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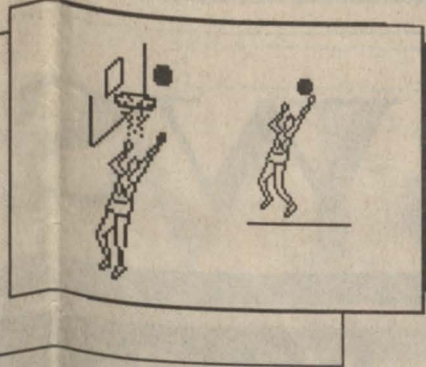
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The Panther

Easier and Faster Programs Shorten Financial Aid Process

By Lashonda Williams
Panther Staff

Thanks to the renewal application and the direct loan program, Prairie View students will no longer have to suffer while completing complicated and time-consuming financial aid forms.

The renewal application for federal aid will include information from a previous semester so that

students only have to indicate changes- in the number of family members and finances, for example. The forms will be sent to students' permanent address by the end of December.

Most of the "answers" will already be printed on the forms, and students will be required to answer about 26 questions. For students

do not receive financial aid forms in the mail, the financial aid office will issue the forms at the beginning of the spring semester.

A.D. James, Director of Student Financial Aid, suggests that in order to avoid complications, students should not date the application before Jan. 1.

Competing with

11,00 institutions for the Direct Lending Program, Prairie View was among the 104 institutions selected to initiate the program.

President Clinton wrote a memo to President Becton saying, in part: "borrowing federal money to pay for education can become a simple, one-step process with flexible and diverse repayment options." The program, which

will begin after July 15, 1994, allows loan proceeds to be sent directly to the student through the school. Direct lending costs less and

eliminates the subsidies the government has to pay the banks, which means students will not be charged for loan-processing services.

The Direct Lending Program will allow students

to borrow the maximum amount of money they are eligible to receive. Students who have never received a loan may receive direct loans, while previous borrowers will receive a guaranteed loan. Students must repay the loan plus a five percent interest fee directly to the federal government. The program is expected to save The Direct Lending Program \$4.3 million dollars over the next five years.

Coping with Depression During the Holiday Season

By Portia Hopkins
Panther Staff

For most of us, the holiday season is a time of precious moments and laughter to spend with family and friends. But for many the holidays are among the loneliest and saddest times of the year.

While most of us are awaiting the arrival of holiday guests, many dread the memories of good times with family and friends no longer living; others dread the fact that they are separated from their loved ones by great distances.

Others find the holiday season stressful because of the added pressure and responsibilities of spending, shopping and entertaining.

According to two authorities, there are several ways people can help themselves cope with the holiday crush.

"Many of the cases we handle in the first weeks of the new year result from problems that were brought on or heightened during the holidays. It's unfortunate that families have to endure such problems during what should be such a joyous time," said Robert Byrd, Director of the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation.

He says that the added stress brought on by family gatherings or by the desire to satisfy holiday wishes can lead to family arguments and often physical violence.

According to research done by Baywood Hospital, holiday stress is often self-inflicted. Expectations of ourselves and others to be all things to all people regardless of the cost, physically or mentally. It is also caused by the anxiety of missing loved ones and the emptiness in holiday spirit that their absence brings.

Still another stress factor is the rampant materialism and false or exaggerated sense of warmth associated with the season.

This stress feeds on itself and may cause sleeplessness, headaches, confusion and depression. It becomes increasingly difficult to feel happy or festive, think clearly or make appropriate decisions. If this holiday

season is bringing you down Baywood offers these suggestions. Admit it first to yourself. Don't try to hide the pain with drugs, alcohol or pretense. Your pain is actually a positive sign of emotional health.

Don't set yourself up to be alone. Look to other family members and friends who may also need companionship. Invite people to be around you and surround yourself with good memories.

If spending and shopping are your problems, be honest with yourself and to loved ones. Doing what you can should not be shameful. Don't allow the importance of monetary value to get in the way of your giving spirit.

When you feel the tension rising, stop and think through your priorities and take time to organize and plan ahead.

Try to shop when stores are less crowded or when you have plenty of time and allow time for yourself.

You know what makes you happy. To lift your spirits create an atmosphere of personal joy. Try putting up your favorite decorations, listening to your favorite music or baking your favorite foods.

Take measures to relieve stress before it starts. Try this simple exercise you can do anywhere: 1) close your eyes and get comfortable, 2) take slow deep breaths, 3) with each breath, tell yourself to relax—that "breath will relax you", 4) as you exhale, tell yourself that all your tension and stress are leaving with the breath, 5) do this for several minutes until you feel your body begin to relax.

For more information about any services or programs, please contact Baywood Hospital at (713)322-9550.

(Baywood Hospital, a full service psychiatric hospital, provided information for this article.)



Rap star Queen Latifah raps about unity in male and female relationships on her new CD entitled, "Black Reign." For a review of her new CD, see Lifestyles, page 4.

Political Science Building Named in Woolfolk's Honor



Dr. George Woolfolk
University Release

It is not often that a man gets to be a legend in his own time. However, Dr. George Ruble Woolfolk is such a man and recently the political

science building was named in his honor.

Administration, faculty and friends gathered at PVAMU to honor Woolfolk for his accomplishments at the university. Woolfolk became a faculty member in 1943 and served for 41 years. Before retiring in 1984, he served as a professor of history and as chairman of the Division of Social and Political Science.

Woolfolk served as an accreditor examiner for the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools. His recognitions include the Mirmie Stephens Piper Teaching Excellence Award (1973), the American Historical Association

Award for Scholarly Distinction, and Phi Alpha Theta International History Honor Society. In 1986 he was named a fellow in the Texas Historical Association and appointed an admiral in the Texas Navy by Gov. Dolph Brisco.

He has written a great deal, but his best known works are *Prairie View: A Study in Public Conscience, 1978-1946*; *The Free Negro in Texas*, and *A History of Waller County, Texas*. He was a consultant in a television series entitled "Black Frontier" that was sponsored by the University of Nebraska and the Ford Foundation.

During his tenure at PV, Woolfolk was a member of the

Living Museum, Winedale farm and of the Ad Hoc Committee of the American Revolution Bicentennial. Currently, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is listed in Who's Who in the South, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Black America.

Woolfolk was born in Louisville, Ky. and received a bachelor of arts degree from Louisville Municipal College and a master's degree from Ohio State University. He completed his doctorate of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin.

Top 100 Employees in Fiscal Notes

News Release

Fall 1993 and Spring 1994 graduates can refer to a recent issue of *Fiscal Notes* that lists the top 100 Texas employees, although only one-third are actually headquartered in Texas.

"Texas 100" is a list of the 100 companies that provide the most jobs in Texas and whose stock is publicly traded.

In total, the Texas 100 companies provides slightly more than one million jobs in Texas, nearly 18 percent of the state's private-sector employment. The top 10 companies alone employ about 318,600 workers in the state.

Only about one-third of the jobs provided by the Texas 100 are actually controlled from within the state. California-based companies account for 11 of the Texas 100 and nearly 10 percent of all jobs provided by this group. Ten of the Texas 100 firms are headquartered in New York, while five Michigan-based firms account for 10 percent of the total jobs.

Texas Instruments, Wal-Mart, Kmart and Sears were among the top ten employees in Texas. Yet, Compaq, a popular work spot for PV students, employs only 7,800 workers and is ranked 46 out of the 100.

Newsday

Briefly

CAMERON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PVAMU's College of Nursing has received a gift of \$100,000 to establish the Charlotte Cameron Scholarship Fund. The money will be used to benefit students in financial need. College of Nursing Dean, Dollie Brathwaite, said, "This expression of love and respect for the PVAMU College of Nursing is most appreciated. It is significant that Charlotte Cameron and her family are giving this \$100,000 scholarship fund because of the respect for the exemplary care given to her by a nurse who graduated from Prairie View A&M University. We are grateful to note that, in a selfish, often unconcerned world, Charlotte Cameron chose to think of the advancement of others."

REV. TALLEY NAMED TO "WHO'S WHO"

The Rev. Clarence Talley Sr., PV professor of art, has been named to Who's Who Among Black Americans 1994-95.

Who's Who Among Black Americans provides "in-depth biographical data on African-Americans from all walks of life, who have made significant professional and civic contributions," according to an agency news release.

Earlier this year, work by Talley was displayed in "I Have A Dream: March On Washington II" at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing and Visual Arts, Washington, D.C.

CSO SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Council of Student Organizations is offering two book scholarships. Students do not have to be members of CSO organizations to apply. In order to qualify for a scholarship students must 1) have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better, 2) be enrolled at PV during the spring '94 semester, 3) be at PV full time and 4) have completed at least 15 hours.

All interested students must write a 200-word essay entitled, "What can be done to improve school spirit at PVAMU" and submit an official transcript.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 15. All entries must be postmarked before this date. Please mail entries to: Council of Student Organizations, Scholarship Contest, Box 2415 Prairie View, Tx 77446.

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1994 COLLEGE INFORMATION HOTLINE

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC), a non-profit association of professional educators, and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will co-sponsor a toll-free telephone college information hotline. The number, 1-800-253-8989, will be available to all Texas residents, on Jan. 8, and Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The hotline will be staffed by professionals from secondary guidance departments, colleges, and universities from across the state. Spanish-speaking counselors will also be available.

For more information, please contact your local media representative or Thomas J. Oliver, (210) 736-7207.

People



Kendra Baltrip

Kendra Baltrip, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, is the first-prize winner of the PVAMU Athletic Club's annual benefit raffle. The raffle, chaired by Pauline Bonner, featured a homecoming game half-time drawing for three prizes. First prize winner Baltrip was awarded a 1993 Chevy GEO. Second prize winner, Mildred P. Dean, an alumna from Tyler, received \$1,000 cash and 3rd prize winner, Willa Harris of Baytown, received \$500 cash award.

The gross income from the project was \$31,000 with the net proceeds to be presented to the PVAMU Athletic Department to fund its' operating budget.

Pictured on the left is Kendra Baltrip receiving the first prize award of the keys to a new car from George Higgs, Athletic Club President.. Also pictured on the right is Robin Wilson, a freshman who accepted the 3rd prize check of \$500 on behalf of the winner, her mother, Willa Harris.

Faculty

Gov. Ann Richards has announced that Hulen Davis, PrairieView A&M University political scientist, has been named to the prestigious Brazos River Authority Board. Davis has served PV for 28 years along with four other new appointees: Evert E. KennemnerIII (West Columbia), David Lengfeld (Hamilton) and Johnween Smith Matis (Hearne). These new members will serve until Feb. 1, 1999.

Davis, a resident of Prairie View, has both a bachelor's and a master's degree from PV. He also did advanced study at the University of Houston and Texas A&M University.

Davis for several years, has participated in many politically charged conferences and associations. Most notably, he participated in the Southwest National Security Conference, at Southern Methodist University. Davis said, "Being on the board is an outstanding opportunity to help solve the problems of providing clean water, and alleviate the flood problems of citizens in the Brazos River Basin".



Hulen M. Davis Sr.

Dec.13-17
Final Exams

Dec.18
Christmas Break

Jan.3
Pre- Registration Fees Due

Jan. 10
Classes Begin

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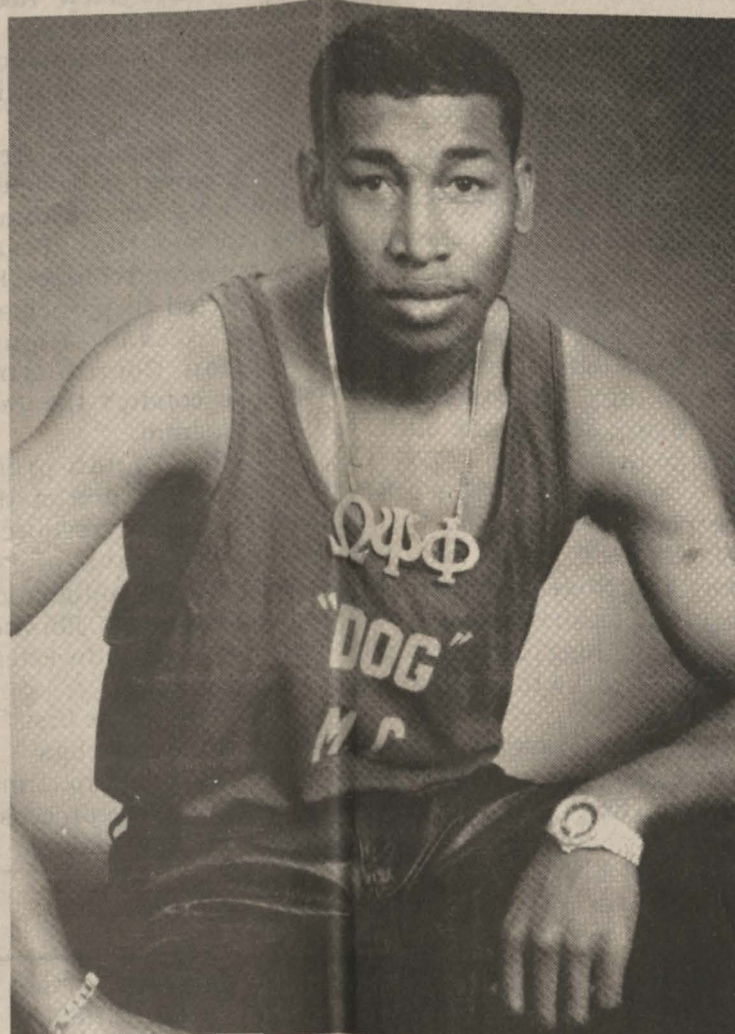
Lifestyles

MAIN EVENTS

PV's Spring Semester

- Sunday, Jan. 2**
Residence hall opens for new students
- Monday, Jan. 3-5**
Orientation for new students
- Tuesday, Jan. 4**
Houston nursing registration
- Wednesday, Jan. 5**
Residence halls open for returning students and registration for new students
- Thursday-Tuesday, Jan. 6-11**
Regular registration
- Saturday, Jan. 8**
Registration for weekend and off-campus classes
- Monday, Jan. 11**
Instruction begins and add and dropping begins
- Wednesday, Jan. 12**
Late Registration
- Saturday, Jan. 15**
Late registration and course changes end
- Monday, Jan. 17**
Martin Luther King, Jr. (Holiday)
- Monday, Jan. 11**
PV vs. Mississippi Valley State / Womens 5:30
Mens 7:30 at the Baby Dome
- Monday, Jan. 17**
PV vs. Grambling State University / Womens 5:30
Mens 7:30 at the Baby Dome

PV's Alumnus Stresses Education On New CD



Billy "Dog MC" Taylor

By Stephanie Banks
Lifestyles Editor

Billy "Dog MC" Taylor, who graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1989 with an electrical engineering technology degree, is a local rap artist climbing the rap charts with his debut CD, "Jus Doggin It".

Local music merchants say that Taylor is a big attraction because people know who he is. Stores cannot keep his tapes in stock long enough.

Taylor juggles his occupation as area manager for a Goodyear Tire plant in Freeport and a local area coach with a music career that allows

him to be a positive image for kids all over.

Taylor, who proudly wears his Greek letters, Omega Psi Phi, around his neck on his album cover, says he earned his name "Dog MC" from his nickname "Hot Dog" which he got from his fraternity. Since everything is centered around the whole "dog" theme, Taylor chose to name his album "Jus' Doggin It".

Taylor's writing career, which started five years ago when he moved to Freeport, began when he worked for other artist until his producer called him in and wanted to hear the rhymes.

His album took a year-and-a-half to create and should be of great interest for the listeners. Taylor tries to stick to positive messages for today's teen-agers a message that lets them know there is another way to make it in the world today without "slanging" drugs and gang violence.

His songs reinforce the importance of staying in school because he believes that an education is something that you can fall back on. Taylor tries not to deviate from his positive message as he lets his rhymes flow. His messages are what he lives by.

Although Taylor had offers from several record companies, he chose to wait until he graduated from college to pursue his rapping career.

To Taylor, an education was more important than his music career. "I am more dangerous with my education than with a gun ... I'd rather work with my mind than with my muscles," said Taylor.

Taylor's song ideas come from his youthful experience in Fort Worth, Texas and living in Freeport.

Cuts from Taylors CD are "Jail House Rock", "Bed Rock", "Nod Yo Head", "On A Roll", and Taylor's favorite, "GhettoLife", which has a slow tempo with lyrics that deal with intercity problems. The story tells the story of a teen-age boy who got trapped in the ghetto and escaped with an education and goes off to school. Taylor hopes that people who hear the song can identify with the problems and reach out to them.

Other cuts are "Wash My Ride", "Hooken It Up" and the cut named after his CD, "Jus' Doggin It".

Taylor's plans are to tape a video for his single, "GhettoLife" to be shown on channels BET and MTV and to start touring. With his music now in the stores, Taylor hopes that tremendous exposure will come his way.

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Hail the Queen: Latifah's New Image

NEWS RELEASE

At 23, rap icon Queen Latifah has established herself as a respected entertainer. **Black Reign** is the title of her new album.

The first single is "Just Another Day". On another cut, "Just Another Day", she displays aural snapshots of going-ons in "da hood" over a blue molasses groove. She spotlights good/bad scenarios—

carjackings, homeboys playing pool, stick-up kids and friends pumping booming systems.

On track 4, she emphasizes feminine pride and strength. The track embodies what Queen Latifah is all about. As she says in one verse, "When it comes to making sense of confusion, I'm a vet."

Latifah, who is CEO of Favor Unit Records and Management Company in Jersey City, has managed to have family and friends

involved her business ventures. Her childhood friend Amanda Smith, is vice-president of Flavor Unit Records, and her mother Rita Owens, is the company's art director.

It's been two years since the success of Latifah's last album, *Nature of a Sista*, which spawned the hit singles "Latifah Had It Up 2 Here" and "Fly Girl", commanded respect on the streets. It was a smart route that her debut album, *All Hail the Queen*

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(which sold 1 million copies worldwide), spawned ... 1989. Latifah explains the concept behind her new image and sound.

"I want to come out hard and be revered. I want people to say, 'Yo, Latifah's back, dropping knowledge,' not dropping some rinky-dink party."

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) *If you go shopping, pick up something for a friend. Today could be the day you make a romantic contact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) *Your patience will see you through. Even though it may come from a friend, it's still a rumor, so don't believe it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) *If someone did you a favor and they are in need now, it's time to give back. Keep good on your promise. Clean up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) *You should have a lot of energy. It's good time for travelling. A meeting may bring much needed help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) *It's time to study spending before you ask for money. An old friend could be of assistance.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) *Take care of someone else for a change. It may bring you positive attention from a superior.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) *Stop putting it off; it's time to pay your bills and balance your checkbook. Be done before dark..

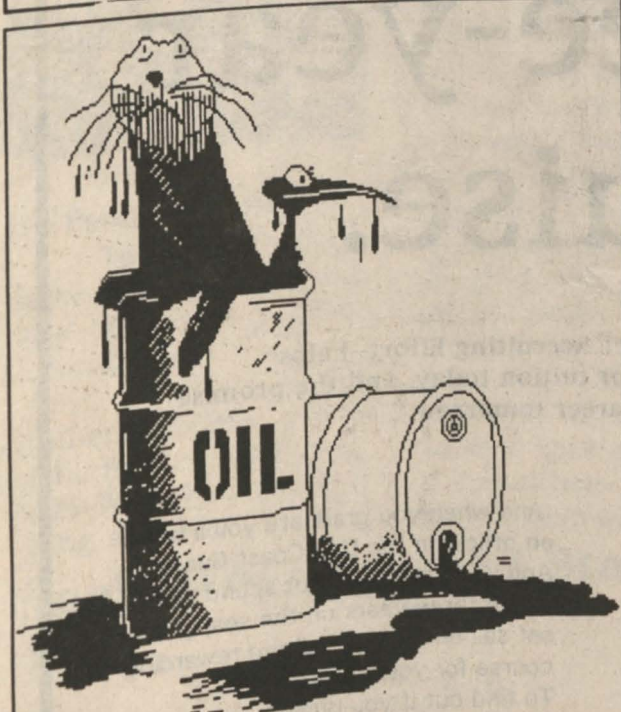
TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) *Today is a good day to get organized. Relax and tell your secrets to your loved one tonight. Do something you've always dreamed of.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) *Learn how to manage and invest your money. If there's nothing to work with, consult someone.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) *Plan today well or you'll get anything done. Throw out everything you don't need.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) *Re-examine your time management. Try help from a digitalized source. If you let it happen, a close friendship could become something more..

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) *Hold your questions a little longer, although you've been studying, wait until you get more answers to show your growth.



Clean the planet, and help yourselves while you help me and my fluffy, furry, friends...

CAPRICORN

Sports

Responsibilities of Student Athletes



By Charlette Jones
Sports Editor

The most important responsibility a student athlete is a commitment to education.

Although I love basketball, I stopped playing on the college level because I am at Prairie View to obtain an education.

I experienced the pain of torn ligaments my freshman season, but was thankful that I could still work toward a college degree.

Athletes sometimes find out the hard way that they may not always be able to compete in their respective sports. When other things come into play, athletes must make decisions that they think will help them in the long run.

Along with these decisions, athletes have responsibilities that need to be met throughout the semester.

I think that the most important responsibility of student athletes is the responsibility to themselves. You must look out for number one. Athletes are part of

a team, but the members of the team don't come to visit you in the hospital, you don't get a card, and you don't even get a visit when you are recovering in your dorm room. With exceptions only in the case of your family, people look out for themselves, so why shouldn't you?

It was very hard deciding not to play basketball this year. Although I have only been playing for a few years, I have come to love the game of basketball.

I had to choose between staying in school and getting an education that I will depend on for the rest of my life, or concentrating on basketball.

The basketball season has a very hectic traveling schedule, and I would miss classes in both my major, (Biology), and minor, (Chemistry), classes and chance flunking.

If I concentrate on my education, I could graduate on time, and be one of the few applicants accepted to physical therapy school, obtain my masters degree and a sizeable amount of money.

I looked long term when I made my decision. Chances are that I would never play beyond the college level, so if I concentrated on basketball, I would have gained nothing from the experience except self satisfaction. The choice was easy when I looked at it this way.

So when you see ex-athletes, don't dog them out. There are other athletes like myself who had to make long term decisions that in the end will better themselves.



Wilson with his championship trophy. Kickboxer Places 2nd in Nationals

By Antrina Cooper
Panther Staff

Michael Wilson, a senior social work major, recently placed second in the "The Best of the Best Grand Nationals," an international kickboxing tournament.

"I was honored to be able to compete with the best in the nation. To be able to be the best in the nation, it was an honor," Wilson said.

The five-day tournament was held in New Orleans, and kickboxers from places such as Canada and Guatemala competed for the title.

"You would fight for three minutes and fight for points. Whoever got the most points was the winner," said Wilson.

He competed in five Texas tournaments prior to the competition in Louisiana. He placed first place in four of the tournaments and second in one.

Wilson, 22, is ranked first in Texas and Louisiana and tenth in the nation. His other recognitions include the U.S. Texas

Championship and the U.S. Open.

"It's hard to juggle school and kickboxing, but it's rewarding and worth it when I win," said Wilson.

Wilson works out twice a week in Houston with Linda Dennley, the undefeated women's champion for the last eight years. She has also won two gold medals in the Olympics. He also trains with Burt Martin, his roommate.

Wilson said that he is in the process of starting a Prairie View kickboxing team to compete throughout Texas.

Wilson became interested in this form of martial arts when a friend persuaded him to watch the sport.

"Kickboxing is a hobby that I've been involved in for 12 years. I'm trying to graduate right now. Once I have more free time, I would like to open a karate school and give back to the community," said Wilson.

The Lady Panthers Continue To Lose

By Charlette Jones
Sports Editor

The Prairie View womens' team is off to a very slow start partly because there are only two players returning from last years team, and all of the rest of the members are freshman.

The starting line up consists of four freshman and one upper classman. The coaching staff blames the losing streak on the lack of experience of the new players. They admitted that they had a few good athletes, but the team as a whole lacks the fundamentals of basketball. It is more than obvious that the team lacked these necessary fundamentals in the last five games that they played in.

Against Sam Houston, the Panthers

were outscored 100 to 50, and the Panthers had 42 turnovers. They got clawed by the Baylor Bears 103 to 35, and the Panthers had 33 turnovers. In the Paul Quinn tournament, Xavier shut them down 105 to 31 and the Panthers had 44 turnovers. The road runners of UTSA beat the Panthers 105 to 38.

The closest the Panthers have come to a win was against Paul Quinn where the score was 78-56. Elizabeth Bryant was the only PV player to be named to the All Tournament team. When we come back from the holidays, the lady Panthers have a home game on January 15 at 5:30. Please come out and support the team, and stay for the men's game.

The Panther Sports staff wishes you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Finally, A Win!!

By Louis Johnson
Panther Staff



The Panthers vs. Patten. Team play was a major factor in Prairie View's victory against Patten College.

All five of the Panther starters scored double figures. Newcomer Derek Walls had another strong showing with 17

points and 11 rebounds. His supporting cast also contributed to the cause. Paul Queen (15), Lateef Clark (16) who returned from last year, and newcomer David Jackson (10).

The bench played a big role by contributing 29 points, 27 rebounds and 80 minutes of play. This win moved the Panthers record to 1 and 1 for the season.

Patten College a Division II school, just implemented its basketball program this semester and played only 7 of their 9 players.

Considering that the team was a Division II team, several spectators felt that the Panthers should have blown them out of the gym.

Final SWAC Football Standings

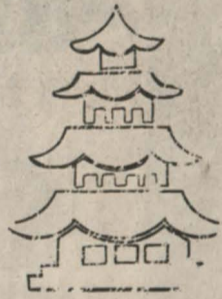
Institution	W	L	T
Southern	7	0	0
Alcorn	6	1	0
Grambling	4	3	0
Jackson State	3	3	1
Alabama State	3	3	1
Miss. Valley	2	3	2
Texas Southern	1	6	0
Prairie View	0	7	0

Phi Beta Lambda & Cooperative Extension held their annual Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22, 1993. The purpose was to provide a meal for the elderly in the Waller Community. They provided transportation for the participants to and from the dinner. This year's theme was "Changing Our Community Began With Sharing."

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CHRISTMAS: A page from The Panther staff's Christmas album.



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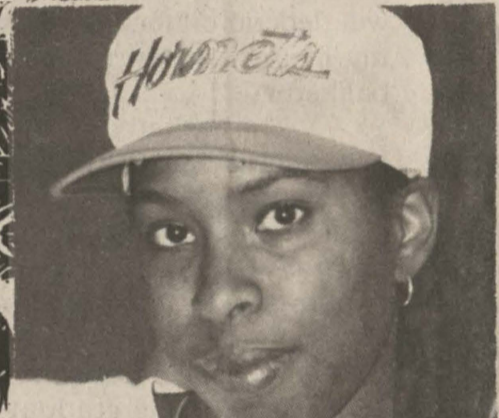
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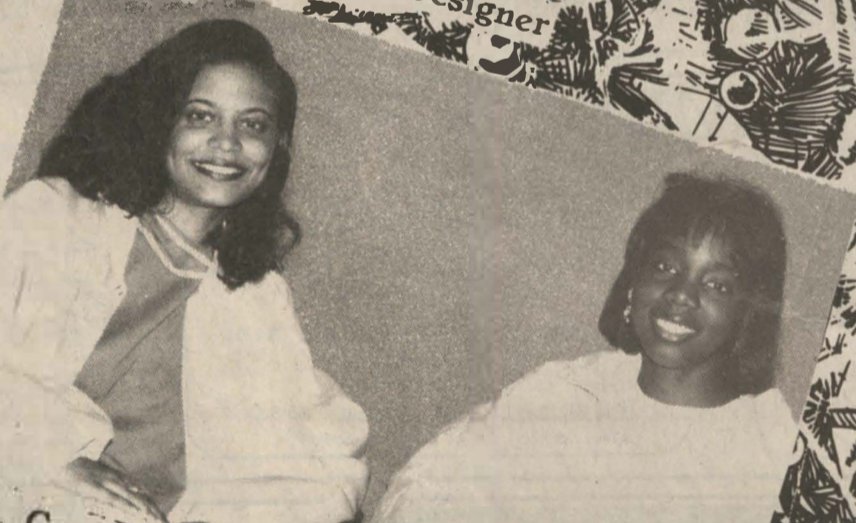
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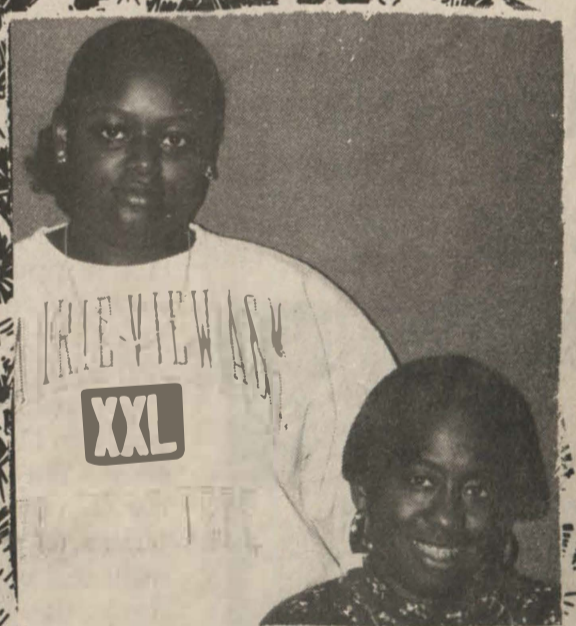
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