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The Panther

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Board selects Hines as PV president

COLLEGE STATION - Dr. Charles A. Hines, who currently serves as director of protection and health services for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., has been offered the presidency of Prairie View A&M University effective later this year.

Dr. Harold S. Bonner, vice president for finance and administration at Prairie View A&M University, will serve as interim president of the university effective immediately until Hines comes on board on or before Jan. 1, 1995.

Hines was offered the position on Sept. 28, 1994 by an unanimous vote at a special telephonic meeting of The Texas A&M University

System Board of Regents. Chancellor Barry B. Thompson was instructed by the regents to negotiate the details of an agreement and effective date with Hines to become the sixth president of Prairie View A&M.

Hines holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from Howard University in Washington, D.C.; a master's in police administration and public safety from Michigan State University; a master's in military arts and science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and a Ph.D. in sociology from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

"Dr. Hines' broad range of experience both as an adjunct professor for more than 20 years and a seasoned, accomplished leader and administrator made him the most likely choice for the position," Thompson said. "All three of the finalists were top-notch candidates," he added.

With more than 32 years of progressive experience as a leader, manager, educator and administrator, Hines has served as director of protection and health services for the Smithsonian Institute since 1992.

Previously, he was commanding general of the U.S. Army Chemical and Military Police Training and commandant of the U.S. Army

Military Police School in Fort McClellan, Ala.

Other U.S. Army positions Hines has held include director of manpower and budget, director of the office of personnel management, commander of the 14th Military Police Brigade and director of evaluation at the U.S. Army War College.

He also served as a university instructor and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland since 1971, where he taught numerous courses, including sociology, organizational behavior, community relations, personnel management and administration, among others.

Hines' professional activities include serving as an advisor to the

President's Committee on Employment of the People with Disabilities; advisor to the Anti-terrorism Assistance Division for the U.S. State Department; and on advisory boards for the Salvation Army, Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.; and the Alabama Board of Education.

Hines has received numerous awards, including the "man and youth award" from the Boys and Girls Club; the NAACP award for academic, social and humanitarian accomplishments and services; and the distinguished service medal of Alabama from that state's governor. He is a frequent public speaker.

Jones wins by large margin

BY DEMETRIUS L. HOLDEN
Panther Staff



Kevin Jones

Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen gathered in Alumni Hall to vote for student officers in the recent Student Government Association (SGA) elections.

Fredrick V. Roberts, director of student activities said, "This year's student government will seek to enhance student involvement in campus politics. The SGA will be concerned with issues that impact academic as well as social development. They will also seek to work with the administration in a cooperative spirit to better the university."

Roberts continued by saying that this year's government association will be as effective in addressing important issues as the past administration including the newly elected president Kevin Jones. In

previous years the SGA addressed issues concerning the student body such as washateria expansion, a proposed park and picnic area, and funding for band uniforms.

Jones won the SGA presidency by a large margin. Formerly an SGA senator, Jones is a U.S. Army sergeant and veteran of Operation Desert Storm. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. In the last issue of The Panther, Jones said he see **ELECTIONS** on page 15



by Gitonga M'bijewe

A Prairie View player scrambles for yardage as the Panther lose to Grambling in the Cotton bowl.

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Band once again victorious in Dallas.

Controversy over appointment process

EDITORIAL

We focus on two of the many letters we received in the mail this week—one with the headline, TAMU's Board of Regents Chooses Another Retired General as PVAMU's President, the other purporting to be rebuttal of statements attributed to Alison Brisco in a lead story on the presidential search which appeared in our Sept. 23 edition.

Neither letter was signed, but we decided to print one in edited form and to use the other to help us make some points about unsigned letters. The issue raised in both letters was that something was very wrong with the manner in which the search for a new PV president was conducted. The impression created during the final see **APPOINTMENT** on page 19

Regents choose retired general as PVAMU's President

Despite the sneaky way TAMU's continuing to pick and choose the least Board members handled the qualified and the less energized of all presidential search to include the retired the presidential candidates? Prairie View A&M University needs a young, general, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, community, Ministers' qualified, energetic black male who Alliance were all dismayed, shocked will successfully and aggressively and deeply saddened to learn that move PVAMU into the 21st Century TAMU's board members still deemed as a first-class institution without a it necessary to shove yet another retired name change! PVAMU needs a leader general down their throats, totally not a bootlicker!

The TAMU Board members disregard their expressions of disgruntlement and protests. continue to discriminate against the

How can Prairie View A&M young, qualified, strong-willed and University ever have a real chance for energetic black males while favoring growth and prosperity and in becoming the more passive, older and retired a "first-class institution" when they males who are afraid to say "no" to are stagnated by TAMU's board their superiors and will not challenge members who are implementing their their hidden agenda.

own personal agenda for PVAMU and see **CONTROVERSY** on page 14

NEWSDAY

Briefly

Investing In Families Conference

Prairie View A&M University will be sponsoring a Texas Education Collaborative Conference. The title of the conference is Investing in Families Linking Education, Inclusion, and Diversity. The conference will touch on areas such as Value Based Parenting, Inclusion and Early Childhood; Cross Cultural Instruction; Cooperative Learning; Test Anxiety in African American Children; Strategies for Working with Families of HIV Positive Children; Legal Issues; Medical Issues; Technology and Education, and Teacher Education and Certification. The conference will be held on October 13, 14, and 15 at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel, 8 Greenway Plaza in Houston. The registration fee for the 3-day conference is \$75 or \$25 per day. The fee includes Lunch on Thursday and Friday, a reception on Friday evening, and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. For more information, please call Mrs. Moga Hernon at (409) 857-4420.

Seventh Annual Anheuser-Busch Can Castle Competition

Anheuser-Busch, Inc. will be holding their seventh annual Anheuser-Busch Can Castle Competition. This is an open challenge for all engineers, artists, and architects to test their imaginations as teams of up to 8 members create wonders from recyclable aluminum cans. The competition benefits Clean Houston Inc., a non profit organization which implements litter control programs. The event is also sponsored by American Society of Civil Engineers. The Can Castle Competition is open to the public and is free to both entrants and spectators. Anheuser Busch will provide the cans, but entrants must provide their own adhesives. The entry deadline is Thursday, November 3. For an entry form or for more information please call (713) 871-2552.

FotoFest returns to the George R. Brown Convention Center

For photography buffs, FotoFest is just for you. FotoFest is a Houston-based, non-profit arts and education organization that promotes public appreciation for photographic art, international and cross-cultural exchange, and literacy through photography. Fotofest will include major international exhibition, the International Meeting Place Portfolio Reviews, photographic and digital imaging workshops, forums, conferences and activities for the public. FotoFest '94 focuses on three exhibits: The Global Environment, is a three part exhibit, combining art, science, and technology to create a stimulating public forum for studying the earth; American Voices: Latino/Hispanic/Chicano photography in the U.S., and Fashion: Evolution/Revolution, which will include both classical and contemporary artists. Festival tickets and group discounts for parties of 10 or more can be purchased by calling FotoFest International at (713) 840-9711.

Key Dates

October 8

Deadline for registering for November elections
Prairie View v. Southern Univ. (Robertson Stadium)

October 13

Overpayment

October 19-November 4

Early voting Period

November 8

Election Day

Special Thanks to
Aminah T. Johnson
for all your help with Newsday

People



Lonye Woodard

Lonye Woodard is a senior English education major from Fort Worth, Texas. She is a very active student on campus and is involved in many extracurricular activities.

Previously, Woodard has served as a member of the Bank's Hall Student Affairs Board, and Queen of the Fort Worth Foundation.

Last spring was a very active semester for Woodard as she and some of her colleagues prepared for the annual Moot Court Competition, held at Texas A&M University. The schools that participated in this event were Sam Houston, Texas A&M, and Prairie

View A&M. Woodard's role was an attorney and worked as a team with her brother, Derek Woodard. Woodard was very pleased with the outcome of the competition.

This past summer, she served as a Y.O.U. and pre-college counselor, and in the spring, served as a temporary recording secretary for Student Government Association, and secretary for the Criminal Justice Club. During her spare time, Woodard served as a volunteer clerk assistant with the Waller county court House.

Presently, Woodard serves as the Vice President of The National Association of Black's in Criminal Justice. She is also a student assistant with the office of career, planning, and outreach services. Woodard has just recently been nominated a "Who's Who Among American College Students."

Woodard plans on graduating with a Bachelors in Arts and Sciences in English Education and hopes to begin Law School in the Fall of 1995.

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NEWSDAY

Department News

Students Needed to Participate in Olympic Broadcast

The Host Broadcast Training Program is going to be held at Clark Atlanta University and will give students the opportunity to participate in the 1996 Olympic Broadcast. This program will train students in professional jobs requiring Foreign Language, Communications, and Technical Skills. Eligible participants should be Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors, with a 2.5 G.P.A. or better. Representatives from the HBTP will be coming down to interview students towards the end of October and their are spaces still available. For more information, contact Ms. Carol Means in the communications department at 857-2229, or 857- 4511.

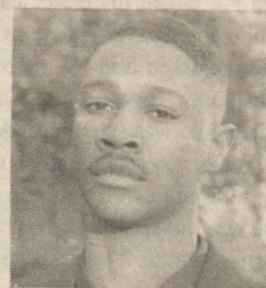
National Association for Blacks in Criminal Justice, a newly formed chapter

The National Association for Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) was conceived in the Spring of 94 and is off to a great Start. This organization is open to all Criminal Justice majors and minors and gives students the opportunity to network among their peers, instructors, as well as professionals in the criminal justice field. This organization meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Political Science Building Rm. 207. The NABCJ is looking forward to seeing all the criminal justice majors, and has begun planning activities for the year.

Hands Helping Houston

The Hands Helping Houston Silent and Live Auction Dinner will be held on Friday, October 14, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. This year H.H.H. hopes to surpass the \$40,000 it raised in 1993 to benefit S.E.A.R.C.H., F.I.R.M., Star of Hope, and Westheimer Social Ministries. Bebe Burns, Business Reporter for KPRC Channel 2, will be mistress of ceremonies and the energetic Timothy Bowers will be auctioning such items as: a festive weekend in New Orleans with airfare, hotel accommodations at J.W. Marriott, dinner at Commander's Palace & Brunch at Mr. B's Bistro; Round of golf for three with Dr. Bill Hinson at River Oaks Country Club; and an entire week in a beautiful vacation home on Pirate's Beach, Galveston. The J.W. Marriott chefs will be preparing a delicious gourmet dinner, music will be provided by pianist B.B. Knight and light-hearted entertainment performed by the pastors of First United Methodist Church. For tickets indicate H.H.H. on check and make payable to: first United Methodist Church, 1320 Main, Houston, TX 77002. Tickets are also available in lobby of first United Methodist Church Sunday mornings, Oct. 2 & Oct. 9. For more information call Lou Hall: (713) 668-9155 or Paula Thomas: 468-6854.

People (extra)



Montee Withers

can Universities and Colleges, and has many other honors and awards. He has also presented important research for such schools as Duke University and our very own PVAMU College of Engineering and Architecture.

"Know thy self." Every-day I strive to be better than I was the previous day and be true to myself. To be a black man in this day takes self-pride, self-respect and the will of God in your heart. In order to be the best in life one must get knowledge, wisdom and in all of your getting, get understanding. That is the motto of Senior, Montee R. Withers, who is a Mechanical Engineering major with a cumulative average of 3.57.

Withers' interest outside of his field of study is computers, team athletics, doing community service and studying African history.

Withers is a member of such organizations as Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society where he is Vice President for 1994-95 and he is presently president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Upon graduation he plans to obtain his M.D./Ph.D. He also plans to open hospital in a metropolitan area and go to HBCU to establish Biomedical Engineering programs.

Withers is in Who's Who Among Students in Ameri-

Beyond The Hill

Warren Moon returns to Houston Allen Payne to star in a new movie

Warren Moon was among many other all stars in Houston recently as they held a Sports Celebrity Carnival to raise money for the Texas Special Olympics. Moon didn't return as a Houston Oiler, but as a Minnesota Viking, as he sported his purple, black, and white colors. A native of Missouri City, he says he has gotten over the fact that he is not in Houston anymore, and understands that it was just business. When asked about his feeling about a recent Oilers performance, he said some of the plays left him feeling a bit uncomfortable, he didn't like seeing his former teammates play in the way they did, but feels they can turn themselves around with the right leadership.

Allen Payne, the star of Jason's Lyric, Recently completed the filming of yet another movie. "The Walking Dead", due out in January, is about a Soldier in the Vietnam war. Payne feels he has satisfied his desire for a leading role in the movie, "Jason's Lyric", and is excited about the future of his acting career. His first major movie role was Gee-money, from the movie New Jack City.

Distinguished Poet receives Award

Award winning Chicago poet, Gwendolyn Brooks added yet another trophy to her mantle. She received the National Book Foundation's medal for Distinguished Contribution to Ameri-

can Letters. Brooks' other honors include the Pulitzer Prize and the Pen Faulkner award. The National Book Foundations medal comes with a check for \$10,000. The award is announced annually in New York. Brooks has also been named the annual Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

No Love Lost between Left Eye & Rison

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes and Beau Andre Rison, an All-Pro Receiver for the Atlanta Falcons, are still together despite the arson committed by Lopes. She was recently arrested on felony arson charges, after she set fire to her boyfriend's home recently. Apparently he had come home late one night after being out with friends, only to

find Lopes outside screaming. She began to hit him, and he tried to control her, but couldn't so he left. According to Vibe Magazine, Lopes then lit a piece of cardboard and set fire to his six-bedroom, five bathroom mansion. Rison says he still loves Lopes, even despite the fire, despite losing all his clothes and his football trophies, and the car smashing. Lopes has admitted to having an alcohol problem and was admitted to an alcohol rehabilitation clinic.

(Articles taken from Vibe Magazine and the Houston Chronicle)

CORRECTIONS

In a Page One story headlined Presidential search frustrates alliance in our Sept. 23 edition, we quoted the Rev. Walter Pendleton: "Yesterday, I was notified that I should not return to my job at KPVO." This was a misrepresentation of the facts, noted Dr. Lori Gray, KPVO manager. Pendleton worked as a volunteer on Saturday mornings at the station. "He was not forced to leave," said Gray. "There was a mutual agreement." Gray said she recommended that Pendleton step down until he completed the work he was doing with the alliance in connection with the presidential search, but he was not told not to return to his job as the story implies. The editors regret the error.

NEWSWEEK

Foster falsely accused of driving under the influence

By ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Reporter

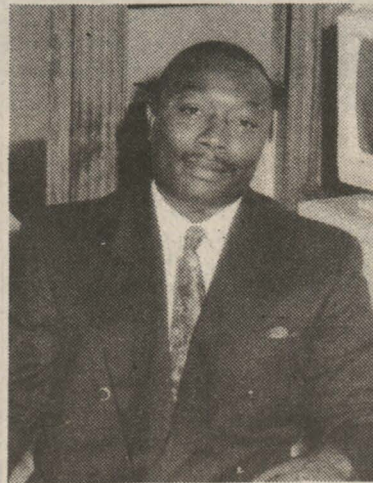
William Foster, mathematics professor at Prairie View A&M University, and a former candidate for U.S. Congress-District 5, alleges that on Aug. 23, at 1:30 a.m., he was falsely arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, and speeding in Prairie View.

He found himself in an uncompromising situation with an officer of the Prairie View Police Department. Foster said he was making a turn off Highway 290, heading towards the Prairie View Police Station, as Officer Edward L. Abram

followed him to the station. Foster said that he wanted to leave a resume at the station for a friend, and that Abram got out of his police car and started to approach his (Foster's) car.

Abram asked him for his license and insurance papers, and informed Foster that he was speeding. Abram wrote Foster a speeding ticket, which Foster refused to sign. Foster claims that he was not speeding. According to Foster, Abram then asked him to step out of the car, and follow him inside the Prairie View Police Station. While inside, Abram phoned another officer and told the officer that he thought Foster was intoxicated.

Foster said that Abram attempted



William Foster

to administer a Field Sobriety Test, which he refused to take. Abram had Foster dispatched to a hospital to take a blood test. Before taking Foster to the hospital, he informed him that he was under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Upon arriving at Bellville Hospital, Foster agreed to take the Field Sobriety Test. The results of the test were negative. After taking a blood test, Abram carried Foster to the Waller County Jail. Foster said, "my civil rights were violated. It makes me upset that an officer would stoop to such a level. I hadn't had anything to drink. Abram was upset because I refused to sign the speeding ticket. I couldn't put my signature on a document that was a lie."

Foster said he felt that he was treated like a criminal. Foster said he asked Abram why he had arrested him, and Abram said, "this (arresting individuals) is a hobby." Foster said that he has never been locked-up, and that the ordeal was a frightening

experience.

"Officer Abram never read me my rights, and didn't allow me to use the phone at the jail house. The jailer gave me the opportunity to make a phone call to my wife," said Foster.

The police report filed by Abram, contradicts Foster's allegations. Abram described Foster's attitude as "belligerent", and said that he refused to answer any questions. Abram also claimed that Foster was driving 72 miles per hour in a posted 55 mph zone, and said that Foster wrecked of alcohol. Abram also said that Foster refused to sign a number of documents, including the traffic ticket.

Abram was later dismissed from his position by the Prairie View Police Department, the week of Sept. 30-Oct 1. Foster's speeding ticket was also dropped. Foster is not sure, whether he will still be arraigned for charges of driving while intoxicated. Prairie View Police Chief, Frank Steward, could not be reached for comments.

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Minority enrollment in med school is on the rise

BY NICHELLE M. HARDY
Panther Staff

Under-represented minority (URM) matriculants are up 18 percent, reported Kevin R. Smith, M.D., University of Texas Medical School representative at the "Project 3000 by 2000" meeting held recently in Washington D.C.

Project 3000 by 2000 is a national program established in 1991 to help increase minority student enrollment in medical schools throughout the United States. Smith, a Houston plastic surgeon is an associate at the Ermosa Centre for Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery in the Texas Medical Center.

"Our aim is to have 3,000 minority students in medical schools nationwide by the year 2000," explained Smith. URM matriculants are up from 1,584 in 1991 to 1,863 in 1993.

According to Smith, their goal is to mobilize the current academic medical centers to create feeder networks which will identify young minority students interested in medicine as a career and monitor their progress throughout high school,

college, and eventually medical school.

The following new or expanded programs were reported at the national meeting: 19 partnerships with magnet health science high schools, 23 science education partnerships, 20 high school enrichment programs, 13 high school laboratory apprenticeship programs, six post-baccalaureate programs and seven articulation agreements with colleges.

Asked to comment on Project 3000 by 2000, senior biology major Gregory Bevels responded, "I believe the project is going to benefit myself, my classmates, and areas of the black community where minorities in medicine are disproportionately represented."

Dr. George Brown, head of PV's biology department, added, "I support Project 3000 by 2000 in every way. However, the medical schools in Texas have the lowest representation of underrepresented minorities, especially for African Americans. My job is to prepare minority students to be qualified, competitive applicants to medical school."

NEWSWEEK

PV national alumni association bashes presidential selection procedures

The Prairie View National Alumni Association (NAA) is the most disappointed with The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents' (BOR) announced selection of Dr. Charles Hines as the next president of Prairie View A&M University to replace retiring President Julius Becton. In

making the announcement the BOR has made it quite clear they do not respect the input from the Afro-American Community, rather still preferring to only take the advise of one or two positioned black representatives as to what is best for the rest of us.

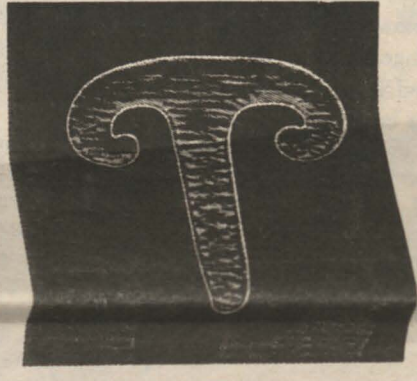
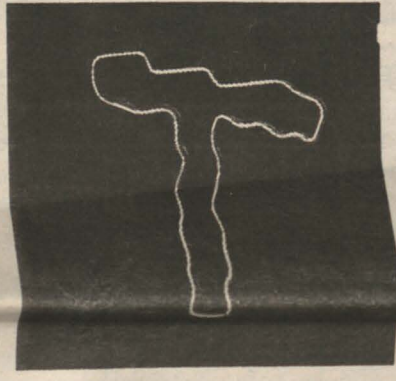
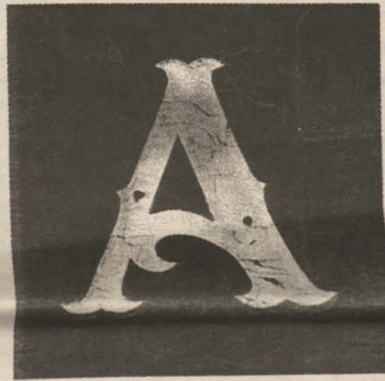
While not discussing the relative

merits of one candidate over the other, our issue is and continues to be one of the abiding by a correct and proper process and procedure. Thus, The National Alumni Association, joined by many friends of the NAA and the university, continue to stress that integrity of the presidential advisory search selection

process was violated. In doing so in such a blantant manner, The Board of Regents not only insults the black community, but also increases the risk of creating a chilling effect on the entire by "Best Qualified" applications for any future vacancy. This is not fair in Prairie View's best interest.

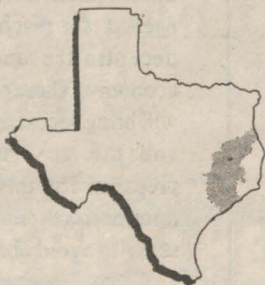
All concerned alumni and friends of Prairie View are encouraged to contact the Alumni Office with you input on this matter. If you believe, as we do, that we as a people and as Institutional Alumni cannot continue to passively

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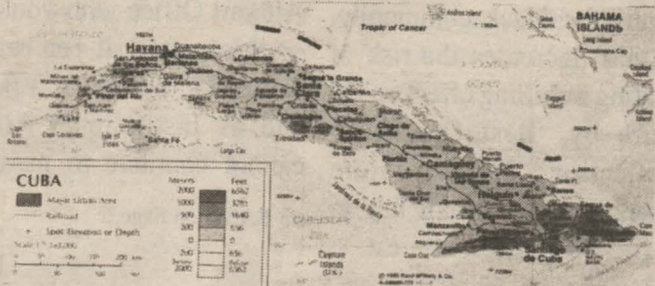


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NEWSWEEK

Castro admits to Cuban economic instability



By Chadwick Davis
and Aaron Davis
Panther Staff

The Florida Strait was packed with homemade flotilla filled with Cuban refugees headed for the coast of the United States. During a massive month-long exodus, 25,000 Cubans, attempting to escape deteriorating economic conditions in Cuba set sail August 1994.

The exodus was halted by Interior Ministry troops in compliance with a migration accord signed with

the United States on September 9. Fidel Castro, Cuban dictator acknowledges the economic and social jeopardy that threaten his communist vision. Castro confessed, "The problems are real and I've outlined a survival strategy for Cuba that resembles reforms adopted by China and Vietnam. We are prepared to take measures to improve the economy. But we do not believe we should do anything that leads to chaos or anarchy, because no country can be governed if it is in chaos."

The problems Castro speak of stem from the demise of the Soviet

Union. Cuba's economy lost a \$6 million subsidy they received annually from Moscow. Cuba's economy has shrunk by 40 percent since 1989. Agriculture is suffering and social service reforms need to be made.

As a result of these adverse living conditions, Castro is facing a drastic loss of political support. Authorities say Castro must take immediate actions to rectify the depressing conditions, or the future of Cuba's economy will be in peril.

Cuban youth has felt the direct effects of the country's decline. Under communist programs, they enjoy the security of free education, health care, and a job.

Now, there is a danger of losing all of these luxuries. Older Cubans recognize the improvements made by Castros administration. His accomplishments include a 94 percent literacy rate, a 76-year life expectancy, infant mortality of only 11 percent and 1000 births. In addition, the construction of an eight-lane highway



REPUBLIC OF CUBA

LAND. Area: 114,524 km² (44,218 mi²). Capital and largest city: Havana (1987 est. pop., 2,036,799).

PEOPLE. Population (1989 est.): 10,500,000; density: 92 persons per km² (237 per mi²). Distribution (1989): 72% urban, 28% rural. Annual growth (1989): 1.1%. Official language: Spanish. Major religion: Roman Catholicism.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH. Literacy (1988): 96% of adult population. Universities (1984): 4. Hospital beds (1986): 54,028. Physicians (1986): 25,567. Life expectancy (1983-84): women—76.1; men—72.6. Infant mortality (1989): 13.3 per 1,000 live births.

ECONOMY. GNP (1984): \$26.9 billion; \$2,690 per capita. Labor distribution (1986): services—24%; manufacturing, mining, and utilities—22%; agriculture—18%; trade—11%. Foreign trade (1986): imports—\$9.2 billion; exports—\$6.4 billion; principal trade partners—USSR, East Germany, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Japan. Currency: 1 Cuban peso = 100 centavos.

GOVERNMENT. Communist one-party state. Legislature: National Assembly of People's Power. Political subdivisions: 14 provinces, 1 special municipality.

COMMUNICATIONS. Railroads (1988): 14,925 km (9,274 mi) total. Roads (1988): 21,000 km (13,049 mi) total. Major ports: 10. Major airfields: 3.

in 1975. Castro has also made reforms in the marketplace for agriculture. He converted over 6 million acres of farmland from state control to cooperative farming last year. Despite Castro's reforms Pedro Monreal, an economist with the party-affiliated Center for studies of the Americans argue that what is needed for reaching reforms is to decentralize and privatize the economy. These economic changes will bring necessary political change and the government must be prepared for this, but such bold reforms risk the upheaval that Castro seeks to avoid above all.

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continued from page 6 permit a few others to act for us, then we must organize ourselves in a collective body and demand just treatment. We must began to put our money, our manpower and our energy where our mouths are.

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NEWSWEEK

PV crime stats down

By Nichelle M. Hardy
Panther Staff

Current discussion on *the hill* is centered around PV's new administration, SGA officers, athletics, and even the outcome of the O.J. Simpson case. But yet another topic is open for discussion: PV crime. On this note, PV students are to be given "props" for their efforts in improving the campus crime rate.

As reported in the March 28, 1994 issue of the *Houston Chronicle*, aggravated assaults, which accounted for most of the violent crimes on campus, dropped from 27 in 1991 to 21 in 1992, and 11 in 1993.

Motor vehicle thefts also dropped from 16 in 1993 to 13 in 1993. No robberies were reported last year, after one each in 1991 and 1992.

The only homicide came in 1991.

The only category that has not shown a decrease is sexual assault. Statistics revealed that five were reported last year and in 1992, compared to none in 1991.

In comparison to other universities, in 1993 PV fell behind both Texas Southern University and the University of Houston with the lowest numbers in aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts.

According to Chief Rayford Stevens, Department of Public Safety, "Students, faculty and staff help bring about change in crime numbers. Students are given credit for improvement in behavior, and involvement in crime awareness forums."

Special events, such as parties and concerts, are more restrained because students have become involved with crowd control. Stevens also noted that greek and non-greek organizations have done an excellent job in promoting a crime-free campus.

In addition, the university police has expanded to 16 officers, gaining two walk beats and a crime awareness specialist.

The Department of Public Safety wishes to encourage students to continue their efforts to reduce both violent and property crime on campus. "If you can reduce crime rates by any means, it says a lot about the people and the institution," Stevens said.

In an effort to continue crime prevention, the Department of Public Safety—Crime Awareness, the Department of Counseling and Multicultural Services and the Council of Student Organizations is presenting a drug awareness seminar Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Hobart Taylor Auditorium.

BY NICOLE N. JOHNSTON
Panther Reporter

Haiti, once referred to as "the pearl of the West Indies", has recently been seen in anything but that

light—thanks to a series of downturns and the current occupation of the island by U.S. troops in an international peacekeeping force.

The Caribbean island has

been riddled with strife ever since its revolution led by Toussaint L' Overture in the late 18th century. Haiti

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Charles Richard Drew, M.D.

BY DAVID E. MCGREGOR, II
Panther Reporter

This surgeon is best known for the development of blood plasma for transfusions.

Perhaps Dr. Drew's most important accomplishment was his part in the training of the next generation of Black physicians.

Charles Drew, sometimes called "Charlie", was born in Washinton, D.C. on June 3, 1904, in a sixteen-room house. Eighteen people lived there at the time, most born in the same house. The Drews were regarded as the black "elite", which afforded them opportunities that didn't materialize for other blacks. Charlie was expected to succeed, and would.

The young lad was a slow starter as a student, but excelled at all forms of sport at prep school and Amherst College. As a member of the second oldest black fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, he helped write the fraternity hymn. It

is said that when his grades sustained a dip, the dean called a conference with the All-American halfback. "Mr. Drew, Negro athletes are a dime a dozen. Good day." Nevertheless, the youth slighted his studies no longer.

To pursue medical school, Drew worked as a coach and instructor of Biology and Chemistry. He earned a education and reputation of the first order, securing the degree Doctor of Science in Medicine in 1940, the first black recipient of this degree. He taught future black physicians at Howard University (his first love) and infused the Freedmen's Hospital with a stronger reputation with his presence as a surgeon.

As a Professor at Howard, Drew was referred to as "Big Red" by his students for his complexion when angered.

When World War II broke out, the need for blood transfusions and the difficulty of maintaining blood banks under attack, necessitated the need for a new line of blood research: blood

Francois Toussaint L'Ouverture

Born into slavery on Plantation Breda near Cap-Francais (now Cap-Haitien), Francois Toussaint L'Ouverture was fortunate in having a kindly master who recognized his superior intelligence, taught him French, and gave him duties which allowed him to educate himself through extensive reading. Supposedly his favorite subjects were the military campaigns of Julius Caesar and Alexander The Great. Toussaint was already approaching his fiftieth birthday when the great slave revolt broke out in August 1791 near Plantation Breda. After helping his master escape the slaughter, Toussaint entered the turbulent events of strife-torn Hispaniola, first by making a military reputation for himself.

With 600 black soldiers-former slaves-Toussaint crossed over to the eastern, and Spanish, part of Hispaniola, where he served with distinction in the Spanish colonial army, taking part in its campaigns against the French. During this time, his forces, organized and officered by French regulars who had deserted, steadily grew to a disciplined force of 4,000 men. By mid-1794 Toussaint was ready for a crucial move.

The British, ever ready to harass France, had tried to take



Toussaint L'Ouverture

advantage of the confusion in Saint-Domingue (western Hispaniola) by sending troops to put down the slave revolt. Furthermore, they were concerned that the desire for freedom might spread to their nearby colony of Jamaica. At this juncture, Toussaint abandoned his Spanish allies and returned to Cap-Francais, affording crucial strength to the beleaguered French governor general, and with the help of Gen. Rigaud, an outstanding Haitian mulatto general, drove the English from Saint-Domingue.

Toussaint also turned his

energies to rebuilding the plantation economy, shattered as it was by a decade of strife. Ironically, forced labor was the only way. Many former planters returned as contract administrators, and by 1801 the colony again knew a brief period of prosperity. Nevertheless, Toussaint's days were numbered. The "First of the Blacks" was about to meet in Napoleon his equal in cunning and ambition.

In early 1802, Napoleon sent an army under Gen. Leclerc, his brother-in-law, to subdue Toussaint, deport him and his principal collaborators to France, and return the colony to slavery. Napoleon assured Toussaint that the French would not take away the freedom won by the former slaves and further, drew up a proclamation to be published on Leclerc's arrival: "If you are told these forces are destined to ravish your liberty. The Republic will not suffer it to be taken from us."

In January 1802 Leclerc arrived off Cap-Francais. He had hoped to be received without hostilities, but his desires were thwarted as gen. Henri Chridtophe, Toussaint's local commander, put the city to the torch and retreated inland. Thus began the true Haitian War of

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Charles Drew

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Haiti

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was the first Caribbean island to gain independence in 1804.

Haiti's legacy of government by force, whether through dictatorship or military rule, has been examined, analyzed, and discussed repeatedly by a wide range of people, from politicians, professors, historians, and college students, to the "ordinary" man or woman.

The recent occupation of Haiti by U.S. troops on Sept. 18, has given rise to more analysis. Separate conversations with Dr. Imari Obadele of Prairie View A&M University's political science department and Camille Delices, a Haitian-American freshman biology major from New York, offered fresh insights into the situation.

Delices said, "Haitians should stop depending on the United States for help, because it was the United States, first of all, in my opinion, which put them in that predicament in the first place, by supporting Duvalier (Baby Doc) and his father (Papa Doc)."

On the other hand, someone had to intervene Obadele said. "Here's a military group that permits, and itself engages in political assassinations and gang-bullying of the ordinary people." He compared the Haitian situation with Hitler's murderous regime in World War II.

Obadele's regret is that the invasion was made by a "largely white" army, which he said, "is always a thing that we (blacks) would rather avoid, but it's a sign of our weakness." This is due to the fact, he said, that black people in the western hemisphere do not have an army.

"We would have wished that we blacks could have solved the

problem," he said, "and as you know there is a Black Liberation Army, but it's underground and as far as we know—a handful."

Delices would like to see Aristide come back to the country, "form an army and take care of what he has to do because there are too many people dying over political nonsense." He said that dictatorship can be good to a certain extent, "but when you have innocent people dying, it's not doing the government or the economy any good."

With respect to the fact that Aristide has been labelled a "psychopath" and a grave human rights abuser by Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina (Current History 93: March 94), and considered emotionally unstable by officials in the State Department and the CIA, Obadele said he can understand why someone like Aristide, who worked with the people, would become enraged and say "those folks (rich people) ought to be killed."

Haiti's economy is such that most of the people are very poor and very few enjoy wealth. "Some of the people live better than people in Hollywood," said Obadele, "and they act as if the rich just should be there, with no drive to bring justice and elevation to the rest of the people."

When asked if he thinks the United States will try to dictate largely what Aristide does now that he is to be reinstated to power, Obadele said, "Certainly," but that "we should not always feel that when we have to negotiate with people, we're going to lose."

He said, "I don't think we should have that attitude. Historically we (blacks) have dealt with Indians, Chinese, Europeans, white Asians and all the rest. We don't necessarily have to end up on the bottom."

"You and I know that when

the United States gives something, like most countries, they want to get something back, and if they can run you, they will run you... It's a struggle... I don't think that Aristide necessarily has to become a puppet of the United States no matter what the United States wants."

Delices said that Haiti could boost its economy by enhancing its tourist industry, "...because it's so beautiful, but with all the political unrest, everybody's afraid to go," even his own family.

Obadele concedes that a military intervention was necessary at this point, even if it wasn't a black intervention, because, "I'm on the side of people being able to live decent lives."

Drew

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as is donated at blood drives today, blood plasma is what is left when red blood cells are removed from blood. It is highly versatile and lasts longer than whole blood. In contemporary times, history credits Drew with the development of the blood plasma transfusion process. Actually, his dissertation, "Banked Blood" coupled with his coordination of British and American labs in the research of blood plasma were his important contributions in this area.

Drew's death is clouded by myth. On April Fool's Day, 1950, he and several other black doctors were

traveling on a North Carolina highway when a dozing driver (Drew) drifted to the shoulder. Awakening with a start, Drew sent the car turning over several times. The others were relatively unharmed, but the car rolled on Charlie, nearly separating his leg from his body and crushing his chest.

At least one transfusion was used in an attempt to save his life, but with a ruptured venae cavae—there was no way for the blood to get back to his heart. A popular myth is that a "whites only" hospital denied Drew admission, coldheartedly allowing him to bleed to death outside. He would become a "black martyr—the symbol for all those who actually were turned away because of their race.

Charles Drew's personal papers can be found in the Moorland-Spigarn Research Center at Howard University.

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Independence.

The coastal centers soon fell to the French, often with the complicity of their garrison commanders. A notable exception was Gen. Jean Jacques Dessalines. His strong support allowed Toussaint to retire inland with the bulk of his army intact. Finally, at Crete-a-Pierrot in March 1802 Leclerc's regulars overwhelmed Toussaint's forces, which had been hand-picked and were led by Dessalines. In the north Christophe had surrendered to the

French. By May Toussaint and Dessalines had also capitulated.

The end for Toussaint was fast approaching. Lured to Leclerc's headquarters by a dinner initiation, he was kidnaped and hustled aboard a waiting French warship; he died of cold and starvation in the fortress of Doubs, high in the Jura Mountains of eastern France, on April 7, 1803. In Haiti the revolt continued, and the following year Haiti proclaimed its independence.

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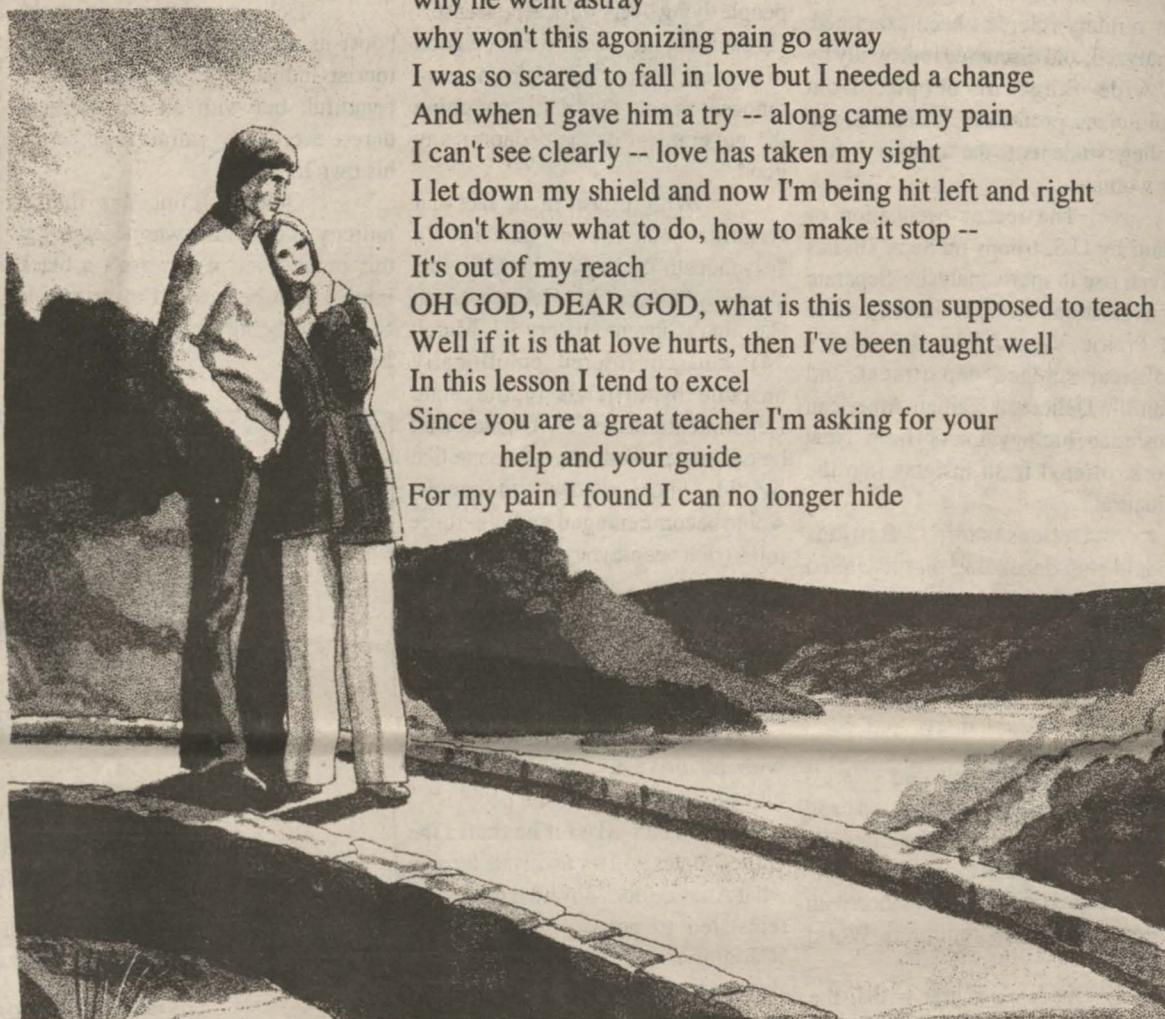
How to stop the Pain



Mister

You weren't always a friend
 Yet my heart, you helped to mend.
 Depressed beyond belief,
 You came to my relief.
 Last night I went for a walk.
 I think we really need to talk.
 Even though you've relieved my sorrows,
 I know that for us, there's no tomorrow.
 We never missed a stride, never missed a beat.
 Why does the forbidden fruit taste so sweet?

KP



Sitting alone often wondering why
 when thinking of him, I tend to cry
 Since that argument I haven't been the same
 Crying when alone...with him concealing the pain
 Pounding my head wondering where I went wrong;
 why he went astray
 why won't this agonizing pain go away
 I was so scared to fall in love but I needed a change
 And when I gave him a try -- along came my pain
 I can't see clearly -- love has taken my sight
 I let down my shield and now I'm being hit left and right
 I don't know what to do, how to make it stop --
 It's out of my reach
 OH GOD, DEAR GOD, what is this lesson supposed to teach
 Well if it is that love hurts, then I've been taught well
 In this lesson I tend to excel
 Since you are a great teacher I'm asking for your
 help and your guide
 For my pain I found I can no longer hide

A poem of love



you're always there
 whenever I'm sad or blue
 ya comfort me with love
 to get me through.
 you're an angel in disguise
 and your love and compassion
 keeps me alive.
 I hear your cries at night
 when you're lonely and blue
 that's why I wrote this poem
 because I love you.

Melvin Douglas McClain Jr.



I'm a genius at the previous class that you
 taught and learning anymore will drive me insane,
 Lord, My God I'm on my knees begging you, Please...
 Teach me

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HEARTS ON THE HILL

My Heart's Obsession

My dear
Black Woman,



you are the only woman that can understand, what this black man is going through. So lets put our past behind us. I know we start off on the right track but, some how we lost what was important to us. I know that we have not known each other for a long time, but I feel as though I have known you for a long time. So, Daughter of Isis, let this black man be able to understand what it is to truly understand you and to understand what it is to truly understand you and to one day give his heart to you. I know you may have seen me with other women, but I was truly trying to understand women, so that I could learn how to understand you, my Black Woman. I have come to a point in every man's life, where he realize's that he needs that special woman to help him give love and receive love. So my African Queen, lets get back to what's important to the both of us, that would be sharing our life together at the present time. *This King has been desiring your mind as well as your soul.* If I could touch you, without touching you, then I have touched you. My Black Woman that means if I can touch your mind, I have already touched your body. So my black woman lets get back to where we were.

Black Love

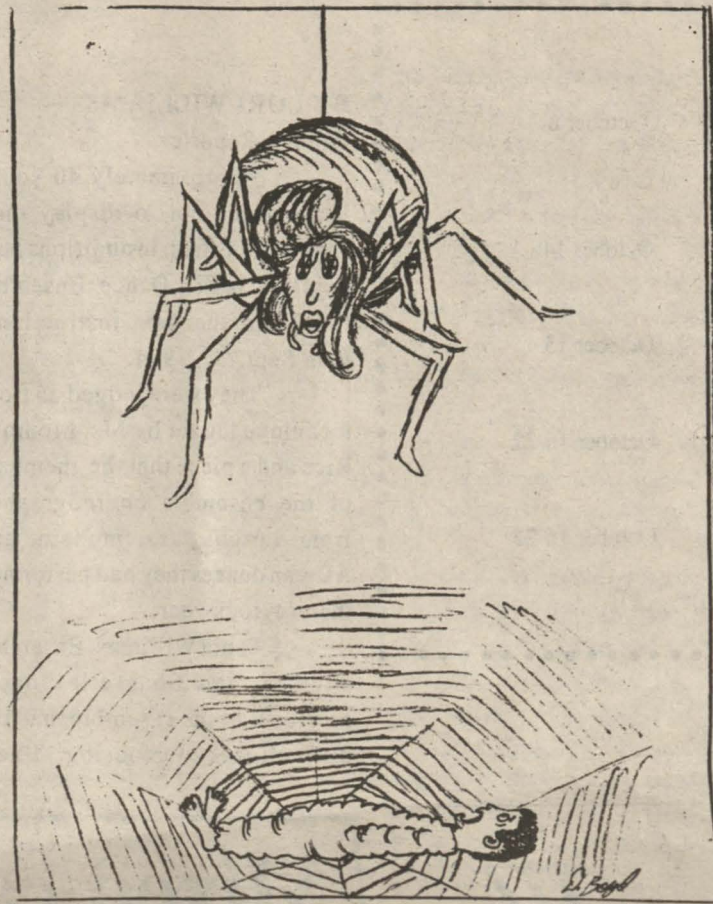
College Boys

...And there we were,
All of us,
just sittin',
shootin' the breeze,
being ourselves.
Tellin' stories,
laughin',
lyin',
reminiscin',
and having a good time.
But then I blinked,
and I saw a world which
seemed eons away.
A day when we were the
leaders...
All of us.
From face to face I could see:
Knowledge,
Pride,
Culture,
Love,
and yes...
Dreams.

Also I could see:
Sorrow,
Disappointment,
Pain,
Hatred,
and Nightmares.
And then I blinked
Again.
It was over as fast as it began.
I laughed
Again,
with the others.
But now there was meaning
in my laughter:
morals in my storytellin',
and methods to my lyin'.
I knew I'd better savor these
times:
turn them around in my mind.
For soon they would be over,
and but distant memory.

--Aaron D. Davis

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Her web drips damp
with selfish ambition
Leaking into the hearts
of men with gold pockets
and this skilled predator
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Lonely One

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Staring at himself in the mirror, he is confronted with a vague
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Walking through the pages of life never understanding things.

Day by day his attention span is gradually growing thin,
Pressure as his worst enemy, who always gas to win.

While climbing the ladder of life he learns that it is withered
and worn,
Constantly reflecting back to the question, "Why was I ever
born?"

With the knowledge of an outcast, he struggles to stay sane,
Every moment realizing no one else will ever know his pain.

From the lack of love, his heart is dark and cold within,
Trying to fix things now would take two life times to mend.

The fate of his lonely heart is something he has no control of
which way it will go,
Being secure is one pleasure he will never ever know!

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CDE picks new dancers

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BY LORI WILLIAMS
Panther Reporter

Approximately 40 young ladies came out to display their dancing abilities, in auditions held by the Classic Dance Ensemble (CDE) in the new instructional gym Sept. 21, 1994.

They were judged on floor technique taught by Ms. Monique Rice and a piece that the members of the ensemble choreographed from various jazz, modern, and African dances they had performed the previous year.

Paula Williams, Ensemble advisor, and Sharvelle Jones, president of the ensemble, had the difficult task of choosing 11 new

members from the 40 ladies to bring the total number of performers to 25.

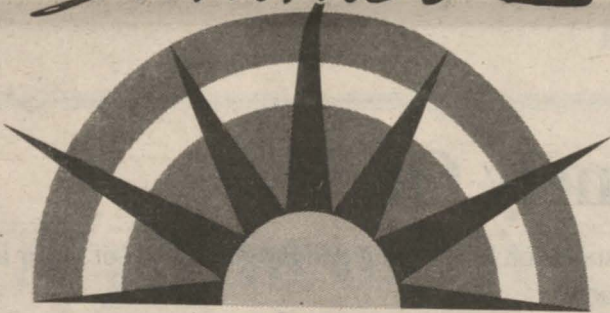
The new members are: Patrina Adger, Kimia Amos, Chrystal Bender, Chrishelle Calhoun, Jasmine McKinley, Tamika Prentiss, Alicia Quinney, Darcy Shepherd, Marsha Taylor, Samantha Thomas, and Lori Williams.

The Ensemble will preview a new dance at the Queen's Ball, Nov. 2, 1994. The dance is being choreographed by Ken Epting. They will also hold their annual dance concert, Nov. 15, 1994 in the Hobart Taylor Auditorium.

The members of the Charles Giplin and the Theatre Arts Program express sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the student body, faculty, staff, and the Prairie View community for their overwhelming support given to the "New Faces '94 I Believe!". The standing room only audience each night during the play's scheduled run and the encore performance where more than three hundred were turned away proved that a new found interest in theatre has arrived in Pantherland. The record breaking attendance was made even more meaningful because the show was dedicated to the offices of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid.

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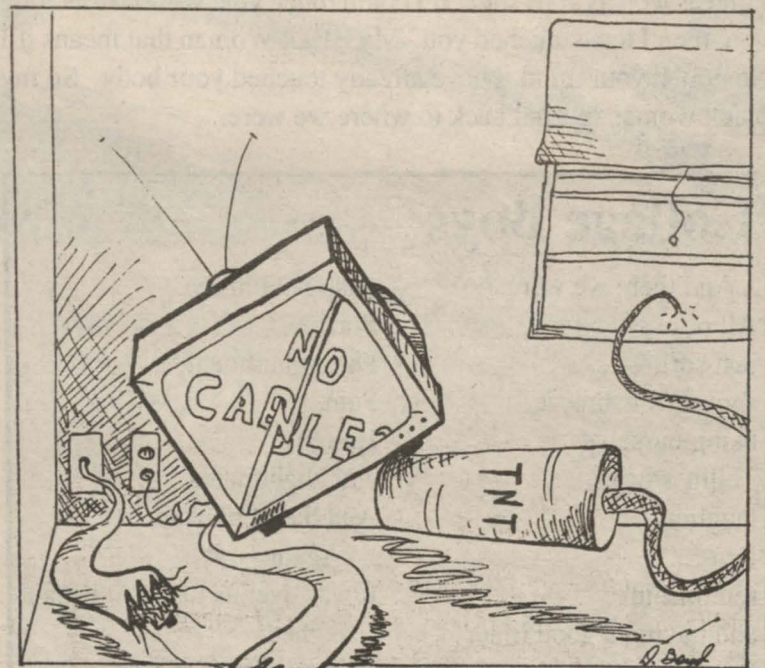
BY DEREK BOYD
Panther Reporter

It has happened time and time before, and now it has happened again—no cable. Many students who reside on Prairie View's campus this semester are still without cable television.

Although most rooms have cable, the residents that are fortunate enough to receive the signals are receiving them periodically. Other residents have not had problems. But those that do are probably wondering—what's the hold-up, where is cable TV?

The problem with cable is not the same for all residents and resident halls. Col. A. D. Aldridge, director of housing, stressed that the problem is largely due to vandalism and the theft of cable wire splitters responsible for sending the reception of cable from one room to the next.

"Sometimes someone or some people feel that they have a need for a three-way wire connector because they have a TV and two VCRs or two TVs and one VCR," said Aldridge, "but they don't want to buy it at Wal-Mart or elsewhere, so they instead go out and find them around the residence halls." He said that in doing this, "they think that they have interrupted only one



television, when in fact, they have now knocked out several. It then becomes a problem for the people from the cable company because they have to come out and find the missing connector."

Aldridge also blamed poor behavior for the absence of cable in the halls. "Guys would sometimes scale the walls," continued Aldridge, "destroying wires by putting their foot

on them and using the wires as a sort of footrest." He also said that, "the buildings are wired the way they are for safety and environmental purposes."

PV is currently undergoing construction for SIS, a system that involves student information. It is the construction of this duct bank

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LIFESTYLES

SGA general election results

FRESHMAN

President-Philip Merchant
 Vice President-Rasheed Dowdell
 Treasurer-Tiffany Edwards
 Secretary-Erica Murphy
 SGA Rep-Kelly Bates
 Parliamentarian-John Powell III
 Reporter-Tia Brown
 Class Queen-Tiffany Edwards
 Class King-Rasheed Dowdell
 Sergeant-at-Arms-Shamekia Roach

JUNIOR

President-Stephanie Abran
 Vice President-Kim Wesely
 Treasurer-Celynsia Smith
 Secretary-Ann Hughley
 SGA Rep-LaPria Cashaw
 Parliamentarian-LaWanda Howard
 Reporter-Monica Monk
 Class Queen-Valissa Carruthers
 Class King-Kurte Shepard
 Sargeant-at-Arms-Jalanta Waller
 Chaplain-Lewis Carr

SOPHOMORE

President-Aronica Smith
 Vice President-Joseph Earle
 Treasurer-Kenya White
 Secretary-LaKeshur Pickar
 SGA Rep-Horlensia Williams
 Parliamentarian-LeWanda Spellman
 Reporter-Comelita Jones
 Class Queen-Sherrel Postell
 Class King-Devon Pigott
 Sargeant-at-Arms-Adrain Hobbs*

Lyndell Hale (tied)
 Chaplain-Craig Nicoles* Ronzell
 Raven* Gwyn Wright

SENIOR

President-Christopher Knight
 Vice President-William Young
 Treasurer-Shandria Ridgeway
 Secretary-Tasha Priestley
 SGA Rep- Losonia Crabtree*
 LaShaun Green* Nicole Whetsone*
 Parliamentarian-Kenneth Wise*
 Tyrone Porter*
 Class King-Devon Pigott
 Sargeant-at-Arms-Adrain Hobbs*
 Lyndell Hale (tied) Reporter-Tamekia Johnson*
 Kevin Bacon*
 Class Queen-Taunya Davis
 Class King-Chris Knight
 Sargeant-at-Arms- D. Miles*
 Elmonda Williams* Monica Pae*
 Chaplain-Donald Jennings*
 Wanda Vandergraph*

* indicates ties

Tai Kwon Do at Prairie View

BY BRIAN KEHINDE
 Panther Reporter

Hi-yaah!!!!
 That was the sound you were most likely to hear if you attended the free self-defence class preview held in the New Classroom Building Tuesday night. The first session begins in November, and the classes are open to both men and women. Larry Hendrix, an advertising art major, Kelvin Spencer, an architecture major, and Officer D. Ali Shariff-Bey, will be instructors at these sessions.

Five students attended, and they were introduced to the basics of self-defence with an introduction to Tai-Kwon-Do and Akido. Tai-Kwon-Do is the art of punching and kicking with the hands and feet. Akido involves defensive balance and leverage. The combination of these skills allows one to be prepared for an attack, and when it comes, to be able to do something to prevent it.

Hendrix and Spencer have been training for years, having

completed work for the American Tai-Kwon Do Association at the American Karate Academy in Dallas, Texas. In an interview, they disclosed several important facts about the dangers of not knowing self-defence. "Whenever your life feels threatened, you should be able and ready to defend yourself," Hendrix said, "and these techniques will build that integral foundation. If an attacker is approaching from behind, and you cannot see them before they grab you, there is a way to get out of that situation quickly and safely."

Spencer added that it is important that women in particular learn how to fight, because they are our society's most vulnerable and prevalent victims. "Women are frequently the victims of rape, assault, beatings, and muggings," he said. "Last year, there were 15 female students who graduated knowing self-defence, and I personally trained some of them. Our techniques teach them how to be more assertive, to condition their mind and their body." Hendrix added, "We build their

confidence and self-esteem, so that they are prepared to deal with a potential rapist or mugger, even at gunpoint."

Most of the training Tuesday focused on elbow punches, back elbow punches, arm twisting, and how to break out of holds in any given situation. The lesson is this—no one has to be a victim of violence. The only question is, are you willing to learn a little in order to stop it from happening to you?

"Most people never think an act of violence will happen to them. They always say it will happen to someone else," Hendrix said in closing. "But everyone is someone else to someone else, so that kind of thinking doesn't work. There is always a possibility, and it is important that a person knows how to send a clear message to the attacker—let them know this is not the one."

For more information about the program, contact Officer Shariff-Bey of the PV police department. Remember, they are there for you.

Cable

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Housing, Charles Crockett explains that while construction is in progress, wires will often get disconnected.

"They cut them practically everyday," he said. And as previously noted by Aldridge, Crockett also confirms that the problem is due, in part, to the presence of vandals and the theft of three-way wire connectors. "The company is not going to send people if it's not normal wear and tear," said Crockett.

The good news is that an effort to repair the cable continues. PV still has a contract with the Texas Cable Company which is only part of the larger American Communications International (ACI) branch that handles the 409 area codes. It takes the company about two days or less to send workers to the campus. "We call them practically every other day then they send people out here," said Crockett. "The rooms that we report, they come out and fix."

Contrary to what many on-campus residents believe, "It is the university that pays for cable from fees

that they collect from its own budget, not the students," concluded Crockett. Aldridge stated that, "Housing pays about \$118,000 per year for cable." Both directors believe that the remaining cable problems will be solved. However, they are not certain

when the cable will be completely restored in the dorms that are having trouble with reception. They both agree that problems should be resolved some time before Thanksgiving.

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PV Top Ten

MUSIC

1. Player Player.....Big Mike
2. Flava in Your Ear.....Craig Mac
3. I Wanna Be Down.....Brandi
4. Bending Knee.....Boyz II Men
5. How Many Ways.....Toni Braxton
6. Thuggish Ruggish Bone.....Thugs'N' Harmony
7. Can You Git Wit It.....Usher
8. For all of Yall.....Da Brat
9. Body & Soul.....Anita Baker
10. Toosie Roll.....69 Boyz

LIFESTYLES

McCall, runner-up in Miss Hall of Fame

By Paul Masterson
Panther Reporter

allowed the 1st runner up the opportunity to compete in the pageant instead of Miss Prairie View.

"This was a true blessing for me to be given the privilege to represent PV in Miss Hall of Fame. The money I won in Miss Hall of Fame along with the prize packages from the Miss PVAMU Pageant will allow me to pay for my tuition for the remainder of the school year," said McCall, a junior advertising art major from Houston, whose father's recent stroke and medical bills would have put a strain on her tuition expenses.

The bright lights of Atlanta recently shined on a group of women representing some of this country's prominent historically black institutions of higher learning in a quest for the crown and the distinction of being Miss Hall of Fame.

The Miss Hall of Fame Pageant is one of the premier pageants in a series of contests for young women who attend the HBCUs and serve as their queens. This year's event was held in the city of Atlanta, where 36 women represented their university in the pageant.

Among the ladies competing was Meredith McCall, 1st runner up in the Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant. McCall finished as 4th runner up with Miss Fayetteville winning the crown and a \$2,500 cash prize.

The rest of the top finishers earned scholarship money as well. The 1st runner up received \$1,500, 2nd runner up \$1,000, while 3rd and 4th runners up each won \$500 toward their education.

McCall was given the opportunity to compete in the event when the laws in the Miss Prairie View pageant were changed. This change

based on the fit of the gown, the ladies' figures and the gown's color. McCall



noted that the gown's color is extremely important because it should compliment your own natural skin tone. The winning gown colors for women of color are gowns that bring out skin tone she said. Flesh colored gowns were definite losers and were not considered to bring out true beauty.

In the talent phase of the competition the ladies used their special talents to woo the judges and captivate the audiences. McCall performed a modern dance routine from Quincy Jones' "Everything Must Change" for the talent section of the competition.

McCall said her experience at Miss Hall of Fame was a great experience and was glad the opportunity was given to her. The only thing she found disappointing was the fact that out of the nation's 117

historically black colleges and universities, only 36 sent representatives from their schools. "That shows a lack of unity among the HBCUs around the country," McCall said.

McCall also gave advice to any young ladies who might be interested in participating in pageants in the future, including the Miss Prairie View Scholarship Pageant in the spring.

"Before you decide you want to run you must first be sure you're running for the right reasons. You must be true to yourself before you can be a representative for a group or large body."

When asked if she will run for Miss Prairie View in the spring, McCall said she didn't know and that it was too early to make that decision. "Right now, all I'm concentrating on is being Miss Prairie View's 1st runner up and trying to continue my studies. When that time comes, I'll make my decision but until then, it's really up in the air."

One of McCall's goals is to own her own production company which will produce patterns. Again, she would like to thank the people associated with the Miss Prairie View and Miss Hall of Fame pageants for giving her the opportunity to represent PV in a pageant of that caliber.

Turner

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To the student body, we hope this is the beginning of a beautiful and long lasting supportship of the performing arts and an endorsement of the efforts put forth to recognize faculty, staff, and administrators who render superd services to the Prairie View family. And to the faculty, staff, and administrators, we hope that he recognition of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid and the tremendous outpour of aculades for their services proved that the students are appreciative of the services you render, even though past actions and comments might nit have indicated such.

Once again, we thank all the members of Pantherland for showing that you care. And you, Mr. A.D. James, Mr. Robert Ford, Mr. Sharron Marshall, Mrs. Lula Kinney, and you hard-working, devoted staff members, we salute you; Because without your untiring effort and genuine concern, there would be no new students, thus, no New Faces or any other faces on this campus.

We love you and we look forward to seeing you at our first major production where we will recognize another outstanding student service department on campus. Production dates are October 26-29 at 8:00 p.m. with a special matinee at 4:00p.m. on October 30 designed for our senior citizens and retired patrons of our community.

Poetry Contest
Enter our poetry contest all entries must be submitted to the Panther office 207 in Hilliard Hall by October 17.

Help wanted
Needed copy editors, photographers and reporters; apply to Panther office 207 Hilliard Hall.

HOROSCOPES

VIRGO

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) *Your birthday plans should be made well in advance or your special day will be a big disappointment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) *Your professor is about to throw you a curve ball. Get your mitt ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) * Treat yourself to something special. But don't over do it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) *Don't justify yourself by what others think of you. Live your own life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) *Trial and error is your solution. The answer is exactly where it should be.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) *Someone special has an eye on you. Be on your P's and Q's.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) *Neglecting something or someone

special will cause you much future grief. Reevaluate your priorities. Through out old things.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) *You are truly in your element now. Your bull-headed nature is about to get the best of you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) *Your old flame is trying to rekindle a dead romance. Let sleeping DOGS lie.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) *Your past will catch up with you. But you can still win the race. Your present is promising.

LEO (July 23- Aug. 22) *Romance is not in the cards for you right now. Concentrate on your personal well-being. Your soul-mate will be patient and in waiting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *Wear something that won't attract much unwanted attention. You need your privacy right now.

Controversy

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TAMU is an institution of prosperity and growth, a "first-class institution"; PVAMU is an instutution stagnated by TAMU's Board of Regents members who have marked PVAMU for destruction.

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LIFESTYLES

WHAT'S THE FLAVA?

By George Spillman, Jr.

Label: Bad Boy / Arista
 Production: Sean "Puffy" Combs & Darnell Scott, Lord Finesse, Blues Brothers, Easy Mo Bee, and Trackmasters

Imagine preparing for an exam that you thought was going to be the most difficult one of your life; the test comes and you ace it. This scenario is relative to the latest accomplishment of "The Notorious B.I.G.", who met the greatest test of his life and passed with flying colors.

B.I.G.'s depictions of life's everyday struggles are brilliant yet easy to understand. You won't find any traits of De La Soul's twisted imagery in his lyrics. The fact that B.I.G. grew up in the streets gives him an inside scoop on what goes on "underworld."

This Brooklyn (ak.a. Crooklyn) native has come from being a street hustler, prison inmate and made it back to the streets to try his hand in the rap music industry.

On a remix of Supercat's "Dolly My Baby", along with Mary J. Blige, B.I.G. "wrecked shop", as he made his debut in the world of hip-hop and about a month later a single was released from the "Who's the Man" soundtrack called "Party and Bull" which gave him the respect he deserved as an M.C.

The long awaited "Ready to Die", is produced by an all-star line line-up led by Sean "Puffy" Combs, who is the owner of the Bad Boy record label..

Nothing on this album has to be looked into for its meaning, but the subject matter is often serious. Each song is like one of those dramatic episodes of "Good Times", where everything that could have happened, did. No matter what region you represent, B.I.G. makes it simple to see where he is coming from.

The first single from this album, "Juicy", which has a sample from Mtume's "Juicy Fruit", made heads bob from coast to coast and even overseas. The lyrical plot of this song describes what life was like growing up poor and how it is now that he has "the juice". One line that made me remember a time in my childhood was "Birthdays were the worst days/now we sip champagne when we thirs'tae." On "Gimmie the Loot", B.I.G. tells how he had to hustle to survive. To put it briefly, he would take what you had if he needed it, no matter who you were. The reality in what he says justifies the offensive content. The most hyped track on this album is B.I.G.'s duet with Wu Tang Clan's Method Man, on a jam called "The What", which basically says, I worked hard for what I have, so don't ask me for anything.....and if you didn't know, now you know!

So, if you're open to New York style hip-hop, "Ready to Die" should be on your best buy list. Look out for the next week's review of M.C. Eiht's "We Come Strapped."

HOTEP!

PV Grocery opens washateria

By ANGEL BROWN
 Panther Staff

If you've failed to realize it the City of Prairie View doesn't have their own washateria but not for long. P.V. Grocery will be opening a washateria at 712 University Dr. soon.

Dr. Godwin O. Akpoborne, manager of P.V. Grocery said, "Residents of Prairie View shouldn't have to drive to another city to wash. This is not just to benefit the students but for the community as a whole."

It's costing P.V. Grocery about \$100 thousand to build this facility. The foundation has already been laid behind P.V. Grocery and the construction will begin in November. The washateria will open in late November or early December. Akpoborne will hire some students to work in the washateria and other renovations coming to P.V. Grocery such as the video rental store and the car wash.

KPVU radiothon shoots for \$10,000

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER
 Panther Staff

KPVU 91.3 will hold its fall radiothon from Oct. 16 - Oct. 23. This fundraiser is held twice a year in order to defray operation expenses.

KPVU is a non-commercial, public radio station that has a diverse music format of jazz, urban contemporary, reggae, blues, and gospel. KPVU's news and public service announcements reach approximately 50,000 listeners in Austin, Ft. Bend, Grimes, Harris, Montgomery, Waller, and Washington counties.

On-air drives are KPVU's most direct way to reach listeners and solicit their financial support. Every listener's support is needed in order for KPVU to reach their \$10,000 goal. Listeners may call (409) 857-4515/4511 between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. to make pledges during the week of the radiothon.

Interested volunteers may contact KPVU's Development & Promotion Coordinator, Carol Campbell or Radiothon Chairperson, Ingrid Baker at ext. 4515 in Hilliard Hall.

Elections

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will make everyone aware that the coexistence of students and faculty is imperative to our success.

The SGA election results are as follows: president: Kevin Jones, vice president: Rahsaan Patterson, vice president for academic affairs: Kenric Narcisse, vice president for student affairs: Kofi Burney, vice president for administration: Kyra Patterson, executive secretary: Yvonda Lewis, parliamentarian: LaWanda Spearman.

In addition, there are a few people who need to be recognized for the hard work and time they invested in the elections. They are as follows: Hulen Davis, Linda Eustace, Herbert Thomas, Antonio Gonzalez, Carl Maze, and Micheal A. Smith.

Congratulations and good luck to all newly elected SGA members.



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Greek Life

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| KΑΨ | Oct 15 | Krimson & Kream Affair party in the Dome with ΔΣΘ |
| | Oct 26 | Krimson & Kream Pageant Hobart 6-10 |
| ΦΒΣ | Oct 16-23 | |
| Sigma Week! | | |
| ZΦΒ | Oct 11 | Preparing for Clinical Harrington Science 3:30-5:00 |
| | Oct 12 | Informational Seminar |
| ΑΦΑ | Oct 7 | New Flava in Ya Ear Dome Party 9-1 |
| | Oct 13 | Informational Seminar NCRB 6-8 |
| ΣΓΡ | Oct 11 | Communication & Interpersonal Skills Seminar with ΔΣΘ |
| ΑΚΑ | Oct 7 | Fun Picnic behind MSC |
| ΔΕΘ | Oct 12 | Delta Debut AI Building 6-8 |

The Pan would like to congratulate all students elected to serve in our Student Government.

SPORTS

Lady Panthers are on a Roll



Lady Panthers ready for the kill.

Photo By Gitonga M'mbijewe

By ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Sports Reporter

Leading the SWAC conference in defensive digs as a team, the Lady Panthers slaughtered the ladies of UT Pan American University, winning three games out of five.

The Lady Panthers lost the first battle with a score of 13-9, but came back strong with a 15-0 win, in the second match. The Panthers dominated the third game 10-9, but fell to UTPA 15-12, in the fourth game.

The Lady Panthers swept the game in the fifth match with a score

of 10-0. The "Panther Player of the Week", Sidonye Haugh, had 26 total attempts and 13 kills. Senior Vanessa Penright said, "We felt good beating this team, because we had lost to them before."

Panther player Kimberly Scott, had 25 total attempts and 10 kills. The Lady Panthers current SWAC conference standing is 3-1.

Head coach, Jocelyn Adams commented on the success of the Lady Panthers and said, "Shatara Lock is leading the conference in digs, and Kimberly Scott is leading the SWAC in kill percentage."

Regular Season Flag Football Schedule

Oct. 11:

6:00 P.A. Machine vs. F-Hall Raiders

7:00 P.P.P.L. vs. 17 Brothers

8:00 W.G.3B vs Day One

Division Games

Oct. 13:

6:00 P.P.P.L. vs. W.G.3B

7:00 Day One vs. F-Hall Raiders

Oct. 18

6:00 P.P.P.L. vs P.A. Machines

7:00 W.G. 3B vs 17 Brothers

MIDTERM BREAK

Oct. 25

6:00 F-Hall Raiders vs. 17 Brothers

7:00 W.G.3B vs P.A. Machines

Oct. 27

6:00 Day One vs. F-Hall Raiders

7:00 P.P.P.L. vs. W.G.3B

HOMECOMING

Nov. 8

6:00 P.P.P.L. vs. P.A. Machines

7:00 Day One vs. 17 Brothers

Nov. 10

6:00 F-Hall Raiders vs. 17 Brothers

7:00 W.G.3B vs. P.A. Machines

For More Info. contact the Intramural office at 2440

Player of the Week



Emory Davis
5-10 Offensive
Lineman

This weeks player of the week is Emory Davis a Junior Health and Secondary Education major. A graduate of Lincoln High School in Dallas, Davis has been a member of the Panther Football team for three years. He believes that this years team has a lot of talent, and that if the team as a whole comes together, they will succeed. He also added that the team members must overcome the small mistakes, and execute the plays that are given by the coaches. Davis also believes that the determination, will power, and desire to win is there, and with continued support from the Prairie View family they will win some games this season.

Health and Human Performance News

By Paul Masterson
Panther Staff

The department of Health and Human Performance at Prairie View A&M University recently held its first meeting of the new semester.

Dr. Mary White, department head along with members of the faculty and staff introduced themselves to the new majors and minors enrolled in the program and welcomed them to the department.

The theme of the meeting was awareness. Faculty and staff spoke to students on the importance of becoming aware of the requirements they must adhere to while enrolled in the health and human performance classes. The topic of the TASP test was also addressed. Instructors stressed the importance of taking the examination and mastering it as early as possible to avoid being made to take remedial classes.

Students had a chance to voice their opinions in a question-and-answer forum.

Also mentioned at the inaugural meeting was the idea for the Pen Club, an organization geared toward physical education majors and minors.



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Prairie View A&M University 1994

All Intramural Flag-Football Team

Offense			1st Annual	Defense		
Position	Player	Team	MVP	Position	Player	Team
OT	Ken Wilson	Day One	Clinton Smith	DE	Edward Spann	WG3B
OT	Stanley Armstrong	PPPL	Clinton Smith	DE	J. Ruthledge	One Time
G	Pleas Field	PPPL	Clinton Smith	DE(N)	Dexter Scott	One Time
G	Micheal Chevalier	One-Time	Clinton Smith	OLB	Harry Christie	One Time
WR	Christpher Johnson	WG3B	Clinton Smith	OLB	Searcy Joseph	Day One
WR	Corey Anderson	Day One	Clinton Smith	CB	Eric Dean	Holly Hustler
RB	Davale Arnold	PPPL	Clinton Smith	FS	Reginald Lee	Day One
QB	Van Dickerson	Day One	Clinton Smith	SS	Rodney Hogan	Day One

SPORTS

In Step with PV Cross Country

By Paul Masterson
Panther Reporter

Track and field is one of the most dynamic sports on college campuses. On Prairie View's campus, track fever is no different.

With both the mens' and womens' teams carrying impressive records from last season, this season promises to bring more accolades to the group of speed demons as they try to be victorious in their meets.

Two groups that are already competing and have been for some time are the mens' and womens'

cross country teams. The cross country teams are an elite group of men and women dedicated to becoming major contenders in cross country track.

In their previous meets, the teams have finished in the top three in the South Western Athletic Conference (SWAC) and have fared reasonably well against non-SWAC competitors.

"We have a lot of potential. We give 100 percent at every meet we compete in," said Milton Collins, a sophomore physical education major from Fort Worth.

Coach Beard : My hands are tied

BY ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Sports Reporter

The Grambling Tigers defeated the Prairie View Panthers, in a sweep, resulting in a 66-0 win for the Tigers. The two teams went head-to-head at the Al Lipscomb State Fair Classic, held at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas last Saturday.

The opening kick-off by PV's Darren McDaniel was returned for a 90-yard touchdown by Grambling. On the following possession, PV quarterback Greg Bell, threw a pass that was intercepted and resulted in a touchdown for Grambling. The final result was a field goal and six additional touchdowns for Grambling.

After PV's defeat, head coach Ronald Beard commented on his team's performance, and said "We are going to win some games this year, but the players must learn not to make the same mistakes. My hands are tied. I have players who have never even played high school football. I have to constantly work with them. We are playing teams that are stronger and more competitive than us. People don't understand that PV doesn't offer football scholarships."

The State Classic, was an indicator of the many problems causing the Panther's offense and defense to suffer. It also served as a wake-up call to fans as well as PVAMU administrators, to notice the numerous problems that are overlooked in PVAMU's football program.

"It is hard for people to understand that our losing streak is caused by factors other than skill," said Beard. He also stated that he has received little help from PVAMU's administration. Despite these factors,

Beard is optimistic that PV will capture a win for this season. He said, "We will not finish 0-11."

Grambling head coach, Eddie Robinson said, "If I were the head coach at Prairie View, I would make sure that

my players were taken care of. Some people are passive, and will take anything."

Grambling's current SWAC standing is 2-0 and 4-0 overall. PV's current standing in the SWAC is 0-2 and 0-4 overall.



By Gitonga M'bijjew
Panther football player punts football at the infamous Prairie View vs. Grambling Cotton Bowl.

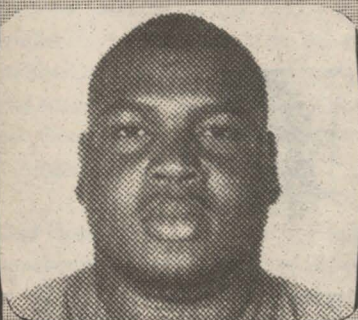
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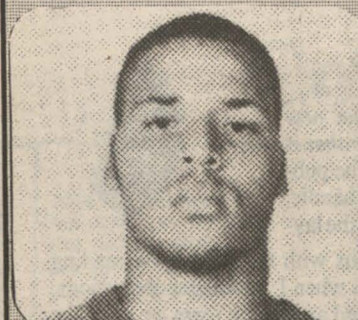
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From The Field



Alton Ellis
Sophomore, Houston, TX.
Offensive guard

"We have a better team with players more committed to practice. I feel that the media and students are waiting for a win. If they'll be patient, those wins will come. We keep on working on what we need done, so those wins will come."



James Foster
Sophomore Lancaster, TX
Defensive Lineman

"We have a talented group, what needs to be done is for people to stop ridiculing us. They don't know the problems we face in trying to become a better team. Instead of down talking us they need to support us.."

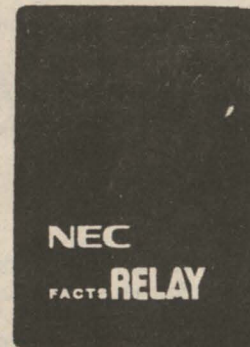
UP COMING EVENTS

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VIEWPOINTS



Dear Jaquita

posed to be like this?
Signed,
Clueless in College

Dear Clueless in College,
WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD!!! You obviously didn't get the catch phrase of the television show "A DIFFERENT WORLD".

Here in Pantherland, where those who don't have school or money problems act like they never did and those that do, act like they always will, you must find your own piece of mind. You can't change attitudes or habits that existed long before you got here and will remain long after you are gone. What you can do, however, is to set an example for yourself.

If there's a problem you can't solve alone, find people who share your concern and take your "reasonable and respectable demands" to that professor. If she/he doesn't listen, take your demands to someone who can make her/him listen. POLITICS! It's the American Way!!!

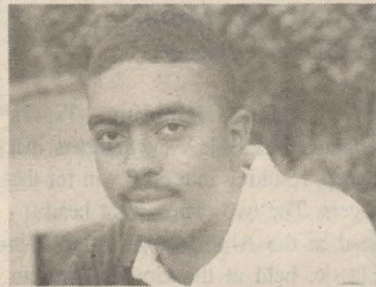
Comments or questions for Jaquita can be sent to room 216 in Hillard Hall.

Dear Jaquita,

Prairie View A&M University is not at all what I'd hoped it would be. The people here have very negative attitudes and seem to be naturally rude.

Many of the students think it is actually uncool to go to class if there's not a test or a quiz. The staff acts as though they are being cursed out when you ask them to execute THEIR JOB! Some of the faculty act as though college is a game of hide-and-seek. They show up with a test or quiz over chapters 7, 8 and 9 in hand, after having cancelled classes three days in a row with no prior notice. They then have their departmental secretary leave a note on the board saying study chapter 3. Is college really sup-

They must not divide and conquer



Derald D. Powell
Editor-In-Chief

president that will best take care of us since we are not "advanced enough" to choose one ourselves.

What does this say and do to the students, community, and staff of PVAMU? It can be easily seen by the content of several items in this addition of the paper that students and community members are upset over the presidential selection process.

"The Board of Regents completely ignored the wishes and recommendations of the Alumni, the search committee, the students, and the members of the community."

Honestly I'm upset too, but we must remember that it is not Hines' fault the way he came in. Well, okay The Board of Regents completely ignored the wishes and recommendations of the Alumni, the search committee, the students, and the members of the community. If we don't swallow our pride and immediately accept Hines, WHO will it end up hurting in the end? Let's face it. The decision is made and there

is nothing we can do about it but make the best out of an already tense situation.

When Becton came in, people were against him. Was this the way the Board of Regents wanted it? If people are divided, it's hard to do work and move ahead for the betterment of the people, or the university. Sounds like a divide and conquer tactic to me. Will we allow white folks to divide us and keep us from handling the business of getting ahead. As of said, the time is for us to put petty matters behind us and prove to the money "massas" that we can take care of business and get real things accomplished.

To Dr. Hines I say, I'm with you and I know other student leaders will be also, but we will be looking for results from you. The Board of Regents in their infinite wisdom feels that you are the best man to help "us" people to overcome our shortcomings and bring us into a more civilized era.

And also, Hines, even though you've reached the position of Army General remember you are retired and this is not an army base. Oh yeah, you also said you know Washington and how to get money, well we will be watching VERY CLOSELY.



What do you think about the new format of The Panther ?

Dana Farwell
Los Angeles, CA
Junior
English



The new format for *The Panther* is more conve-

nient and informative. I especially enjoy the Black History section. As a people, we tend not to do our homework when it comes down to knowing our roots. Instead, we wait for an assignment on this topic to be due in class. This section is a way of not only teaching us something that we may not know, but a way of celebrating if we do know. I'm proud of *The Panther* staff. Keep up the good work!

Jamila Anderson
California
Sophomore
Animal Science



Overall, I give praises to *The Panther*. It's nice to have news we, on the isolated campus of Prairie

View, can relate to. It is a positive outlet for students to express themselves. But, *The Panther* is not perfect, with respect to a few "typos" here and there, and the triffin' column "Dear Jaquita," but generally *The Panther* is ALL GOOD!! Keep up the good work y'all!

Sherylle Hackney
Fuller
Dev. Rel. Coordinator
We hope that *The Panther* will be explicit in format, word, design and professionalism. The public should know that PV students are a breed above the rest. This means that errors and inaccuracies should be eliminated before the paper is printed.



Trevi Wormley
Philadelphia
Junior



Mech. Engineering
I really like the new layout for *The Panther*. It actually looks like a paper now, instead of a gossip column. Because it is well organized, the paper is easily read. Also, the format allows me to flow through the paper. I support *The Panther* staff for making this move.

Paul Smith
Mechanical Eng.
Professor



Ergonomically, the new format for *The Panther* is more effective. The publication is easier to handle. Those in charge of the lay-

out are adventurous with the fonts. My reading pace is interrupted when I encounter aberrations. Reverse background and exotic fonts are good for advertisement, but it seems to slow the transfer rate of information. Overall, the new format is an improvement.

VIEWPOINTS

Reader finds Jaquita tacky

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to some advice given in the column entitled "Dear Jaquita." It was involving a student who was unhappy about listening to her roommates' personal moments "with her man."

The advice given, I found, lacked self-respect, self-esteem, and was down right tacky. To tell someone they should put on their headphones while their roommate is having sex is ridiculous. What happened to keeping that private part of your life to yourself?

Ladies, if it ever gets that serious, pool some money and rent a room at PV Inn! Also, demand respect and

common courtesy from your roommates because we all pay money to live here and shouldn't be subjected to anything like listening to

"The advice given I found lacked self-respect, self esteem, and was down right tacky."

your roommate "BUMP AND GRIND!" It's all about respect for your privacy and respect for others and acting like a lady.

Jamila Anderson
Sophomore

Appointment

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President Becton's help, a third "finalist" was put into the ring and that his principal qualification was a military background. Several people, notably members of the university's alumni association, had tried to ensure the appointment of a non-military successor to Becton. As the lead stories in this edition make clear, a military man was chosen.

The value of continuing the discussion about the presidential search is that such discussion may help change the rules for selection and may, therefore, have an impact on future searches.

But while the writer of the printed letter attempted to focus on the issues objected to in the search process, the writer of the letter which we chose not to print lashed out at Mrs. Brisco, Becton, and interim president Harold Bonner while hiding behind a veil of anonymity.

We wanted you our readers to know that we encourage use of the Viewpoints platform for raising hell about all sorts of issues. But we reserve the right to edit all letters received, and the right not to publish letters in which writers become anonymous so that they can take pot shots at others. Such letters we will not publish.

Financial aid woes

Dear Editor,

A couple of years ago, the only major worries a student had was praying that he and his roommates got along and that the cable would be on so he could watch "Martin". Now, many students are being sent home because their financial aid fell through. The school either ran out of money, or the student simply was not eligible for federal aid.

My problem is that I am not eligible, and it is because of the extensive guidelines that the officials require. To not only be eligible for financial aid, but also receive a Pell Grant, some requirements are that you have to either:

- (1) be married,
- (2) have a child,
- (3) or be 24 years old,

to be considered an "independent".

With these types of guidelines, if a person was extremely enthusiastic about furthering his education, it is possible that he would get married or make babies just to receive government help.

In my case, the closest time that I will be eligible is my 24th birthday, and I am only 21. I waited two years after high school before coming to PV and even that time was wasted, I still won't be eligible for "free money" before I graduate. So just think about those students that are coming to school directly following high school. They'll never be eligible if the decision is riding on their age.

Of course loans are available. But who wants to begin their life and career in debt \$20, 000+ to the government? Requirements like these could cause a student to wait on school until he's 24 just to receive "free money", or just not to attend school at all!!

It's funny that a man could once be a student with endless opportunities, and become a politician and make another's dreams difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill. And then they want to stress the importance of education!! If it is that difficult to create educational funds, then when

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AmeriKKKa the free?

Dear Editor,

My brothers and sisters, our day has come. Our day has come to join in and raise our right clenched fists against our enemy, Uncle Sam. For years, Uncle Sam has been teaching us to love and fight for this country for freedom and justice. Where the hell is our freedom and justice? To my people, who are down for the liberation of our race, there's neither freedom nor justice in AmeriKKKa.

Right now AmeriKKKa's 42nd Grand Wizard Bill Clinton has launched the second invasion of Haiti. In 1915, Grand Wizard Woodrow Wilson launched the first invasion. Their excuse was to save the country from bankruptcy. Are we stupid enough to believe this? Wake up! There is only one thing the United States wanted from Haiti, that was wealth. During that time Haiti was the only

independent nation in the "so-called" New World. Due to this fact, the United States felt that this island nation needed to be colonized just like the rest of the states. From 1915-1934, the Haitian people (especially women and children) were harassed, beaten, raped, humiliated, and killed by these bastard Yankees.

Now in 1994, the Haitian people are more prepared to hold their ground against the Yankees than in 1915. This time Grand Wizard Clinton's excuse to invade Haiti is to restore democracy and put the exiled AmeriKKKan puppet President Aristide in charge of this troubled nation. What could a peckerwood or Uncle Tom do to save Haiti? Nothing but torture, destruction, and oppressing a people who cannot help themselves. A lot of you sit on your couch watching the news, thinking that these peckerwoods are really helping our brothers and sisters by sending them

medicine and food. MEDICINE AND FOOD? They're nothing but poisons that will cause those people to die.

Ever since whites and other non-blacks came to Haiti and other black States, more were dying than ever before. Those crackers and boogers for years have been giving us syphilis, AIDS, pneumonia, and contaminated food to kill and destroy us. Not as a nation, but as a race. My people it doesn't matter where you come from. Whether you're from the United States, Canada, Brazil, the Caribbean, or the mother continent, we are all part of the 400,000,000 Africans struggling to fight for freedom, justice, and liberation from the white race.

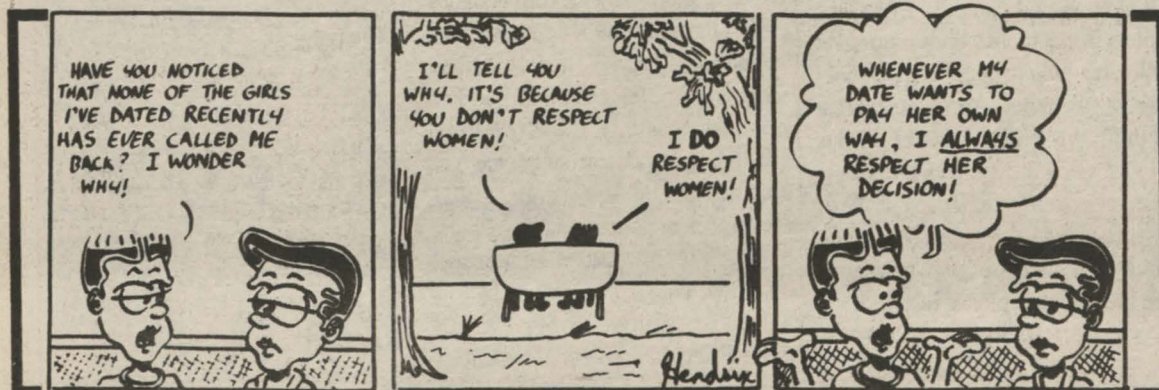
Brothers and sisters, if we don't look out for each other and work together as one race, one people, and one state, we will all fall!

Harambee!!!

Zuberi Askia Katanga

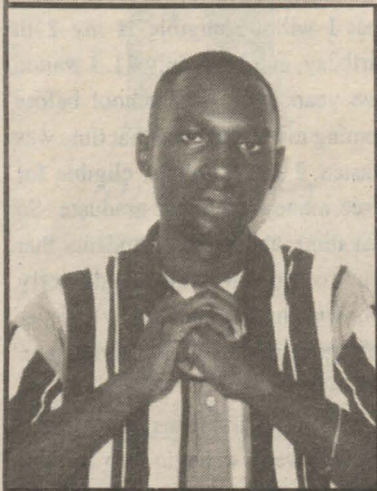
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Comedy Corner



VIEWPOINTS

What's in a name?



Frederick D. Parham
Guest Columnist

people who can't balance a budget to run a country, and lately they have projected Africans as being vicious killers and innately violent. Now that's white media at work on the African continent, back to African-Americans.

10:00 p.m. local news a black man plastered on the screen for some violent crime in some urban area against another black person. Organized Confusion—known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, soap operas like Rodney King's beating, O.J. Simpson's case, and little Yummy Sandifer from Chicago who never got a chance to live, and the perennial racist Vidor, TX where it seems like all blacks speed up through and never look back.

My point is that if you destroy a person's reputation by dragging his name through the mud, no one will respect or even want to have anything to do with that person. Well that's why when we try to get social and economic equality from white America, Congress has to pass a law for minority something or another to get to use the same toilet, go to college, get business loans, and even a law to get a job.

Everytime the world sees the name African it's with negative connotation and disclaim. To be African is supposed to mean world wide respect. Africa is the place the creator chose to make man in his own image, but somewhere along the way our people have decided to become anything other than the proud Africans we once were. We as African people in the world have to use our own African frame of reference to bring back dignity and respect to our name. We must stop concentrating on what the white media wants us to and start focusing on things that are pertinent to our survival so that we may live and be proud to be called Africans once again.

Proper Education Always Corrects Errors
P.E.A.C.E.

is prayer. Pray that somewhere down the line, our leaders won't forget what they went through to get where they are. Pray that they will want to help the next generation succeed as they did. And even if you never receive any "free money", pray that you will be blessed with a job that will cover your desired lifestyle and your monthly payment on your student loans!

Tihara T. Smith
Sophomore Psychology Major

I suppose this is the last name change we will make in our endless search for something to identify ourselves with. Well we just have to wait and see. African-American is the name, confusion, stupidity, low self-esteem, and downright apathy is the game.

Negroes in America don't have any idea what is in a name. From leadership all the way down to the senseless murders being committed in black America. African, the word comes from a name given to the Motherland by Leo Africanus. To be an African is not just a name, but it is a responsibility and a challenge to bring respect back to the people who created the math, sciences, and arts. Like the white majority in America has gone to other parts of the world and created this exalted image of America. To be an American is to be looked upon by the world's population as a privilege and gives them status and privilege.

Well what does it mean to be an African? Let's look at the African continent now. The white media has projected Africans as uncivilized people who cannot run a country without civil war—Liberia, Rwanda, Somalia, Haiti. Famine and epidemics,

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the lottery grows to \$80 million, take 1/2 of that and give it to education. If a student's fees were \$20,000 for four full years, at least 2,000 student's diplomas would be a vision. One man at age 55 does not deserve \$80 million for himself.

But as for now, the only help

Pres. of Koinonia finds "Jaquita" immoral

As a student of Prairie View A&M University and a reader of the Panther, I deemed it as top priority to respond to a section of the last issue of the Panther that being, "Dear Jacquita." This letter deals specifically with the question written by Forced to listen and "Jaquita's" response.

First let me state that her response was totally unfounded, did not address the situation in it's context, as well as wreaked of immorality laced with ill self respect.

An individual attempting to write as "Jaquita" did for the Panther, must consider that not all questions or letters submitted elicit a simple "yes" or "no" answer; some problems should never have arisen.

In view of the letter submitted to "Jaquita", I would like to record a few of my main points on "Forced to listen". It is quite possible that the letter attributed to "Forced to listen" may not be the entire letter due to editing. If it is not, then we must assume that the paper exerted all the necessary points that would allow "Jaquita" to state the situation properly in addition to giving an adequate response.

1. My roommate and I are getting along well, .. we have become friends.
2. We both agreed to bend and break visitation rules on occasion.
3. I don't have sex when she's in the room, but she does when I am.
4. They get caught up and don't remember to turn the tape over at times.
5. That bothers me. Do I have to listen to my roommate having sex?

The main points of "Jaquita's" response were thus:

1. You said you were becoming friends, this is a test of that friendship.
2. Tell her to [quiet] her moments in love or The Art of Her Noise.
3. Tell her to give you 20 minutes to fall asleep.
4. Wear your walkman to bed.
5. Do not make a big deal out of it.

Foul play suspected at the newspaper

Dear Editor,

Greetings, I'm a 24 year old physically challenged individual in a wheelchair. My reason for writing to you is to express my concern about a bit of foul play.

About a year ago, a young lady (who shall remain nameless) in your department helped me to do a story about the inaccessibility of certain buildings around campus. Now, the problem is that there were supposed to be pictures also printed in the school paper, but were not. Am I to guess that you think this problem is not serious enough? Or is it that news like this is not important enough? I can't prove it, but somewhere I do suspect some type of foul play. Please give this letter some thought and please respond.

Signed,
Wat Tha Hay

6. You never know when your late night love might be a morning good-bye.

The main thrust of her response was point #1, when in fact "Jaquita" should have dealt with point #2 of "Forced to listen". After all, a friend may have a torrid affair with your husband or wife, but do not be alarmed as it provides an ultimate test for the truth and sincerity of that friendship. Similarly, a friend may steal your clothing, ah, but do not have a cow as you never know when you may have to borrow or wear some of hers you; know this is a test I might add at that. I wonder though, whether or not we realize that perhaps all strenuous situations among or between friends are not all tests of one's relationship. But perhaps the sad bitter consequences of decisions on individuals' parts to not adhere to certain standards and principles to which friendship must be governed by.

Here in the United States of America, everyone is free to pursue dreams and aspirations, and to live as one pleases, provided that these desires do not infringe or go beyond the standard set up by the constitution that governs the land. That is, we are free to do whatever is permissible within the confines of the law. Should one break or overstep the boundary of the standard then there are consequences of punishments that are meted out. This is all in keeping with a very simple principle, when an individual does not have internal self-government then an external form of government must be imposed upon the individuals.

"Forced to listen" and her roommate, consciously decided, purposed willfully, conceived unflinchingly to abandon the principle or standard as instituted by the school. In so doing they cast themselves out from under the protection of authority, and "Forced to listen" cannot now seek justice as the very law that would have cuddled and protected her from the displeasing behavior of her roommate now

stands with a condemning finger pointed toward her. It also has a placard that reads, "if I rule on your behalf and do not apply the same ruling to you, then I, the law, the standard, stands partial and I am faulted."

You, "Forced to listen" and roommate have removed the authority that may legally disseminate justice and have instead illegally installed your own law which should have come with it's own judicial system that you might put to nought the offenders of your law. Yet you, "Forced to listen", seek outside help beyond the protective borders of your shore that justice might find a place in your domicile. I say Nay, Nay, Nay if you illegally abolished on campus, the law, that you might implement your own, thus becoming an illegal sovereign nation within a nation, and cannot rule your nation, then has not anarchy arisen. Your world is upheaved and lies, day to day, in utter turmoil.

Indeed this is a test to your friendship, the junta of your coup d'etat, a test that you are unnecessarily taking, which you might possibly fail, thus needlessly destroying what could have been a very profitable friendship.

When justice lies slain on the streets and standards are executed in the gallows of "whatsoever my heart desires", then let the people mourn and weep for oppression.

"Forced to listen," find freedom under the protection of the campus' standards, dismiss your legal and dysfunctional government, then you will not have to cry foul when the decisions you have made smells.

"Jaquita," I suggest that you retain some of your advice and give more thought to your responses. By the way, I stand in approval in what you said to "Anxious and Unknowing" in the same issue.

Kevin Storr

Brisco

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were all dismayed, shocked and deeply saddened to learn that TAMU's board members still deemed it necessary to shove yet another retired general down their throats, totally disregarding their expressions of disgruntlement and protests.

How can Prairie View A&M University ever have a real chance for growth and prosperity and in becoming a "first-class institution" when they are stagnated by TAMU's board members who are implementing their own personal agenda for PVAMU and continuing to pick and choose the least qualified and the less energized of all the presidential candidates? Prairie View A&M University needs a young, qualified, energetic black male who will successfully and aggressively move PVAMU into the 21st Century

as a first-class institution without a name change! PVAMU needs a leader not a bootlicker!

The TAMU Board members continue to discriminate against the young, qualified, strong-willed and energetic black males, while favoring the more passive, older and retired males who are afraid to say "no" to their superiors and will not challenge their hidden agenda.

TAMU is an institution of prosperity and growth, a "first-class institution"; PVAMU is an institution stagnated by TAMU's Board of Regents members who have marked PVAMU for destruction.

By appointing Dr. Hines as PVAMU's president, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT PRAIRIE VIEW WILL BECOME A REALITY; A NAME CHANGE IS CLOSER NOW IN BECOMING A REALITY THAN ANY STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF OR ALUMNI COULD IMAGINE!