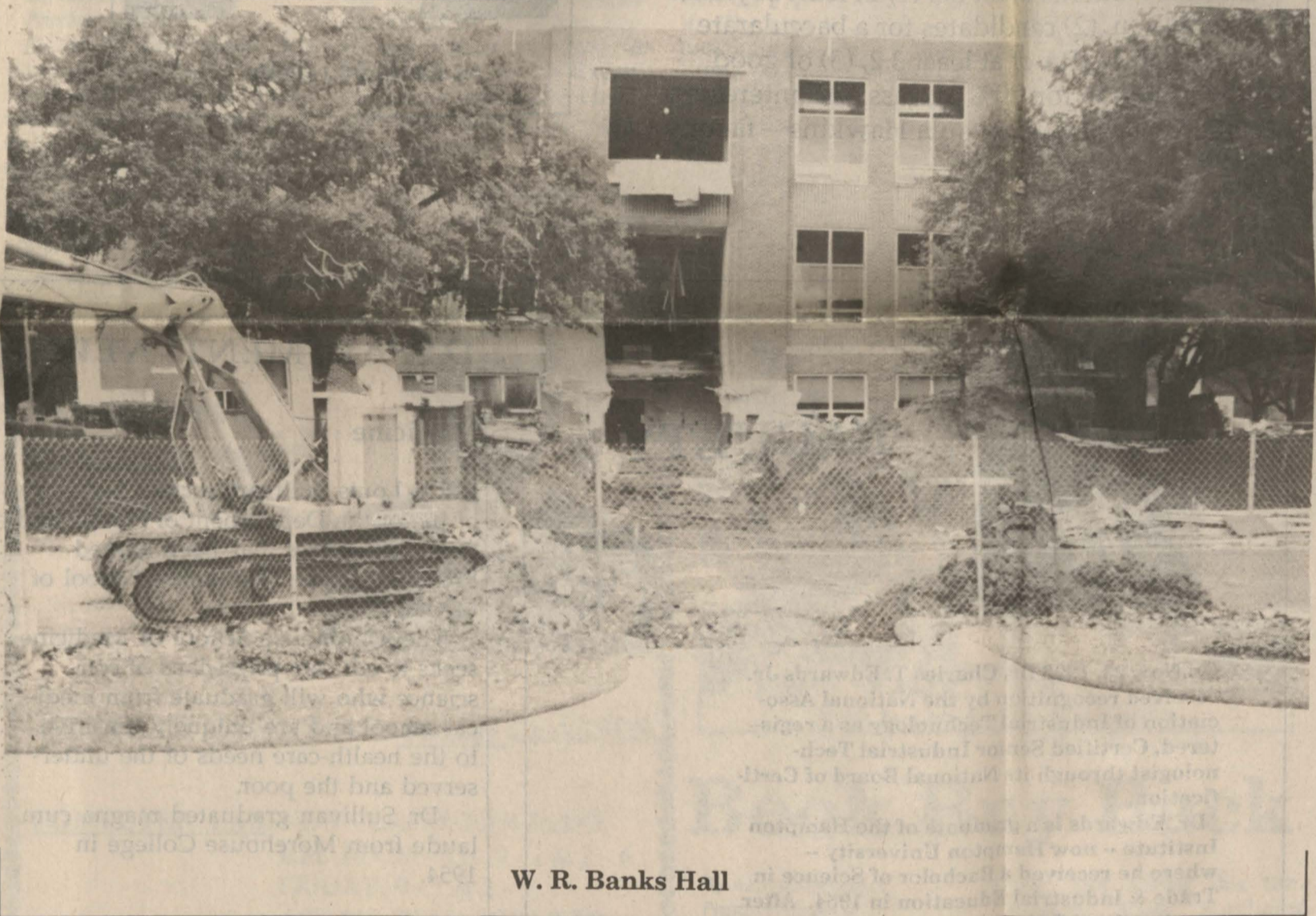
Once the red light comes on the caller should report the emergency to the dispatcher

simply by talking to the face of the phone. Reply can also be heard through the phone face. Sites are located between the Health Center and Drew Hall, west of Baby Dome, north of Hobart Taylor, south entrance to Coleman Library, between Hilliard and Alumni Halls, and the Engineering Technology Plaza via Engineering Building.

Phone sites are identified by triangular blue lights for ease of location after dark. All phones are now working. These phones are to be used

only for emergencies as the calls represent a 911 call on campus and campus police will be immediately dispatched to the distress site.

Brian Barrows, Public Information Director of Prairie View, says, "Prairie View wants to reassure parents that they are not putting their children in unprotected circumstances." Barrows said that Prairie View is more concerned with date rape and outside entities that come on campus.



W. R. Banks Hall

## W.R. Banks gets much-needed face-lift

**By Maya Rockeymoore**  
Panther Reporter  
The W.R. Banks Library, known to many as "the old library", is undergoing reconstructive surgery. Crews have been working since the end of 1992 to complete the renovations that will give the old building a new, improved look. The Banks Library was

built in 1945 and has since undergone several changes. In 1966, the north side of the building was expanded to increase capacity, and new classrooms were put in several years ago after the John B. Coleman Library was built. According to Robert Duffie, the construction and planning coordinator, the building is being completely red-

one. The electrical and plumbing systems, which had been deteriorating, will have to be replaced. The building will also have to comply with the 1987 Americans with Disabilities Act, a federal law which requires that half of all buildings be accessible for the physically impaired. As a result, the W.R. Banks Library will sport a gently sloping

sidewalk in the front where the stairs used to be, and another sloping sidewalk on the back of the building.

When asked who will occupy the building, Duffie replied, "The math department will move back in, a part of the Fiscal Affairs offices will move in, and the classroom facilities will remain."

## Good news for Financial Aid recipients

**By Racquel Phearse**  
Panther Reporter  
Students who receive financial aid will be happy to know that the process has been made easier and refunds will be given out on Feb. 8, 1993. According to Mr. A.D. James, massive changes have been made in the financial aid procedure. Mr. James remarked that aid is available to students, but students suffer because of two reasons: they are unaware of the different types of aid available and they procrastinate until the

last minute to apply and complete their paperwork. There are different types of aid available such as grants, loans and scholarships. Students who do not qualify for loans or grants could apply for cash scholarships that are geared toward their individual needs. Or middle income borrowers who fail to qualify for federal interest subsidies under the Federal Stafford Loan Program can receive an unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan for enrollment that began after Oct. 1, 1992.

Federal PLUS loans are repayable and must be Federal PLUS loans can't exceed the students estimated cost of attendance minus any estimated financial assistance the student had or will be given during the period of enrollment. This change is effective July 1, 1993. To ensure that paperwork is complete by the required deadline, applications for financial aid for Fall '93 begins this month. All financial aid forms will be distributed at the president's assembly on Wednesday, January 27.

All counselors will be present to assist students.

Mr. James stressed the importance of applying for financial aid early.

There have also been changes to the definition of an "Independent Student". Now the student must be 24 years old by Dec. 31 of the award year, an orphan or ward of the court, a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, a graduate or professional student, a married student, or a student who has legal dependents other than a spouse.

## Career Day Wednesday

**By Derald D. Powell**  
Managing Editor

The American Marketing Association and the College of Business will be presenting their tenth annual career forum on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

This year 26 private companies and government organizations, the largest number ever, will be represented at the forum. Students from all majors are invited to find out about the various companies, make contacts, and bring their resumes. The companies are not recruiting, but many will be prospecting for future applicants when positions at their companies become available.

Mary L. Wilson, assistant to the Dean in the College of Business, said, "I expect the forum to be more successful than it was last year." Last year approximately 350 students participated. Twenty four companies with 40 representatives participated in last year's forum and had "extremely positive comments about the students",

said Wilson.

This year Wilson and the sponsors of the forum would especially like to stress that the forum is for everybody no matter what their major is.

The forum will take place from 8:30-12:00. For more information contact the College of Business at 857-4310.

Some of the companies and organizations participating are: Conoco Inc., General Electric, Houston Chronicle, KTRK TV (Channel 13), Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., Nations Bank, Quaker Oats, Taco Bell, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Navy, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., Beneficial Management Co. of America, Boys Scouts of America, Eli Lilly and Co., Enron Co. (Transwestern Pipeline), H.E. Butt Grocery Co., Merck Human Health Division, Randall's Food Markets Inc., State Farm Insurance Co., Texas A&M University (Human Resource Dept.), Texcom, Inc. (Telecommunications, Eng. & Mfrg. Corp.)

## Fall From Window Leaves Student Injured

**By Candice Y. Clay**  
Newsweek Editor

A 19-year-old freshman has been hospitalized after falling through the third-floor window of a Holley Hall room, where she had gone with two of her friends Thursday, Jan. 14.

According to Col. A. D. Aldridge, PV's dean of men, three young ladies were all freshmen, were in the room while "room check" was in progress.

Holley Hall, a dorm for first-year male students is off limits to first-year female students.

When the visitors heard the security officer, they panicked, Aldridge said.

In their effort to avoid being caught, the trio positioned themselves on a window ledge, in hope that they'd be able to hide by closing the blinds.

One lady held on to one corner of the window, while another held on to the other

corner, leaving the third lady with the middle position.

The lady in the middle also had with her books.

Because there was virtually nowhere to stand, two of the young ladies decided to remove themselves from the window sill.

It appears that in the process of their entering the room the third young lady either lost her grip or was bumped and fell to the ground on grass and cement.

The statements made by the students were very vague. The males said they were participating in a study group, while the females said that they were visiting friends and got caught.

Each of the students involved must appear for a hearing. They face suspension or deferred suspension.

The injured student complained of severe back and neck pain and at press was still in hospital.

# NEWS FRIDAY

## Key Dates

**Jan 26**  
Administrative course change

**Jan 27**  
Withdraw from course with  
"W" begins

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The largest paper money ever issued was the one kwan note of the Chinese Ming dynasty issue of 1368 to 1399. It measured nine by 13 inches.



To keep warm—put on a hat. Eighty percent of your body heat escapes through your head.

## For Your Information

## Countdown

23

Days Until  
Valentine's  
Day

## BRIEFLY

### PVAMU Students Named To "Who's Who"

Seventy Prairie View A&M University Students have been nominated and approved for acceptance to "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges."

The students' names will appear in the 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges" on the basis of outstanding leadership skills.

The Who's Who news release states, "Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success."

### PVAMU And Baylor College of Dentistry Enter Affiliation

An affiliation agreement between Prairie View A&M University, and Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas will allow outstanding students to gain early admission to the dental school and still acquire a bachelor's degree as well as a D.D.S. degree.

This move is consistent with Baylor College of Dentistry's emphasis on cultivating minority student interest in dental careers. The process will take seven years instead of the traditional eight to obtain both degrees.

### Ministers To Converge On PVAMU

Ministers throughout the nation are set to converge on the campus Prairie View A&M University, February 2nd and 3rd, as they participate in the 35th Annual Minister's Conference.

The annual conference will feature a variety of religious speakers from many different parts of the nation. Also, the conference will continue its bid to raise \$25,000 for the Minister's Conference Scholarship Fund. The conference has raised \$2,700, to date.

A \$35 registration fee includes a continental breakfast, conference materials and honoraria for speakers. Activities, both days, will begin at 7:00 a.m.

### PVAMU Expands In Northwest Corridor

Prairie View A&M University is planning to expand its' educational facilities in January of 1993 as it moves into its new location at Compaq in Cypress. The Compaq building will allow PVAMU to conduct graduate programs and high energy research on-site. Compaq will also provide increased educational opportunities for clientele in the Northwest Houston Corridor. Classroom instruction for graduate students, seminars, workshops, conferences for special audiences, and particle detection research are integral features of the activities to be conducted at the Center.

### PVAMU in National Scholars Program

Prairie View A&M University is one of seventeen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions participating in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/1890 National Scholars Program.

The National Scholars Program is a major effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and the seventeen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions to award scholarships to students to attend one of the seventeen universities or colleges and study agriculture, food, or natural resource sciences.

Each award provides annual tuition, employment, employee benefits, a personal computer and software, fees, books, room and board of each of four academic years.

## People

Recently, College of Business' National Honor Society (Delta Mu Delta), inducted four new members. These members -- only four of Hobart Taylor's elite students -- are pictured: Ivery Valdry, Cindy Hull, Angela Bell, and Eugene Padgett.

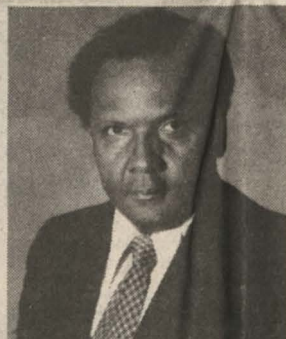
Delta Mu Delta is a symbol of excellence, with a growing membership of more than 51,000 scholars across the mainland U.S. and Hawaii. Barry Fortune, the chapter president, is pleased with the inductees and hopes to take in more students this semester. "We need to build up our Prairie View chapter and make it prominent on campus."

Eligible students must be: (1) at least of Junior Classification, (2) candidates for a baccularate degree with a GPA of at least 3.2, (3) of good character and in top 20% of class. All interested students should see Dorisula Hawkins -- faculty advisor.



Delta Mu Delta

## FACULTY



On Nov. 23, 1992 Dr. Charles T. Edwards Jr. received recognition by the National Association of Industrial Technology as a registered, Certified Senior Industrial Technologist through its National Board of Certification.

Dr. Edwards is a graduate of the Hampton Institute -- now Hampton University -- where he received a Bachelor of Science in Trade & Industrial Education in 1954. After serving the U.S. Army for two years, where he received ranking of First Lieutenant, Radar Officer, and Anti-Aircraft Officer, Dr. Edwards held many positions with various companies such as Dow Chemical Company as a drafter and International Business Machines (IBM) as an Academic Associate. He later held many outstanding administrative positions here at PVAMU over a course of approximately 25-years where he received his Twenty-Five Year Service Award in 1982.

Out of the several other thousand qualified professionals in his field who had applied to NAIT, Dr. Edwards was cited as "most qualified" for the award.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Medicine

Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Secretary of the of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been named President of the Morehouse School of Medicine.

The Morehouse School of Medicine seeks to educate physicians of con-science who will graduate from medical school and are uniquely sensitive to the health-care needs of the under-served and the poor.

Dr. Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College in 1954.

### Performing Arts

The Ensemble Theatre will assist in scheduling programs for Black History Month.

The Ensemble is able to share cultural experiences through the performing arts. The Ensemble's Adult Touring Company has a variety of performances available to choose from for touring at the school or as a field trip.

For scheduling information and rates contact Tommacina Bell at 713-520-0063.

### Science

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will convene on February 11-16 at the Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton Boston Hotel & Towers in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will feature the full range of sciences: from nanotechnology to cosmology, from measuring equal opportunity in the workplace to analyzing criminal careers, from reforming science education to understanding the human dimensions of environmental change. For more information contact Nan Broadbent at 202-326-6431.

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# NEWSWEEK

## Senior Shot To Death In Houston

By Montoya Warner  
Lifestyles Editor

Timothy Reed, a senior music major at Prairie View, was killed shortly after 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, the victim of a gun battle at a busy intersection in Houston.

According to police reports, Reed a student assistant for the university choir, had just finished playing the piano for a church and was on his way to another church service when he apparently got into a scuffle with another man in the middle of the

intersection.

The unidentified suspect fired several shots at Reed. Reed died at Ben Taub hospital from injuries sustained in the shooting, police said.

The suspect is described as a slender man, 5 feet and 11 inches tall, and weights about

170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black Raiders coat with a hood.

The incident is still shrouded in mystery. Police don't know whether it was a robbery or if the suspect was in the car with Reed prior to the accident.

Reed, 24, a native of Waco, majored in music with a focus on voice. He was associated with many campus organizations.

He was a singer, musician, and director of BSM, student assistant for the university choir, sang for the band and

was in a popular group on campus named Eclipse who plans to sign a contract with a major recording label.

Curtis Powell, one of his professors describes him as "very, very outgoing, personable, and dependable."

Classmate Cassandra Looney says, "You would always find him on a piano or singing. He was a real quiet yet cheerful person."

"Tim always made everyone smile," said Elizabeth Vaughn "He was a genuinely good Christian person who strongly believed in the Lord. Tim contributed a lot to Prairie View and will be greatly missed."

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1993 in the All Faiths Chapel in Prairie View Texas. His funeral was held in Waco Jan. 16, 1993.



Standing: Gregory Wilson, Kerry Grant, Eugene Padgett  
Seated: Keysha Willis, Beth Mack

## Accounting Department Proud Of Its Graduates

University Release

Dr. Sid Howard Credle, chairman of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Prairie View A&M University, is proud of his department.

"Four years of planning and hard work," he says, "have resulted in our being able to produce world class professional accounting students here at the university."

"We are now producing accounting monsters, who have made significant contributions to the university as well as to the business world," Credle says.

The department has enjoyed a close relationship with major corporations and governmental agencies and is now targeting CPA firms.

Nationally it has been found that there is a shortfall in the number of black certified public accountants, while at the same time historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have witnessed an increase in the number of students majoring in accounting. This presents a special challenge for the HBCUs since research has shown a strong correlation between employment as a public accountant and enhanced motivation to pass the CPA examination.

In recent years the department has increased its efforts in this direction. During 1992-93, the department has placed seven students with prestigious CPA firms.

Shannon Martin, former president of the department's student leadership program and 1992 Texas Society of CPAs Excellence Award, was placed in Price Waterhouse of St. Louis, Mo.

Kerry Grant was placed with Sigmond Balaban CPAs of Wall Street. Both Martin and Grant were May 1992 PV graduates.

Students accepting employment with CPA firms in 1993 are: Amy Chatman, a former intern at Marathon Oil in Indianapolis, Ind. and Nations Bank in Houston. Chatman is a vice president of the National Association of Black Accountants, and one of the

department's martial arts trainers.

Beth Mack, president of the Baneker Honors Student Organization, is a former intern with the University of Texas Health Science Center and Coopers & Lybrand (C&L).

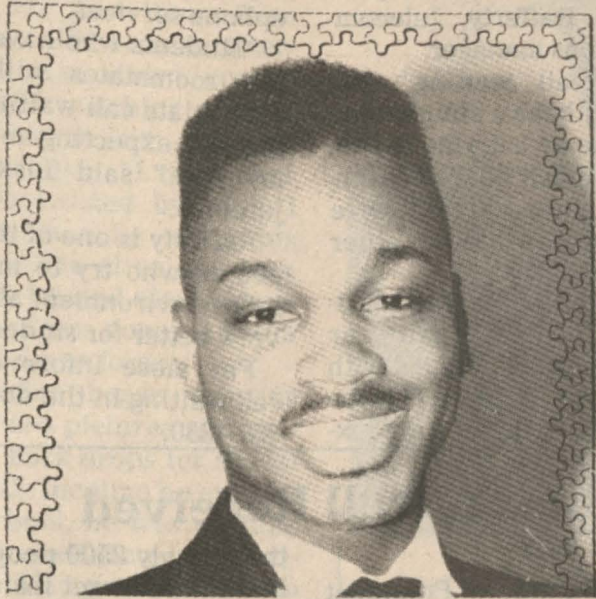
Gregory Wilson, PV's first Thurgood Marshall scholar and vice president of the department's professional leadership program received a permanent offer and summer internship with C&L 18 months prior to a September 1993 start date. Amy, Beth and Greg accepted permanent employment with C&L in Texas.

Keysha Willis, a junior accounting major and Baneker Honors student, received the highest salary ever offered an intern from the department and will intern with C&L in Dallas. What is noteworthy is that prior to 1991, none of the "Big Six" CPA firms had recruited at PV in the past 10 years.

"The department has reached the stature where internships/permanent placement package deals are being offered to students which include support towards graduate training; this is extraordinary," states Professor Thomas Harris of the Department of Accounting & Information Systems.

Eugene Padgett, a National Merit Scholar, is president of the department's Panther Chess Club, and 1993 Texas Society of CPAs Excellence Award prospect, interned with the Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis during the summer of 1992. Gene is finalizing employment negotiations with Price Waterhouse CPAs of Rochester, NY.

Barry Doll, of the national office of Price Waterhouse (NY), during a recent visit, said that, "...this is a class program, the students exude a professional air and confidence. The department's emphasis on training students to learn makes them unique." During this visit, Doll's firm donated \$2000 to the department's leadership enhancement fund.



Timothy Reed

## More Security To Come

By Maya Rockeymoore  
Panther Reporter

Is it an Air Force Base? Is it an Army Post? No, it's Prairie View A&M University! Plans are in the works for the construction of a security booth that will be strategically placed at the campus entrance on University Drive.

The security booth concept

was thought of in the summer of 1989 when Dr. Milton Bryant was interim president. "It was proposed by the Executive Council and student leaders were consulted," says Chief Stephens.

So all you people who think "The General" is, once again, instilling his military orienta-

tion on P.V. students...forget it. The idea was thought of before he arrived.

The purpose of the booth will be to monitor people who are coming on our campus late at night. "After hours if you have a decal, security will wave you through. If you don't have a decal you will have to sign in," says Chief

Stephens. A security attendant will operate the booth at night.

Eventually, Chief Stephens says the facility will operate during the day as an information booth. A receptionist-type person will be on duty to give directions, issue temporary parking permits, etc.

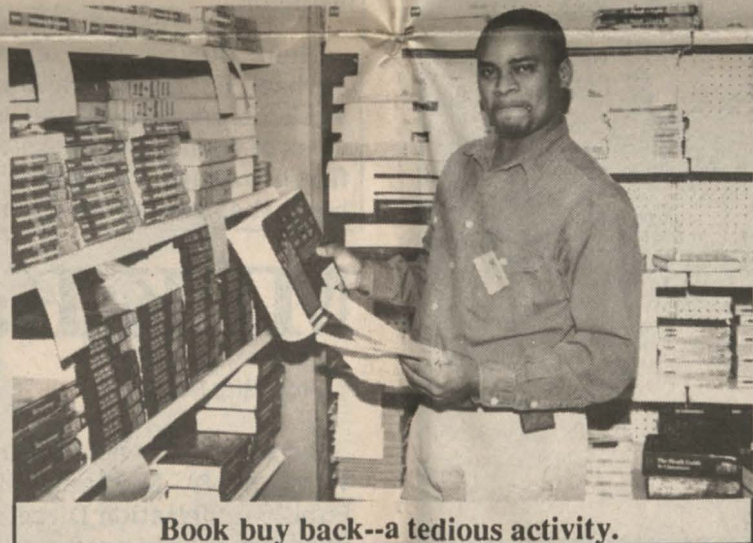
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Book buy back--a tedious activity.

## Book Buy Back

By Arnetta Porter  
Panther Reporter

The Prairie View University Exchange has been in a controversy for some time over the textbook buyback value. Students feel they are receiving inadequate value on the resale of their textbooks.

The University Exchange has been operating since July

1990, and during this time students have purchased large quantities of textbooks. But when the time arrives to resale the book back to the bookstore students receive half to a third of the original value.

According to Exchange manager, Sydney Johnson, there is a process the books-

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# NEWSWEEK

## Registration Troubles Continue

By Candice Y. Clay  
Newsweek Editor

For all students old and new, who did not pre-register or who got dropped from the computer, the long, tedious

process of registration for the Spring semester began on Monday, Jan. 4, 1993.

Freshman electrical engineering majors Karl Wilhite and Yonell Springfield showed a lot of frustration and had gloomy thoughts.

"My feelings on registration is that they need a better system. People are being shut out of classes that they really

need because of class sizes, slow registration, and inadequate services. This stuff needs to be fixed."

Those students who came early to complete the "add and drop" process before the big rush got some bad news.

The "add and drop" part of registration was not going to start until the following Monday, Jan. 11.



Students wait impatiently during registration.

Anthony Foster, a junior history major said, "I think that they made the "add and

drop" process much more difficult than it should be. They should have done it with registration."

"After five years of attending Prairie View A&M University, I would have liked to have had just one trouble-

free registration. In all honesty for me the registration went OK, but "add and drop" was very difficult. The workers are not at fault though, it

is the system," said senior electrical engineering major Gerlad Caraway.

The students were not the only ones frustrated with the process. Although Reatha Cole, Registration Coordina-

tor, refused to comment, she showed her frustration very clearly. She became so frustrated with students on Tuesday that she stopped calling ticket numbers and came into the stands to pick the students she wanted to go next. There may be some hope in

what seems to be a hopeless situation. Robert Ford, Registrar, referred us to a

new computer system called the Student Information System (SIS). This new system should help to speed up the registration process.

Part of the system will be implemented in the summer of '93.

SIS will not allow students to take courses out of sequence. The program will allow

students to go to their advisor to see what classes are closed so that they can make another selection or have the class opened. The decentralized registration process will allow students to select courses and go through the normal procedures in one place.

The reason the new system will not be completely implemented in the Summer '93 is that only three buildings on this campus are wired for terminals. All the other buildings need to be wired before advisors have the access to SIS.

## Call Waiting Pending

By Candace M. Brigham  
Panther Reporter

Students who live in the dorms at Prairie View A&M University will have "call waiting" along with other telephone service features when they return from their spring break, according to John H. Rafferty, telecommunications manager.

With "call waiting" students will hear a simple tone that someone is trying to call. With the push of the button, this will allow you to receive the next call while the other line is on hold.

To make this facility available to students, a two year contract has been signed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company under the Plex-

er Custom Telephone Service.

Apart from call waiting the new service will also offer canceling calls, call forwarding, 911 emergency service, and transferred calls.

The new service will not be at any extra cost to students. This is paid through the housing fee that includes the telephone services.

"Students who have one or two roommates will really appreciate call waiting when they are expecting an important call," said Lisa Jones, junior.

Rafferty is one of the many people who try to make the living environment at Prairie View better for students.

For more information on call waiting in the dorms call 857-4230.

## Clinton Well Received

Associated Press

(Washington) -- President Clinton has completed his open house at the White House, after greeting and shaking hands with hundreds of well-wishers.

At one point, Clinton planned to shake hands with all of

the roughly 2500 people who had tickets to get inside. But the numbers overwhelmed the plan, so the Clintons, along with vice president Gore and his wife, finally went outside to greet hundreds more people who were waiting in line.

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tore goes through to determine the buyback value, starting with the instructors. The instructors reports what book they will be using for that class and the expected enrollment. The bookstore then bases its order on the information given by the instructor.

Then during the official buyback period which is the week before exams and the week of exams, the bookstore first buys back the number of books that were order for that

class at half the price of the original value. After depending on the stock the bookstore will purchase a few more at the Follett Blue Book value, published once a month.

This process is generally the method used but in some cases it can differ. According to Larry Beasley, a representative of Follett, a company that buys books and publishes the Blue Book, said teachers may adopt a textbook then decide they don't want to use the book which decreases its value.

Senior Sean Collins said, "I would rather sell the textbooks myself so that I can receive a better value".

Johnson is concerned with the students that don't understand the process which is used to determine the buyback value. He has posted a "Get the Most for your Books" poster in the bookstore which explains the reasons affecting the book buyback values.

Johnson hopes students will take time to read it and get a better understanding of the bookstores process.

## MLK Barrows' Style

University Release

Byran Barrows, Prairie View A & M University Public Information Director, is gearing up to perform his one-man show on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 19th., at the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston.

Barrows, who became public information officer at Prairie View in May 1992, has been performing the original play on tour for the past four years. The play, which was six years in the writing, is entitled WHO WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING?

According to Barrows, he wrote the play to answer the cynical question, "What has happened to the dream while the dreamer is no longer with us!" He says that the play is the story of an old man who is appalled to learn that his grandson doesn't really know who Martin Luther King real-



Bryan Barrows

ly was and there the adventure begins. Barrows says that we discover a great deal about the assassinated civil rights leader, but even more about ourselves and our dreams.

Barrows has performed at many colleges and universities. He says his most amazing audience was at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin.

According to Barrows, "I couldn't believe how much they were into the show. They caught all of the jokes...even the ones that some adults

don't. And they were very knowledgeable about King, the Movement for Civil Rights, and, of course, Malcolm X...who is mentioned extensively in the play."

## Becton Blasts Male Underclassmen

By Derald D. Powell  
Managing Editor

Last Wednesday President Becton attempted to set a serious mood as he discussed student vandalism, visitation policy, campus violence, and possible reasons for poor student performance last semester. This was a mandatory meeting for all male students living on campus.

Becton used several facts to back up the point that most of the crimes committed last semester were by male underclassmen. Becton stated that he plans to form a task force to

handle the increasing amount of crime on campus.

On visitation, Becton said he and the other administrators plan to get more strict on the visitation policy. He said all male students should have more respect for our females and treat them better.

The most disturbing point that was brought up at the meeting was that out of approximately 2,400 male students 1,500 had G.P.A.'s below a 2.0 last semester. Becton attributed this to poor time management.

A student in attendance said,

"I would've got more out of the meeting if Becton would've tried harder to keep us interested and didn't sound so much like a 'speak' and 'spell'." Jesse Watson, a sophomore engineering major said, "The things brought up needed to be addressed, but we are tired of hearing about the same old thing." Becton stressed that the male students need to keep their dorm hallways and rooms clean. "If you keep students locked up like animals some of the students will act accordingly."

# LIFESTYLES

## Tally, multi-faceted artist

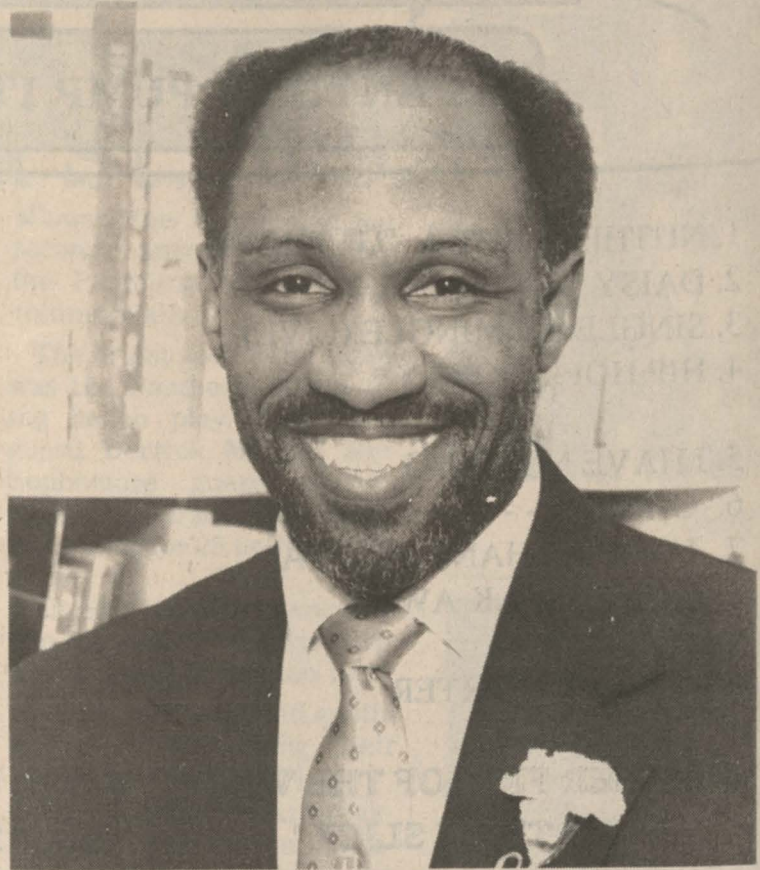
By Antrina Cooper  
Panther Reporter

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The Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr., professor of art at Prairie View A&M University, was born in Pineville, a small town in central La., and raised in Alexandria, just across the Red River from Pineville. He became interested in art as a third-grader. He recalls watching a classmate, next to him, drawing stick figures. "I remember being fascinated by what I saw, because he made his figures come alive and look real. So I asked him to show me how it was done. It was a lesson I never forgot."

He later began drawing Superhero pictures and producing back drops for school plays. By the time he entered high school, he was winning district and state competitions. He graduated from Southern University in 1973 and received his master's from Louisiana State University in 1975. He began teaching at Prairie View the same year. He prefers painting oils over watercolors, wood sculpture and assemblage pieces.

Talley, who is known for his vivid art paintings, was recently included in the 1993 Who's Who in Black America. He has competed in many



Rev. Clarence Talley

Individual and Group Exhibitions and has won numerous awards. He won the Purchase Prize winner, entitled "21st National Works on Paper Exhibition" at Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota. During the summer months and school breaks, he enjoys traveling around with his art.

I asked Mr. Talley how he

sees the future for his work? He said, "All I want to do is more work of a religious nature." The advice that he would like to share with future artists is, "Follow your heart, love the craft, produce, produce, produce like there is no tomorrow and get as much training as you possibly can get out of the field of art."

## Legendary trumpeteer dies

By Montoya Warner  
Lifestyles Editor

Dizzy Gillespie, the famous trumpet player, composer and bandleader, died of pancreatic cancer at his home in Los Angeles, California, January 6, 1993.

He was a consummate performer. He had played with the famous Charlie Parker and Thelonius Monk and, together, they had created the 'bebop' jazz movement.

Gillespie was also responsible for developing Afro-Cuban jazz. That combines bop improvisations with Latin rhythms.

Many of his famous compositions are jazz standards: "A Night in Tunisia," "Groovin' High," "Con Alma," "Salt Peanuts," "Blue'n Boogie," and "Woody'n You".

Gillespie was born in Cheraw, S.C. His full name is John Birks Gillespie.

Between 1937 and 1944, Gillespie played in the bands of Cab Calloway, Earl Hines, Billy Eckstine, and many others.

Gillespie, a major force in jazz, formed a big band in 1946. His style and original techniques established him as a vital part of the jazz movement.

Most recently Gillespie celebrated his 75th birthday with a four week musical spectacular at the Blue Note



DIZZY GILLESPIE

Dizzy Gillespie

jazz club in New York where he received a standing ovation.

1992 American Black Achievement Award for music.

Known as the statesman of jazz, Dizzy has received many awards. He recently won the

A book that can be checked out about Dizzy Gillespie is "Dizzy Gillespie", by Barry McRae.

## Minorities at Prairie View

By Derek G. Walls  
Advertising Manager

In American society, Caucasians are overwhelmingly the majority of the population. Afro-Americans comprise one of the largest, if not the largest, minority groups. Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, and international persons from African, Asian, and European, countries make up the rest of the minority body.

Ironically, on all Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Caucasians are in the minority because they constitute a small percentage of the student population.

Prairie View A&M is no exception. At least 85 percent of the population at P.V. is black. The largest "minority" group on campus, however, is the Caucasian.

Last semester, according to Dr. Antonio Gonzales of Multicultural Services on campus, 4,894 Black students attended P.V. The population of 410 Whites was second. Also, there were 388 international students, 84 Hispanics, 57 Asians, and only two Native Americans.

So far, the number of Black students is slightly lower this semester. (4,650 have enrolled). The number of White students has increased to 428. Subsequently, there has been a decrease in the Hispanic, Asian, and Native American student population; only 46 Hispanics, and 32 Asians, and no Native Americans have



Minorities on Campus

enrolled. (The number of international students is not available at this time).

In an overall comparison to last year, the number of Black students (3,880) and Hispanics (86) has risen. But, there are not as many White (426), Asian (42), or Native American (4) students.

Regardless of the statistical data, why do these people choose to attend a predominantly Black College such as P.V.?

When asked this question, sophomore, electrical engineering major Andy Nguyen (who is Vietnamese) said that: "I came to Prairie View because I felt that I could learn just as much here as at

any institution." He also said: "Most of my closest friends attend Texas A&M and U of H. I can study better here without the distraction of my friends!"

A Mexican student (who requested that her name be withheld) said, "I really like it here, although registration is terrible! I came here by the recommendation of my supervisor at work. Coming here was a good move!" (She is a computer science major in her sophomore year).

Whatever the reason "minority" students choose to attend a Black College such as P.V., they all feel that they can acquire just as much knowledge here as anywhere

NAACP sponsors parade

## Dr. King is honored



Martin Luther King

By Antrina Cooper  
Panther Reporter

On Monday, Jan. 18, African-Americans paused to commemorate the birthday of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin L. King Jr.

A special tribute in honor of King's birthday was given by the NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and the Wesley Foundation here at Prairie View A&M University.

The theme for the night was, "Working Together For Positive Change." The program started with an invocation by Marcus Colvin. After the invocation Felicia Green offered a dynamic interpretation of King's "I have a dream" speech." Dr. Mack Jones, head of P.V.'s Political and Social Science Department, was the keynote speaker. He stressed the political philosophy of Martin Luther King



Martin Luther King Parade

and contemporary world problems.

He said that young African-Americans should, "learn more about Dr. King and what he represented." After Jones

left, the audience had a lot to think about in reference to King and the Civil Rights Movement. The program concluded with the audience singing "We Shall Overcome."

## Students run for the Taco Bell border

by Hugh W. Griffin  
Panther Reporter

Taco Bell is finally here at Prairie View and the wait for Mexican fast food is over. Taco Bell had its grand opening Thursday, next door to P.V.'s Purple "P" in the Memorial Student Center.

The city of Prairie View's first major corporation-franchise was brought to Prairie View thanks to the

efforts of Frank D. Jackson, Prairie View's director of Auxiliary Enterprises, and Ronald Bell, Director of Dining Services. "We expect this to create a large increase in business for the Purple "P", along with many jobs for students" said Jackson. "Our goal is to earn enough money to provide for the students new facilities on campus such as a new dining hall."

Wednesday, Taco Bell gave away free food for promotional purposes. Marcell Turner, a sophomore mechanical engineering student, said, "It's about time Prairie View tried to give the students some of the things they really like, and surprisingly, the prices are the same as in the actual restaurant. "Lashonda Williams, a freshman political science

major, said, "I think students will start to eat lunch at Taco Bell more often than in Alumni."

Don't celebrate now, the best is to come. By early March you can expect to find Kentucky Fried Chicken and T.C.B.Y. Yogurt on campus as well. And if business proceeds as planned during the first year, student meal-plans could be a possible consideration.

You're smart enough to write about Alice Walker's use of African storytelling traditions.

And you're still smoking?

# LIFESTYLES

## Movie Reviews

### THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN \* 1/2

Eddie Murphy plays a con man elected to congress in his most recent comedy. He teams up with actress Sheryl Lee Ralph in this movie that makes fun of the government. He wins a few laughs as a fast-talking con artist named Thomas Jefferson Johnson who allows his name to work for him and manages to win himself a seat in Congress.

The film also stars Charles Dutton and Victoria Rowell.

His performances were done to perfection in the hits 'Trading Places', '48 hrs.', 'Beverly Hills Cop', and 'Boomerang' but, in this movie he leaves a bit to be desired. This is definitely a dollar movie. Maybe next time Eddie.

### THE BODYGUARD \*\*\*\*

This suspense love story stars Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner. Whitney who plays a famous singer receives death threats and retired bodyguard, Kevin Costner is persuaded into becoming her personal bodyguard. This who-did-it romantic movie keeps you in suspense until the very end. Even though Houston's acting abilities are not quite



Sheryl Lee Ralph

at the level of Costner's she rose to the occasion and played the part well. This is a charming, full of excitement love story that is definitely one to go see.

### TRESPASS \*

Rapper turned actor Ice Cube plays the villain in the recently released movie 'Trespass' which also features Ice-T.

The film is about two Arkansas firemen who travel to East

St. Louis, Illinois, looking for buried gold in a deserted warehouse. While doing so they come across the path of a local crime ring, finding themselves trapped in constant conflict with the gang.

Even though the movie consists of the two hottest rap artists in the rap industry and quality acting, this supposedly 'action-packed' film leaves viewers disappointed. The film also features Bill Paxton and William Sadler.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

JANUARY 23	P.V. v Alcorn 7:30pm ABX Productions Party at Club Obsession (Free before 12a.m.)
JANUARY 24	Services in All Faiths Chapel 11:00am
JANUARY 25	P.V. vs Southern Women 5:30pm/11:15 7:30pm
JANUARY 26	SGA meeting 6:30pm Emerging Leaders meeting New Classroom Bldg. 6:00pm
JANUARY 27	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi host seminar Hobart Taylor recital hall P.V. vs Baylor (away) Women Convocation 10:00am General Student Assembly Babydome
JANUARY 29	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority hosts Stepshow in MSC
JANUARY 30	Walk-a-thon 10:00am Saturday/Babydome

**PANTHER PUMP IT UP**

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<p><b>PANTHER PICK OF THE WEEK</b> "REBIRTH OF SLICK" DIGABLE PLANETS</p>	<p><b>VIDEO OF THE WEEK</b> "HAT 2 DA BACK" TLC</p>

## Pick Of The Week

by Monica Robinson  
Panther Reporter  
'REBIRTH OF SLICK' by Digable Planets \*\*\*\*  
'Rebirth of Slick' is the hottest new release in the music industry. Its popularity stems from a rap and jazz perspective. This hip hop hit will definitely be number

one. The twelve inch single can now be purchased at your local record store for \$4.99. 'HAT 2 DA BACK' by TLC \*\*\*1/2  
The video of the week is 'Hat 2 Da Back'. The video itself gives a different meaning to the song once you have seen it. It has to be one of

TLC's best video yet. It should prove to be a big turn on for the men, and a fashion hype for the women.  
These latest jams can be heard on KPVU between 6pm-10pm with Fast Eddie, 10pm-2pm TTH with Karl 'King of Swing' Mayes, and 10pm-2am MWF with Trent Daniels.

## Musical artists to be honored

### Press Release

The 20th annual "AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS" will be telecast on ABC from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, on Monday, January 25, between 7 and 10p.m.

Hosting the telecast will be Bobby Brown, Gloria Estefan and Wynonna Judd.

Awards will be given in six categories. Pop/Rock, Country, Soul/Rhythm and Blues, favorite female and male artist, favorite band, duo or group, favorite album and single, and favorite new artist. In the rap/hip hop, awards will be presented for favorite artist and new artist. In all, 25 awards will be presented.

Winners of the awards are selected by the public. A national sampling of approximately 20,000 has been sent ballots by the National Family Opinion, Inc.

The performers scheduled to appear are Michael Jackson, Michael Bolton, Boyz II Men, Kris Kross, as well as the three other hosts.



Boyz II Men

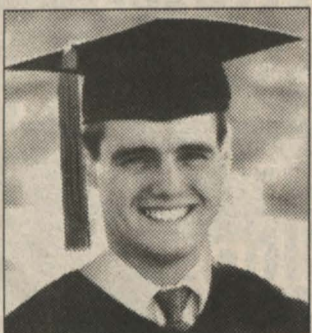
Among those scheduled to present awards on the show are Bell Biv DeVoe, Mary J. Blige, Jodeci, Patti LaBelle, Run-D.M.C., Peter Cetera, and TLC.

In the pop/rock category Vanessa Williams and Mariah Carey were nominated for favorite female artist. "End of the Road" by Boyz II Men

and "I'll be there" by Mariah Carey favorite single; Kris Kross favorite group; "Dangerous" by Michael Jackson and "Totally Krossed Out" by Kris Kross favorite album; and Arrested Development and TLC favorite new artist.

Kris Kross and Michael Jackson are the biggest nominees. Kris Kross has four and Michael Jackson has five.

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## Horoscopes

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY)**

Pamper yourself, go shopping. You deserve it. Traveling plans may be altered. Do not procrastinate. Complete a task you have been putting off.

**PICES (FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)**

Be sociable. Go out and mingle. A romantic encounter may be near, but be careful. Do not let the moment cloud your thinking. Credit card use should be limited.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)**

Obstacles in your love relationship can be overcome. Be flexible. Long-term relationship is possible if you make the effort.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20- MAY 20)**

Romance in the near future will be sweet and adventurous, but remember your heart is at home. If you own a car, make sure it is checked out thoroughly.

**GEMINI (MAY 21- JUNE 21)**

Make sure all loans and financial aid papers are properly filled out and taken care of. Efforts from your family are great support, especially in time of financial need.

**CANCER (JUNE 22- JULY 22)**

You may have conflict with some of your co-workers. Enjoy yourself and try to have some fun. Your mate or lover will bestow sweet security on you to win your love.

**LEO (JULY 23- AUGUST 22)**

Relationships with key people, especially co-wor-

people, especially co-workers, are the way to your success. Make some time for your mate these next couple of weeks.

**VIRGO AUGUST 23- SEPTEMBER 22)**

Your financial status is at a high point. Be careful with your spending; make wise decisions. Someone catches your eye, but be sure to play it cool.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23- OCTOBER 23)**

You will receive a message from a former love from far away. Get help wherever you need it. Be open to suggestions concerning financial, family, and love problems.

**SCORPIO (OCT 24- NOV 21)**

Make new friends! The

secret to your success is a loving relationship with someone who does not always have to be in the spotlight. Your job may be in jeopardy.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22- DEC 21)**

Your friends will help you through some rough times ahead. Do not be afraid to ask for what you want. You may have overlooked a solution to your money problems.

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN 19)**

Involvement with a lover and friends go in your favor these days. You can lay down the law and they will obey. The evening is time for intimate talk but do not neglect your responsibilities.

Editors note: This is for entertainment purposes only.

# SPORTSWEEK

## P.V. Crowds Enthusiastic, but Panthers lose to Alabama St. 96-92

**By Ronald Ratliff**  
Panther Reporter

The Prairie View A&M Panthers took the court Monday, for their first home game of the 1993 Spring semester. In front of an enthusiastic 3,500 students, the Panthers were looking to capture their second win of the season against the Hornets of Alabama State. In the first half the Hornets dominated in every facet of the game. Alabama controlled the boards on both ends, allowing them (Alabama) to open up a 16 point lead with 5:41 left in the first half. The onslaught continued, with the Hornets going into halftime up 49 to 28.

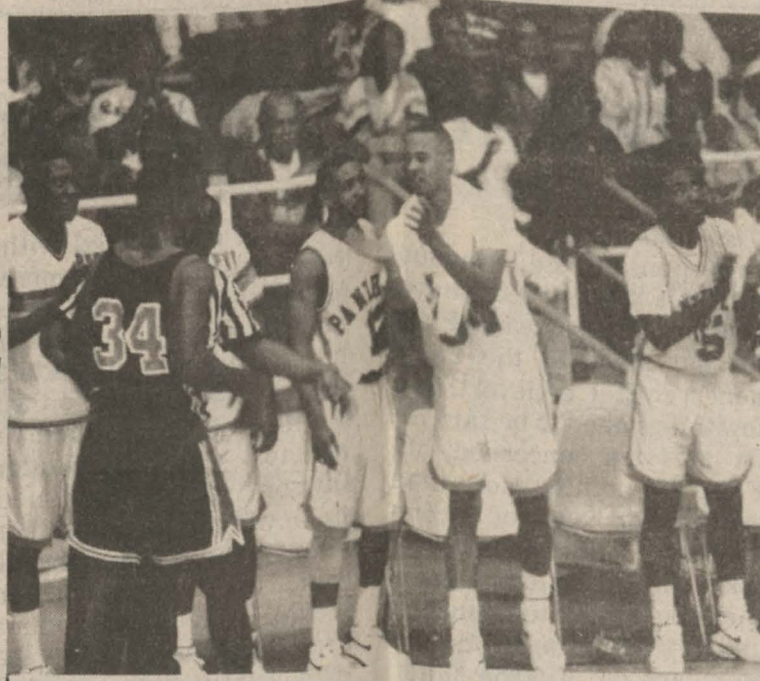
At the beginning of the second half, P.V. got back into it by drilling three 3 pointers in a row. It was obvious that Junior guard, Derrick Hunter, was the catalyst of the comeback. The 6'2" Hunter poured in a game high 32 points, hitting 6 of 8 from the three-point line. Down by 10 with 6 minutes left the Panthers needed to keep the Hornets off the offensive glass. The Panthers' poor transitions from offense to defense

allowed the Hornets to get second chance points, putting the Panthers in the losing column again.

The bright spot of the game was the Panthers' outstanding bench play. Freshman guard Derrick McGriff and Sophomore guard Steven Ramsey sparked the team, combining for 25 points and 9 assists. This gave them (Panthers) a chance to win the game in the last five minutes, but it was too little too late. P.V. dropped another 96 to 92 leaving their record at a dismal 1-14.

After losing a heartbreaker to the Hornets the Panthers have dropped their last three games to Texas College, Grambling and Mississippi Valley. Bright spots for the Panthers have been the intense play of Freshman guard Derrick McGriff and Senior forward Kirk Martin who averages 7.2 rebounds per contest placing him sixth on the SWAC rebounding charts.

The Panthers' next home game will be January 23, 1993. Come out and support the panthers.



Men's Basketball



Women's Basketball

## P.V. Crowds rejoice as Lady Panthers pound Wiley College

**By Calvin E. Hill**  
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M University Lady Panthers pawed the Lady Kittens of Wiley College 98-51 in front of 800 enthusiastic fans in the Babydome. This win broke a nine game losing streak by the Lady Panthers.

Crystal Powell led the Lady Panthers in scoring with a game high 25 points. Christina Dixon and Wamsutta Stamps added 17 points each. The Lady Panthers were without the services of starting center Denise Scott who averages 10 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Helena White stepped up her game in the front court to lead the Lady Panthers rebounding charge against Wiley College.

The fans in attendance were ecstatic about the victory. Pan-Hellenic Council President Marcus Searles said, "The game was very entertaining."

Another student quipped, "With the talent we have, we should win games like this more often. This win is a great moral booster for the very young Lady Panther team."

Recapping the last two games against Mississippi Valley and Grambling, the Lady Panthers shot about 40% from the field and had many turnovers.

These two things have plagued the team throughout the season.

Players feel, "The team is much better than last year's team, but it needs developing. The talent is here and the team is much closer than we were, which makes it easier to play well with one another."

Isympathize with these ladies because they play with heart and constant determination. They know what they have, and know what they need.

This has been the same song the teams of the past have sang.

The question now is, "When will the administration notice and bring in a developer to develop our talent-filled teams?"

The Lady Panthers will host Alcorn State and Southern in their next two games.

Come out and support the Lady Panthers.

## Coach Jacket receives four more athletic career awards

University Release

Prairie View-Former Olympic Women's Track Coach and Prairie View A&M University Athletic Director, Barbara Jean Jacket, has done it again. Actually, she has done it—at least four more times. Jacket has received four new awards as a result of her career achievements in track, education, leadership and community-mindedness.

Coach Jacket recently received the Joe Robercher Award, the President's TAC

Award, the Yellow Rose of Texas Award (The second that she has received this year from Texas Governor, Ann Richards.), and she has been named to the Texas Black Women's Hall of Fame (Dec. 5th., in Dallas, TX).

Previously, Jacket has been named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame, she was honored as a "Distinguished Citizen" by the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce (her home town), she has been inducted into

the Tuskegee Institute Athletic Hall of Fame (1987), she was selected NAIA "Outdoor Track Coach" eight times, she has been named NAIA "Indoor Track Coach" four times, she was named "Coach of the Year" by the Southwestern Athletics Conference in cross country track seven times, in indoor track nine times, and in outdoor track six times, and she was voted a proclamation for meritorious service by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in the Fall

of 1992.

Jacket, who has been honored throughout much of her stellar career, says that, "(I) believe that discipline is integral to personal or professional success. Growing up, I faced the difficulties of a "single-parent" home, but, don't let anybody tell you that has to be an albatross around your neck. You can be what you want to be and can do what you want to do if you are disciplined and have faith in God."



Athletic Dir. Barbara Jacket

### PANTHERS OF THE WEEK

- CHRISTINA DIXON AVG. 17.5pts in last two games
- DERRICK HUNTER AVG. 26.5pts in last two games
- KIRK MARTIN AVG. 7.2 rebounds/sixth in SWAC statistics
- CRYSTAL POWELL AVG. 68% free throws/sixth in SWAC statistics
- DENESE SCOTT AVG. 9.5 rebounds in last two games
- DERRICK MCGRIFF All-around Panther of the week

## Charlie Sifford Donates Golf Books to HBCU's

Press Release

Charlie Sifford, the first Black PGA Golfer to play the game professionally fulltime has written an engaging account of his lifelong pursuit in his recent book: "Just Let Me Play: The Story of Charlie Sifford, The First Black PGA Golfer". From Arthur Ashe's forward to his work you're given a vivid account of Mr. Sifford's determination to play and succeed against tough odds. Other professional golfers like Gary Player say: "I take my hat off to him... The hypocrisy that Charlie had to put up with! Yet I don't find him bitter; I find him compassionate, I have great love and empathy for Charlie" ... He has played a significant role in improving golf's stance towards blacks."

Mr. Sifford had to push open the door passed the Caucasian clause to gain PGA membership in 1961. Then getting the doors open to play in PGA sponsored Tournaments, previously closed to Blacks was his next set of obstacles. The Bing Crosby Open and Palm Springs Open Tournaments were among the first to accept his application to play.

But people like Jackie Robinson, Billy Eckstine, and Joe Louis helped him get those doors opened. Mr. Robinson in his newspaper columns wrote about Charlie's efforts to play golf professionally, Mr. Louis in his friendship and personal attempts to enter tournaments sponsored by the PGA, to help pave the way, and Mr. Eckstine, he hired Charlie as a young man, to teach him the game and

became his personal instructor. This gave Charlie a chance to work on his game daily and time off to play in local none PGA Tourneys.

Mr. Sifford representing Toyota and Gary Player have donated copies of his book, "Just Let Me Play" to the Black Colleges and Universities that have golf programs. The institutions include Alabama State University, Bowie State, Florida A&M University, Fayetteville State University, Kentucky State University, Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Hampton University, St. Augustine's College, Johnson C. Smith University, Virginia Union University, South Carolina State College, Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University, Tennessee State University and Southern University.

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# VIEWPOINTS



## My View

Chandra Baty  
Editor-in-Chief

By Chandra Baty  
Editor-in-chief

Okay, so this is it. Another year and another chance.

During the 1991-92 school year, we had the misfortunes of losing Wendall Baker. Then, I remember losing Tommy Sanders and most recently, Timothy Reed. I'm not sure what the New Year will hold.

Several days ago we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. It seems to me that he would have wanted us to fulfill his dream rather than take a mere day out of the year to "remember him."

Dr. King and Malcolm X have been dead for more than twenty years. Dr. King wanted racial equality. Malcolm X wanted black liberation. What do we give them? Violent against one another on a silver platter?

I'm sick of hearing about what we need to do. When do we plan to take responsibility for our own lives. As a generation filled with vast opportunities, oftentimes we ignore the power we hold—you know, an inner strength.

It saddens me to walk on campus and hear the constant stream of negative comments about Prairie View. I'm the first to admit some of those complaints have come out of my mouth. But, I do have pride in this school. It is an institution that could never have existed without our proud forefathers.

I remember watching TV and seeing dogs attack Black people. Funny, how our forbears had pride in themselves and what they believed in. I wonder what happened to that?

In twenty years, the nation has completely revolutionized. I know that we have come forward, but we take two steps back for every one step forward. Dr. King and Malcolm X were two phenomenal leaders with entirely different views for Blacks. Yet, they had one thing in common—their sincere love for their race. Do we possess that love? I would have to say no.

For this New Year, I would like for us to gain some of that inner respect our people used to have. No one else will have pride in us if we don't.

# Student Challenges SGA president

## Letter-to-the-Editor

In response to the individual who felt it was necessary to give praise to Tiwana Flagg for her stand at the President's chat, I believe that a few things need to be said. As far as I am concerned, Ms. Flagg did nothing more than exhibit her level of incompetency. She repeatedly asked the same questions as if she lacked the intelligence to understand the answers. By no means did Tiwana suffer any verbal bashing; nor was she treated unfairly.

She continues to publicly and privately display her inability to maturely dialogue and work with administration or any other Student Government official. Ms. Flagg must realize that the Student Government Association is not a radical organization, nor is it a place for her to air her personal grievances. Many of the issues she wishes to address and question public-

ly could be handled within the Student Government Association or at the President's Student Advisory Committee meetings. It has been brought to my attention that she has failed to attend the last two monthly Student Advisory Committee meetings with the president because she has supposedly been mad at President Becton. This is very immature and unwise.

We continually complain about the Organization Review Board and the number of organizations it has forced to become inactive while our SGA president, Tiwana Flagg, who is voting a member of this board fails to attend or vote at any of these review board meetings. She is supposed to be representing the student body, those fraternities and service organizations who are part of the student body. To my knowledge, when Sigma Gam-

ma Rho, a sorority to which Ms. Flagg belongs, was disciplined by the review board, Ms. Flagg became upset with Ronnie Davis and failed to maintain her seat on the board. Ms. Flagg has failed to properly represent us. She should have lived up to her position on the board and spoke up for all of the other organizations and maybe, just maybe a few things might have turned out differently. No matter how effective her being present might have been; it is her job to represent our best interest and if she is not there—she can't do it.

Furthermore, Ms. Flagg, it is very unprofessional and unladylike to stand before the student body and call our University Handbook \*\*\*\*.

I think Ms. Flagg could be a very great SGA president if she would be a little more wise in her decision-making. She is very motivated and has great ideas and I feel that she

could be more effective if she learned to work with and not against the administration.

She has a very good vice-president, A.J. The vice-president is not as outspoken as Tiwana but the Student Senate and administration feel that much has been accomplished through their working with him. A.J., I commend you; Tiwana, I wish you well.

Sincerely yours,

A Concerned Student

## Letters Policy

We welcome letters from our readers. Letters should be brought to the second floor of Hilliard Hall room 208. Letters must include the writer's name, full address and telephone number for verification only. Home addresses of letter writers will not be published. Letters are subject to editing.



## My View

Derald Powell  
Managing Editor

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The car was packed, the gas tank was full, the goodbyes had been said and now it was time to return to school. As I began to drive, I couldn't help but wonder if I could register with no problems and if all the facilities would be up to par, or if I would get the run-around and end up confused and angry.

I arrived on campus around 10:30 a.m. in an optimistic state of mind with only a small amount of resentment because of my shortened vacation. I had received a hand-out from the registrar's office stating that registration for juniors and freshman would begin Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. As I went to register with

completed papers in hand, I was told that the day to register had been changed and I would have to come back tomorrow. I had my time and money because the university seems to be accountable for things they had said or printed. (Strike 1)

I turned my attention to getting settled in my dorm room. After checking in and receiving my key, I approached the elevator with my refrigerator, prepared for a shaky, but sure ride. I pushed the button and I waited...and waited...and waited until, a fellow student said, "You know that thing doesn't work." That one statement caused my feet, legs, and arms to immediately begin hurting in anticipation, because I live on the fourth

floor. While walking up the 64 stairs to my room I began to think back to how the administration spent a large amount of manpower and money to fix the "great" magnetic lock doors, but they couldn't have the elevator functioning when students and parents first arrived. (Strike 2)

I went into my room, expecting minor repairs to have been made, but only to be greeted by several unafraid roaches that seem to say, "What's up D? We missed you." The unfunctioning desk light still hadn't been replaced and my bottom closet drawer still was missing. I was disappointed, but not surprised. (Foul)

The count was now two strikes and one foul as I wondered what registration would throw at me. The next day, I arrived at the baby dome around 9:00 A.M. after pick-

ing up my cousin from Houston. He had come to school early hoping to add one class. As I show "the ticket lady" my completed forms, she tells me I must have a colored card to register, and she tells my cousin that the add and drop period begins Monday and to please move.

Registration is already slow and arduous and they decide, during the time to register, to add something to supposedly simplify the process. It didn't help me because I was in registration for two and a half hours longer than the last time I failed to pre-register. (Strike 3)

The university struck out with me and many of my classmates because of lack of communication and misplacement of priorities. After all the preliminaries of school were over, I had to smile because I knew I was back on "The Hill".

# Praise for Dr. Frazier

## Letter-to-the-Editor

I can't imagine there being another professor as "smooth" as Dr. Freddie L. Frazier. This man is the best all-round mentor and professor that this university has.

Dr. Frazier gives and everyone of his students a taste of the true legendary black college experience.

Dr. Frazier's teaching style is like no other and the concern he has for his students' welfare runs very deep. If only other professors were

half as excited about teaching as Dr. Frazier then this university would reach even higher horizons. I only hope that Dr. Frazier keeps on doing the things he does best—teaching, caring and most of all being our friend when we just want to talk.

Sincerely yours,  
A Former Student

IF WE COULD RID THE WORLD OF HATE

IF WE COULD RID THE WORLD OF HATE  
AND KEEP IT FULL OF LOVE  
AND PEACE AND JOY AND HAPPINESS  
LIKE THEY SAY THERE IS ABOVE

THEN LIFE WOULD BE A BIT MORE GRAND  
MANY MORE SMILES WOULD BE SEEN  
SISTERS AND BROTHERS CAN PUT THEIR  
MINDS TOGETHER  
THERE WOULD BE NO MORE DRUG FIENDS

THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END, YOU  
KNOW. BUT NOT BY THE ACTIONS OF MEN.  
THE SPIRIT WE LOVE AND "ONLY" THAT  
SPRIT  
WILL DESTROY THE WORLD OF ITS SIN.

SO LIVE EACH DAY TO ITS FULLEST  
PRETEND TODAY IS YOUR LAST  
ACCOMPLISH ALL YOUR GOALS IN LIFE  
AND DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST.

IF THE WORLD WAS TO COME TO AN END  
PLEASE DO NOT THINK IT IS FATE.  
THE LORD WILL ACT UPON HIS SAYINGS  
SO LET'S RID THE WORLD OF HATE

Tonica Pool

## MARK-A-LOT



# SPEAK OUT

Question: How did the three week Christmas break affect you?

Kerwin Wilson  
Sophomore  
Sherman, Tx.



"It gave me time to get closer with my mother, relax, and get my thoughts together to determine my next course of action."

Trenea Beechum  
Freshman  
Dallas, Tx.



"It gave me a chance to take a break from my classes and get my thoughts together."

Melanie Price  
Junior  
Houston, Tx.



"I thought it was too short, it didn't give you much time to work and save up for the next semester."