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# The Panther

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## Miss PV, Donna Tomlinson, on the move

BY NICOLE N. JOHNSTON  
Panther Reporter

This has proved to be a busy semester for Miss Prairie View A&M University, Donna Tomlinson.

The senior marketing and economics major, has been busy representing PV at various administrative and alumni functions, judging talent shows, as well as employing her fantastic singing talent, which is in much demand at our many functions.

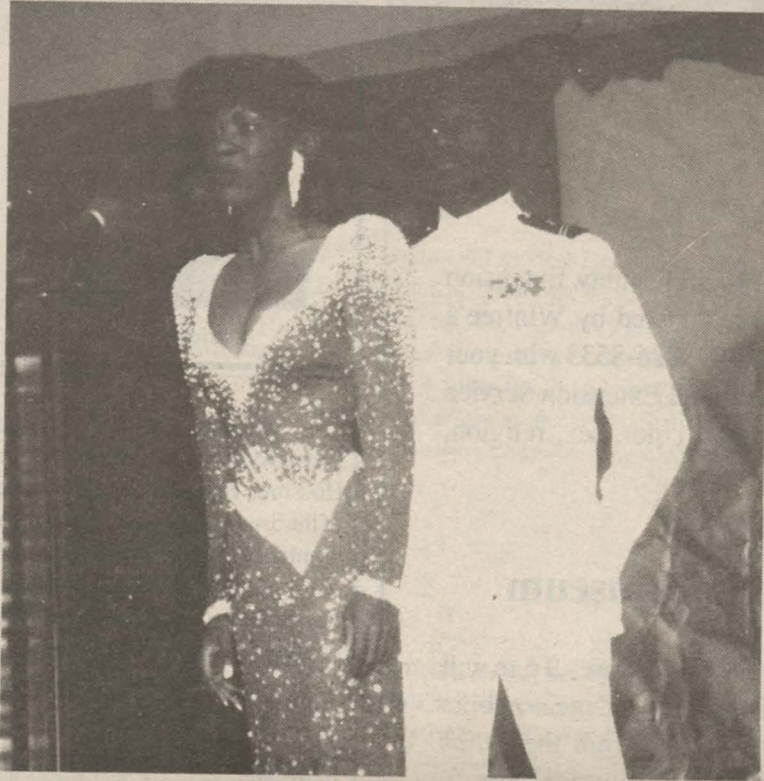
One of her most recent functions was the annual scholarship banquet and at the time of the interview she was looking forward to the King's and Queen's Coronation Ball. "I'm excited about tonight (Nov..2), I don't know if I'll be nervous, but I'm excited," she said looking at her gown.

Tomlinson has plans for next semester which she intends to implement in collaboration with Demetric Mass, Mr. Prairie View.

Her plans include monthly seminars, particularly in freshman resident halls, covering areas such as the level of self-esteem on campus.

"It's either low self-esteem or a misconception of what self-esteem should be," Tomlinson said in regard to the "way we allow ourselves to be treated on this campus by the males...the names that we answer to, and the things that we feel we have to go through to get acceptance from the males on campus. I think it's a major problem."

Tomlinson attributes some of the problem to the fact that upperclassmen are not seen as setting the proper tone for freshmen.



Donna Tomlinson

She said, "The long-term solution for better respect and self-esteem on this campus is to start at the beginning," which is why the seminars will be targeted toward freshmen.

Tomlinson also thinks that freshmen need to know the importance of keeping their G.P.A. up from the start of their college education, in order to avoid the pressure of trying to boost a low G.P.A. in their junior and senior years.

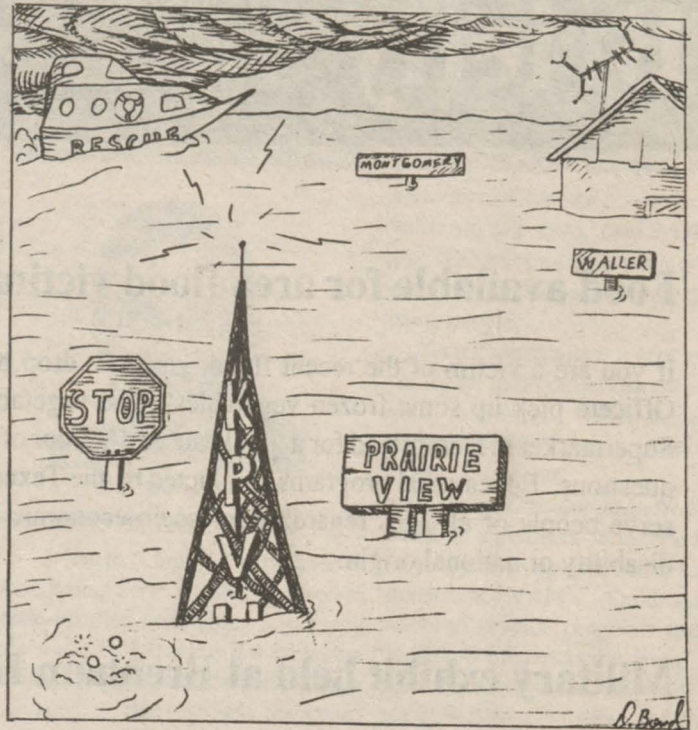
Along with the campus activities board she also plans to have a series of seminars to promote cultural awareness and acceptance of diversity. "I'm an international student, and it's

always going to play a major part in anything I do," she said.

Tomlinson pointed out that, "even though black people would like to think that they don't discriminate against other black people, they really do," and she feels this is due to ignorance since, "many international students are stereo typed...because there are a lot of misconceptions about international students here on campus."

With the help of Officer Dalberg of the campus police, she is also trying to put together seminars or support groups for young ladies in abusive relationships or who have been

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It's KPVU to the RESCUE!!

## KPVU cancels '94 radiothon to get help for flood victims

BY DEREK BOYD  
Panther Reporter

As of noon Friday, Oct. 21, the annual radiothon membership drive held by KPVU 91.3 FM was cancelled.

It was originally scheduled to last from Oct. 16-23 ending at midnight. Due to the extensive flooding, the drive, crucial to operations at KPVU-FM, was discontinued to assist area flood victims.

"Because of the devastation so many of our listeners were experiencing, our campaigns must be placed on a back burner so that we could lend a hand to the communities we serve," stated radio station manager Dr. Lori Gray.

KPVU would like to thank its

listeners for their support in giving donations for the Radio-Thon and bringing clothes for the flood victims.

Carol Barnes-Campbell, development and promotions coordinator at the radio station, said "The drop-off has been a success, and donations are accepted for as long as people need them."

"We are affiliated with Mt. Corinth Baptist Church in Hempstead," Campbell added. "They have a 'meet the needs' center, and all of our things go to them."

Carol Ramirez, a receptionist in the purchasing department on PV's campus, was among the flood victims that KPVU has helped. She lives in an

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PRIDE = RESPECT, SELF-ESTEEM & RESPONSIBILITY

By Tracey Moore

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# NEWSDAY

## Briefly

### Food available for area flood victims

If you are a victim of the recent flood, you can drop by the Waller County Extension Office to pick up some frozen vegetables. The vegetables were donated by Winfree's Supermarket in Hempstead for a good cause. Call our office at (409) 826-8533 with your questions. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

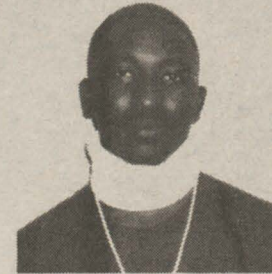
### Military exhibit held at Brenham Heritage Museum

This special exhibit which opened with a preview night on Nov. 2, from 7p.m. - 9 p.m will run through to Nov. 21. Featured during this time will be WWII artifacts and memorabilia from the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredricksburg, Texas and also from the Texas National Guard. This part of the exhibit will run through to Nov. 7. On Saturday, Nov. 5, "A soldiers life in the 10th Texas Volunteer Infantry, CSA" will be given by Nick Ryder of Atlanta, Ga., between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 11, "A Living History" will be given at the Blinn College Student Center, Conference Room, which will include a fly-over by the F-16s of the Texas Air National Guard. To follow on the Nov. 9 will be Civil War exhibit - starting with a WWI exhibit on Nov. 16 to be followed on the Nov. 21 by the Republic of Texas exhibit which will close the show. For further information please contact the Brenham Heritage Museum at (409) 830-8445 or Donna Lange at (409) 836-6098.

## Key Dates

- Nov. 4** Final Installment Due
- Nov. 13-19** International Student Week
- Nov. 13-18** African-American Film Festival
- Nov. 14** Administrative Withdrawal

## People



Valkieith Winters

Hempstead, Texas. Winters has a positive outlook on life: knowing that he must sometimes take the good with the bad.

Winters has been sitting out the past couple of games due to a car accident on Oct. 5. Winters was driving down University Drive going to his 11:00 a.m. class, when a red Nissan Sentra, hit him from behind.

Winters did not go to the hospital immediately, because he didn't feel hurt. Unfortunately, two days later Winters had to be rushed to Cy-Fair hospital after experiencing severe neck pains. While at the hospital he took a series of X-rays which revealed torn neck tissues and ligaments on the left side.

Because Winters was unable to perform with the band, they played a song in the stands to cheer him up, "Talking out of the side of your neck."

Winters is looking forward to returning to his activities and performing in this weekend's homecoming game.

Valkeith Winters is a senior general communications major from Houston. He is a four year member of the band. This year he is serving as drum major. Winters is the president of Kappa Kappa Psi, a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Rho Chi Psi. He is active at PV and in the surrounding community. At PV, Winters works in the Hobart Taylor music department and in Alumni Hall. He also works as a drill team director and coordinator at the Mt. Corinth Baptist Church in

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# NEWSDAY

## Department News

### Donor awareness week

The Sigma Chi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (Tri-Beta) will sponsor Donor Awareness Week, Nov. 7-11, along with LifeGift Organ Donation Center and Dow Chemical Company. Nov. 7-9, display tables will be set up in Alumni Hall to encourage individuals to sign donor cards. On Nov. 10, a forum will be held in the John B. Coleman Library Public Events Room featuring Dr. Charles T. Van Buren, a transplant surgeon from the University of Texas Health Science Center of Houston, Ruth Bell, a donor family member, and Mae Manning, a donor recipient. There will also be a summer research exhibit by biology students who participated in programs this previous summer. Tri-Beta invites the public to participate in the Donor Awareness Week and to give the gift of life.

### \$1.3 million grant for minorities

Displaced defense workers, minorities and the environment will benefit from a new \$1.3 million federal grant awarded to a broad-based consortium led by the Texas A&M University Dwight Look College of Engineering. Developed by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), the Department of Defense Environmental Scholarships/Fellowships and Grants program features two major components benefiting both students and workers, according to project director, Dr. Bill Batchelor. The Texas A&M civil engineering professor is head of the Institute for Environmental Engineering in TEES, a division of the the Texas A&M University System. Over the next three years, scholarships and fellowships will be awarded for undergraduate and graduate students in environmental engineering at Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M, and Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Current and former defense employees and military personnel will be preferred for the student awards. About a third of the awards will be dedicated to minority students. In addition to the Texas A&M University System participants, consortium members include the Texas Coalition for Occupational Health and Safety, the Texas Environmental Health Association, the Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans, Houston Works, and Babich & Associates. The program is scheduled to begin in 1995.

## Faculty



J. Thomas Smith

J. Thomas Smith, the director of Counseling Services, along with other state-certified counselors, is offering the students of Prairie View the option of utilizing their services to help alleviate some of the problems associated with college life.

Smith is a clinical psychotherapist, who deals with emotional problems from a therapeutic perspective. Smith said there are many challenges that lie ahead of him. "The greatest problem I see, is that African-Americans have not been socialized to use counseling as a means of solving their problems. Many individuals think that you have to be mentally-insane in order to seek help from a counselor," he said.

Smith said students perceive the counseling department at PVAMU, as a means of solving their academic problems. "If an individual's emotional problem is related to their academic

performance, we (the counselors) are willing to help them," said Smith. He also said that spirituality plays an integral role in the healing process for many people.

"One's spirituality is a very important factor in his or her current condition," said Smith. Smith chooses to utilize a wholistic perspective when treating his clients.

Smith also considers an individual's health as a pertinent factor. He has a very important agenda ahead for the students at PVAMU. Smith said he wants to provide programs that are geared to help students learn more about themselves. The Office of Counseling Services will sponsor a variety of programs throughout the semester: Nov. 23, a workshop on stress management will be held at 6 p.m. in Drew Hall; Nov. 30, a workshop entitled "Holiday Blues and Depression" will be held at the John B. Coleman Library in the Public Events Room at 3 p.m.

Every Wednesday, workshops dealing with alcohol and drug education are offered in room 100 of L.O. Evans Hall. If students would like to schedule an appointment with a counselor, contact J. Thomas Smith at 857-8217 or visit the first-floor of L.O. Evans Hall at the Office of Counseling Services.

## Beyond The Hill

### Blacks respond to Rwanda

The most sustained Rwanda relief effort by a black American organization has been mounted by Washington, D.C.-based Africare, the oldest and largest non-profit organization specializing in aid to Africa. This organization has been in Rwanda for 10 years, long before the crisis erupted.

Currently the organization is engaged in a massive recruitment drive for medical volunteers, including physicians, nurses and paramedics willing to work in Rwanda for approximately three months. A great deal of support has also come from Black churches. Through this aid to

Rwanda African Americans have dispelled the myth of being content with others solving our problems.

### Thomas controversy resurfaces

Three years after Clarence Thomas was narrowly confirmed to the Supreme Court by the Senate, questions are still being raised about his character. Apparently some people still have doubts of Thomas' denial of sexual harassment charges made against him by Anita Hill.

A new book, *Strange Justice the Selling of Clarence Thomas*, provides interviews with friends and acquaintances of Anita Hill who attempt to corroborate her assertions of

harassment and depictions of Thomas as a man obsessed with pornography and crude sexual language.

The contrasting views of Thomas as a liar or a victim have sparked bitter accusations between liberals and conservatives.

### NAACP, ask for huge donations

The NAACP called on organization leaders, members and corporate supporters to contribute to a massive fund drive aimed at retiring its \$3.8 million debt by the end of the year.

The announcement, by Interim Senior Administrator Earl Shinhoster, came two days after the financially troubled civil-rights orga-

nization furloughed 88 of its paid staff for at least two weeks because it said it could not meet the payroll.

The "austerity plan" announced by Shinhoster is the latest move by the 85-year-old NAACP to shore up a reputation tarnished by its financial crisis.

### New National Urban League chief

The 84-year-old National Urban League has a new president. Hugh B. Price is the seventh person to take the helm of the nation's second largest social service and civil rights organization.

The 52-year-old lawyer and former Rockefeller Foundation executive replaces long-time Urban League

John E. Jacob, who retired after a 30-year stint with the League, and 12 years as its president.

Price's appointment as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League comes as a fundamental turning point for the organization. Under his leadership, Price says, the league will concentrate on better positioning blacks for economic and social gain.

All information was taken from the October issue of *Ebony Magazine* and the Nov. 3rd issue of the *Houston Chronicle*.

# NEWSWEEK

## UTMB expands women's health care services at P V center

BY DEMETRIS L. HOLDEN  
Panther Reporter

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) is offering a full range of women's health services

to the Prairie View community from the Owens-Franklin Health Center.

"The nurses and staff would like to inform everyone that the pre-natal and maternity units are now located on the second floor," said Rocelyn Watson, registered nurse at

the health center. "A lot of students use these services but don't know about the changes," she said.

"Students sometimes walk in and expect to be waited on. But they must first get a copy of their medical records and come upstairs to the pre-

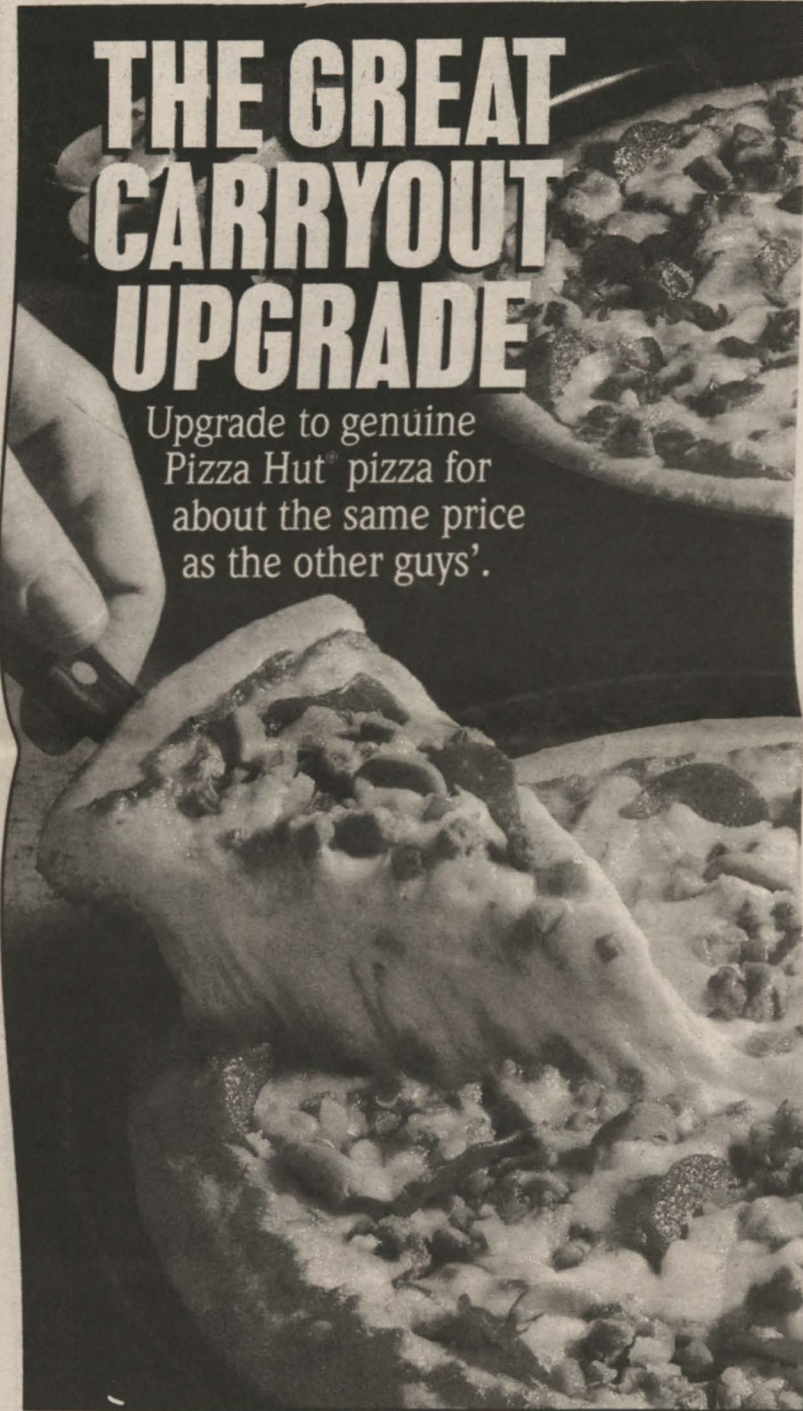
natal and maternal units," Watson said.

Services offered at the center include high and low-risk pre-natal care, family planning, STD screening and treatment.

The Owens-Franklin Health center does not accept walk-ins—an appointment must be made in advance.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-543-0142. This call goes to the UTMB, Galveston. Ask for the Prairie View A & M campus facility.

The Owens-Franklin Health Center is open for pre-natal and maternal care Mondays-Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nurse practitioner Judy Smith and Nurse Watson are available for questions.



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# NEWSWEEK

## Drug seminar stresses need to communicate

Hobart Taylor Auditorium was packed for the drug awareness seminar sponsored by the Office of Counseling and Multicultural Services and the Department of Public Safety: Crime Awareness Division.

Guest speakers for the seminar were Walter Redman, task force agent, Houston Police Department-narcotics division; Don Deblanc, case agent, HPD-narcotics division, and Wilmon Smith, narcotics division, Department of Public Safety.

This seminar was an interactive session between students and law enforcement, which proved to be much needed in an area where communication is lacking. Students commented that not much positive communication occurs between the



Don DeBlanc, Walter Redman and Wilmon Smith speak about drugs.

general public and law enforcement. It appeared that only negative communication occurs in most cities, from Houston and Dallas to New York, from some comments.

Thanks to all for your continued support and your efforts to both educate and prevent substance abuse on Prairie View's campus.

We hope to bring more interactive seminars to our university. Your comments, views and ideas are very important to us.

Special thanks to Professor Edwards and the PV Band for their attendance. While most of their time is taken practicing for those spectacular half-time performances. Their attendance was greatly appreciated.



Wilmon Smith

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# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

### William Handy "Father of the Blues"

BY DAVID MCGREGOR, II  
Panther Reporter

Mechanical) College as their  
bandmaster.



William Christopher Handy

A talented and dedicated composer, W.C. Handy is credited with bringing the sound of Black Americans to the ears of the mainstream audience of the nation. He was among the most respected musicians of his day. He was a major force in the music industry in the early 1900s.

Handy was born Nov. 16, 1873 to ex-slaves in Florence, Ala. In accordance with his staunch Christian parents, the youth studied organ as a child and played mostly gospel tunes in his early years. He attended the Florence District School for Negroes and learned music theory in addition to his formal musical training.

In his high school years, Handy rode the fence—his love of minstrel music led him to defy his parents strong dislike of secular music. He frequented in the activities of brass bands and minstrel troupes on the town, but still held on to his roots, still singing with church groups.

In 1891, Handy left Florence to earn his reputation. Drawing upon inspiration from his minstrel experience and ragtime music, he became one of the best trumpeters in the nation by playing in several bands. At the turn of the century, he taught at Alabama A&M (Agricultural and

Composing music since his teens, Handy gained valuable experience through arranging and composing music in important capacities throughout the South and other regions and settled in Memphis, Tenn. There, he toured in his own right and seemed to take over music entertainment in the city as a booking agent for black musicians.

In 1908, Handy formed a music publishing company and paved the way for the public acceptance of Negro folk blues as we know and love them today. Among the bigger hits published by Handy: Memphis Blues (1912), St. Louis Blues (1914), and the piece that earned the nickname—The Beale Street Blues (1917).

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### PV and the dilemma of the Texas "Negro"

First in a two-part series

BY F. DONALD JACKSON

Special to The Panther

Please indulge me to share a few thoughts with you on the dilemma of the Negro race in Texas and the role of PVAMU necessary to resolve it.

I used the word Negro intentionally to call attention to the central question facing the African-American, which is, self-determination vs. assimilation. I also wanted to generate a more focused debate on "what we should call ourselves," as a reflection of what we have become.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents has selected a new President for PVAMU. He will be the sixth Negro president to serve as the head of this great institution. Prior to 1948 (or the first seventy-two years: 1876-1948), the president of Texas A&M University was the president of Prairie View A&M University, and the administrator in charge at PVAMU was referred to as "The Principal."

Both the Negro principals and the negro presidents of PVAMU have made their marks on education history in Texas and will be remembered as great men and leaders of their race. TAMU's Board of Regents has always been careful in the selection of this significant leader and had to know that it was "safe" to invest power and prestige in this person. They had to be assured that this appointed leader

would do what they thought "was best" for PVAMU and as implied what "was best" for the Negroes of Texas. (Until 1948 with the establishment of Texas Southern University, PVAMU was the only state-supported university for Negroes. It has been stated that "If one needed an example as to the extent of the commitment by the state of Texas, to the higher education of its Negro citizens, one only had to look at Prairie View and its history as that example.")

It is important to understand, that following the Civil War, the central question facing white America (north and south) was, "what to do with the newly freed Negro slaves." Some advocated getting rid of the Negro, while others promoted the idea of raising them up to the level of wage earners, the same as was done with the serfs in Europe. Wage earners fit better in an industrialized society because they have purchasing power, while slaves had to be provided for and limited the potential for the development of strategic markets. Texas eventually was convinced to adopt the latter position and in its constitution of 1876 authorized the provision for establishing a university for white males and one for its colored citizens. TAMU opened in 1876 with six white males enrolled (and would only admit white males during nearly all of its first 100 years) Alta Vista College for Colored Youth (PVAMU)

opened in 1878 with eight African males enrolled. (The first black females were admitted in 1879). TAMU set out from day one to develop white male leaders. This was a very purposeful and deliberate mission to ensure the continued uplift and existence of their culture and kind. This was and is "self-determination."

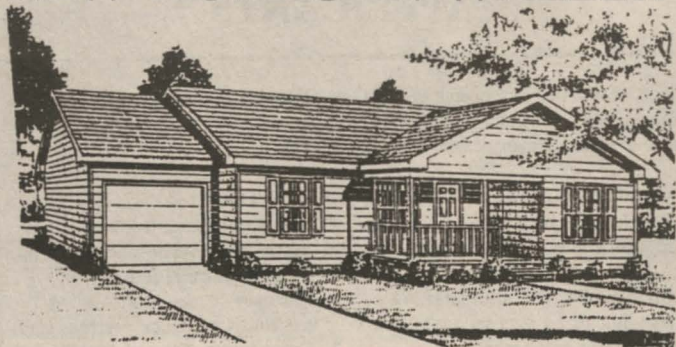
PVAMU or Alta Vista as it was known then was "still born". White leaders couldn't decide how to do what was envisioned. Some said "teach them (the Negroes) how to perform basic industrial skill with their hands," others advocated, "a higher learning in the industrial arts and agriculture." Still others pushed for "teacher education, that was somewhat watered down." For there was an abiding fear that if whites gave the Negro too much knowledge, they would not only be a "political menace" but an "economic menace" as well. The compromise was a little of each. No respect was given to the legitimate aspirations of the Negro. No "self-determination".

The first eight students at PVAMU didn't finish the first year to completion, they had to return home to help their families with the "cotton pick". This caused a TAMU Board member to remark "that the Negro is not ready for higher education."

It must also be noted that twelve years prior to the opening of Prairie View it was illegal for the Negro to be educated in many parts of the

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### NEW HOMES IN WALLER



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# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

### Radiothon

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apartment in Waller County off Highway 290.

"It [the flood] pretty much wiped me out," said Ramirez. "I had about three to three and a half feet of water in some areas. It destroyed most of my furniture and papers."

"The donations were very useful," continued Ramirez. "They gave me clothes and sleepers for my grandkids who just got here a few months ago, their stuff was sitting on the floor. KPVU has done a lot!"

Carol Ramirez would like to thank KPVU-FM as well as her department and people across campus. "I appreciate it. My kids appreciated it. Through them, it really started the ball rolling. All of Prairie View has been great," she concluded.

KPVU has not yet reached their goal of \$10,000 for their Radio-Thon membership drive. Although the drive has ended, donations are still needed and will be accepted for some time to come.

If anyone would like to contribute to the relief effort for flood victims, please call KPVU-FM at (409) 857-5411. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the studio located at Hilliard Hall on PV's campus.

### Handy

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Handy's music—that which he performed on his own and that which he wrote—received nationwide attention, and he used his influence in the music industry to promote black composers of all types. He was responsible for a 1928 showcase of black music held at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The entire spectrum available at the time was included—from the plantation songs to orchestral works. Later Handy's productions involved network broadcasting by NBC (National Broadcasting Company).

Within his lifetime, streets, theaters and schools were named after W.C. Handy.

A 1943 accident left Handy blind, but did not stop his musical activity. This very busy music man continued his career as producer, publisher, composer and bandleader until his death in 1958. Two years later, the United States issued a postage stamp in his honor.

(Source: Father of the Blues (Autobiography), Encyclopedia of Black Music)

### Dilemma

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south and in numerous cases, if one was caught reading or writing, the punishment would be severe, including public flogging, beating, castration or mutilation. During the first 100 years following the emancipation of the southern Negro (the northern Negro slaves were not freed until the passing of the 13th amendment), the laws and the law enforcers supported discrimination, hangings, and the establishment of a permanent caste

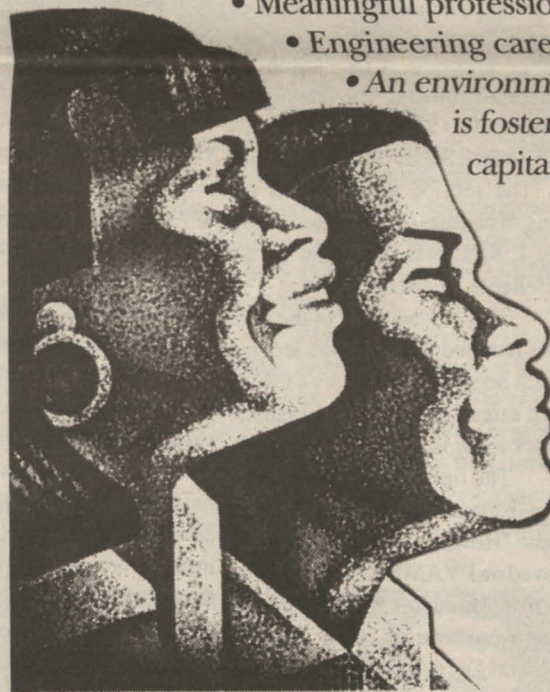
system for Negroes. In politics, the Negroes of Texas have been used and betrayed by both the Democratic and Republican Parties. The record of Negro education, from the primary school to the university, yields clear evidence of a shameful chapter in Texas history of benign neglect. The Presidents of TAMU and their successors, the Chancellors of the A&M System failed shamefully in providing separate but equal education for TAMU and PVAMU. This negligence has been criminal and in violation of the laws as set forth in the

constitution of the state. But since white leaders in power, for whatever reason, were in one accord in perpetrating this act of miseducation, the assumed goal could have only been the alteration or reshaping of the legitimate cultural development of the African-American. To arrest their development as a free thinking human being, driven by his unchained will towards self-determination, to rise to a place of power locally, in the state, in the nation and the world.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Homecoming Events 1994

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- 6:00 p.m. Mock Funeral and Pep Rally, Alumni Hall/MSC Quad
- 7:00 p.m. Alumni Banquet, Memorial Center Ballroom \$
- 7:30 p.m. CSO/PAN Stepshow (Big Mello & The Black Monks)\$
- 10- 3 a.m. BabyDome Party \$
- 2:00 a.m. Alumni Breakfast Dance, Newman Center \$

### Saturday, Nov. 5

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast in Alumni Hall \$
- 9:30 a.m. Homecoming parade, 3rd Street & University Drive
- 11:30 a.m. Parents Round-up, Alumni Hall-West Wing
- 1:30 p.m. Football Classic--PV vs. Tarleton, Blackshear Field \$
- 7-1:00 a.m. Homecoming Concert BabyDome \$

### Sunday, Nov. 6

- 9:00 a.m. AIDS Benefit Walkathon

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## All-male experience is a success at PV



Charles Lewter

ence theme "Visions of Brotherhood: Future and Progress" and how the rites of passage program at his church as helped some brothers. The director of the University Choir, Curtis Everett Powell, led the AME '94 all-male chorus. The service also featured the lighting of candles for deceased brothers by L.K. Lewis, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The second night of the conference featured Hutchinson's lecture, in which he spoke on society's different and effective ways to assassinate the black male image.

The final evening of the conference featured a panel discussion on the topic "How can the male image be improved on PVAMU's campus?" The most inspirational messages of the evening were brought by Dr. Freddie Frazier and Dr. Imari O'Badele.

Lewter said, "I think for the first one it was a success, but I wish I would have had more male participation." The All Female Experience is coming in March. Details to follow.

Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel recently held its first annual AME '94 (All Male Experience) conference featuring Dr. William Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Author of "The Assassination of the Black Male Image" and various university leaders.

The conference began with the "Ecumenical Worship Experience" in which Lawson spoke on the confer-

## Tips for renting a car

BY TEXAS ATTORNEY  
GENERAL DAN MORALES

Nowadays many of us begin our holidays season journeys at the airport terminal and end at the car rental counter

If you choose to rent a car, you may find that a significant portion of the rental cost may be for additional collision and liability insurance. Are the added expenses of these extra insurance policies necessary?

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### YOUR OPTIONS

You may not need any of the insurance offered by the companies, and be able to save a considerable sum. On the other hand, you may find benefits

## WHAT'S THE FLAVA?

By George Spillman, Jr.

U.G.K. UNDERGROUND KINGZ  
"SUPER TIGHT"  
LABEL : JIVE RECORDS  
PRODUCTION : PIMP C. AND BUN B.

If herb essence, slammin' lac doors and pimping is what you want more of, I recommend that you indulge in the Underground Kingz' latest release, "Super Tight". It's an extremely impressive follow-up to previous releases made this summer, such as Big Mike's "Somethin' Serious", big Mello's "Wegonfunkwichamind", and 8-Ball and M.J.G.'s "On the Outside Looking In."

"P.A. (Port Arthur) ZAGGIN Worldwide", was their debut album and flexed hits as "Pocket Full of Stones", which was featured on the "Menace 2 Society" soundtrack. Big Mitch, a former Prairie View student, wrote several songs on that album and is releasing his own solo debut soon.

Clear high-hat and crisp snare drums are present throughout this album. The lyrical technique and delivery are mirror images from the previous the album with few moderations or changes.

This album paints a picture of a storyteller, surrounded by a group of eager listeners, telling old stories of southern ghetto life. "It's Supposed to Bubble", is about the mellow side of urban existence and the carefree lifestyle of a big-time hustler. It has one of the year's catchiest choruses: "IT'S THE DOM PERIGNON, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BUBBLE/ IT JUST BE LIKE THAT SOMETIMES". "Feds in Town", is a tune that uses the beat sample from the Beastie Boys' "Paul Revere". It chronicles the many confrontations to be avoided in the game of drug dealing.

The sequel to U.G.K.'s claim to fame "Pocket Full of Stones" was a big disappointment. It comes off as being a more commercial version of the original and does not possess the same underground feel. The jam that redeems this album from its horrible remake and is currently receiving heavy rotation on the air waves is "Front Back and Side To Side". Each rapper on this song tells, in detail, what features adorn their cars, from switches to their chrome bumper kits and rag-tops.

My favorite cut on this album has a somewhat subliminal message in the chorus: THE POLICEMEN ARE YOUR FRIENDS/ THEY'RE HERE TO PROTECT AND SERVE. "Protect and Serve" is a song filled with sarcasm, Bun B. and Pimp C. make light of how the Port Arthur Police continually harass the Afro-American youths of the city, a situation that has made national headlines. The Texas Golden Triangle is known for producing "dope" hits and they didn't fail us with U.G.K.'s new album.

Of course, this album has the usual song which demeans women, but "what rap album would be complete without at least one." "I Left It Wet For You," is a song where one man very impolitely tells another that he just had sex with his woman. Now, that's a bitter pill to swallow but overall this album digests pretty easily. So if you're into mellow funk-filled grooves loaded with southern flavor, U.G.K.'s "Super Tight" should be on your "CD's to Get" list.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Bluesy weekend: what to do?

BY PASSION HURD  
AND NAKITA WANZA  
Panther Reporters

What is there to do on campus on the weekends? This is a question that lingers all over the campus of PV.

Students who live out of state or don't have transportation can't seem to find anything to do when their roommates go home and the campus is nearly deserted.

The campus activity board said, "We plan things on the weekends, but people don't show." So they end up losing money and waste time in planning.

There were movies shown every Sunday, but once again students didn't seem interested. So movies

were moved to weekdays on Wednesday. Still, students complain that there are no activities on weekends.

Also, activities were planned last month on the weekends such as: YSB's and OutKast's visit to PV.

When asked what she would like to see happen on the weekends, senior Jomela responded, "I'd like to have things such as a field day."

There are many activities in the works such as: Fun Flicks, an opportunity to make your own video; homecoming events, which last from Oct. 30-Nov. 5; and two new dating games designed to create new friendships.

What it all boils down to is that "students just have to get involved!" said Freddie Roberts, director of student activities.

## PV choir announces '94-95 concert season

The Prairie View A&M University Choir, under the direction of conductor Curtis Powell, has announced its concert season.

Here is a listing of the choral events: **Christmas at PVAMU**, Dec. 11, 1994 7 p.m., Hobart Taylor Recital Hall—a harp and organ prelude opens a traditional Christmas concert featuring

the PV choir (free), the PV Men's Ensemble, and the PV Women's Ensemble (accompanied by a string chamber orchestra); **"In Celebration and Remembrance" Black History Month Concert**, Feb. 18, 1995 4 p.m., Hobart Taylor Recital Hall, a musical tribute in celebration of the lives of African-American composers, arrangers and

choral conductors. The concert will feature music written and arranged by African-American composers (sacred, secular, spiritual & gospel); **The Annual University Choir Spring Concert**, May 3, 1995, Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at 7 p.m. An evening of choral music which will feature music that will be heard in the choir's 1995 spring tour of the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana—May 15-28, 1995.

## 'Visions of Stardom'

BY ANGEL BROWN  
Panther Reporter

The department of student activities at Prairie View will host the fifth annual "Visions Of Stardom" concert to promote and expose PV's student talent to the world. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, in the university fieldhouse.

This year's producer is Derrick D. Ross, a graduate student at PV pursuing his master's degree in business administration. "There's plenty of talent here at Prairie View and it would be a shame to see it all go to waste," said Ross. "Visions is a way to push the talent we have on campus out in society and for them to make a name for themselves as well as for the university," Ross said.

Visions will soon have a compilation CD distributed to record companies and stores nationwide. The CD will feature all original songs from the past and present Visions concerts. They're currently trying to go on tour and are seeking corporate sponsorship to fund some of their traveling expenses.

The department of student activities and Honda Campus All Star

Challenge are funding expenses such as production costs, staging, and costumes for the event. The night performances will include the Knappy



Head Kuzinz, Donna Tomlinson, Rapor, X-Perteze, Norton Campbell, Fae Nash, Alfred Fulton, Yvette McMahon, Todd Thomas and Nu-Jak Jazz. There will also be a special guest recording artist. Tickets will go on sale for \$3 with a student I.D. card and \$5 for general admission.

Fae Nash, a current Vision participant, is looking forward to this year's concert. She said she loves to perform and sing so all of this is fun for her. Last year was her first time traveling with Visions to Beaumont, Texas and she said it was a learning experience.

## Hutchinson on male bashing

BY CHADWICK DAVIS  
Panther Reporter

*The Assassination of the Black Male Image* by Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D., is an examination of a growing phenomena of black male-bashing. Hutchinson says that the pictures painted by the media of black males are systematic exploitations of the image of black males. He also states that some black women writers such as Terri McMillan have contributed to slandering the name of black males in America. Hutchinson says that this is not a new trend in American media. He says the problems, or ills of society are always linked to the black community, more specifically to the black male.

There are many important fresh ideas presented in Hutchinson's evaluations of the black male's image. All of his opinions are valid and heavily backed by concrete, factual information. His book is a definite eye-opener, and can be used as a valuable learning device for all Americans. However, this publication is a must for black males and females. Hutchinson looks to stimulate awareness in black Americans while placing a mirror in the face of white America's racist masses. Some may call his account exaggerated, full of anger, and biased. In my opinion, Hutchinson has only done what black males have been taught not to do. He has intelligently expressed his concern for the image of his kind. Hutchinson has taken the first step in restoring some honor to black males in American society.

## PV Top Ten

MUSIC CHITS	1. Front Back.....UGK
	2. I Never Seen a Man Cry .....Scarface
	3. Player Player.....Big Mike
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	6. Practice What You Preach.....Barry White
	7. Thuggish Ruggish Bone.....Thugs 'N' Harmony
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SCORPIO

# SPORTS

## We must support our football team



BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
Panther Reporter

It has been said that, "Football is religion in Texas." So, where is the PV congregation?

Students attest the half-time exodus of 'faithful fans' to the Panthers' losing streak. But is loss a suitable reason for abandonment?

If PV had no football team, then what? Would track, tennis, or volleyball become the next target? The point is that athletes, in all sports, work hard; they really do.

Late night cramps, muscle spasms, nausea, torn ligaments, lungs filled with humid, mosquito-infested air, and rashes from sticker-weeds, are minor

aggravations which add up when combined with the stress of being constantly taunted and ridiculed by the institution that should be behind them when all others have gone.

Athletics is about 'heart' at PV, it is most definitely not about money or scholarships, just heart—the kind that pumps spirit.

What better time to make amends than now? This is homecoming week, and "home is where the heart is". Let Tarleton State know that PV has heart, and we stand together. From this point on, let the world and every competitor know that PV has heart.

Now is the time to support the football team, it is never too late. We do not compete to lose, but sometimes we must lose in order to understand the value of the real winner within us.

The losses of our team should serve as a test: to see how faithful we [students and faculty] will remain. We have won in spirit, but one day, hopefully this Saturday, we will win on the field.

And even though it is frustrating to lose, we must not be ruled by frustration, it must not divide students, faculty, and players. Win or lose, we are one.

United we play, divided we are nothing.

## Students Respond to the Track 'Stipend' Controversy



Charlette Jones  
Sports Editor

pend for themselves.

Several athletes that I talked to were willing to speak off the record about this, but felt that they would "catch some heat" from the coaching staff, or Barbara Jacket if their names or sports were associated with their comments.

It is basically out of fear that something negative will happen to them, that they will not come out and say that this process is wrong. I have the utmost respect for Ms. Jacket, but she is wrong for allowing these special favors for some track athletes to take place.

Students who have waited and waited for PV to win a football game, or have a winning basketball season were upset that the opportunity to achieve this has been there, but was mismanaged by upper level administrators and directors because they were biased when handing out funds.

I already discussed the lack of alumni support, and the failure of season ticket sales to help reinstate athletic scholarships. I offer a suggestion: I challenge the athletes, and students to submit alternative ways to me to raise money to reinstate athletic scholarships, and to make these scholarships available to all sports and to both genders. Address all comments to The Panther in Hillard c/o the sports editor.

If you didn't read my last article, you probably heard about the controversy I started. The facts presented were very interesting to several students and athletes, and a relief to coaches and administrators who knew about the track stipends given to a handful of women track athletes, but could say or do nothing about it. It was called one of the best kept secrets at PV.

Now that the truth has been told about the women's track stipends, several students and athletes have become angry and upset that our athletic director is looking out for the well-being of a handful of women track athletes and leaving the other sports to

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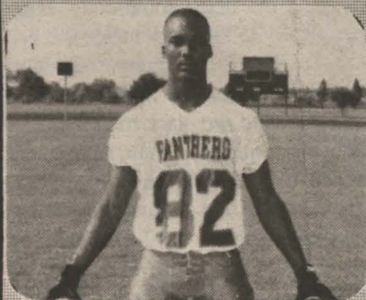
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### From The Field



Eric Jones

"It has been said before, but our team is definitely improving weekly. I feel that when we can come together we will win. We play hard every week, and our hard work and dedication is going to pay off this homecoming. Come support us, and stay for the third and fourth quarter."



Calvin Banks

"I feel that the team has finally realized that there are no big "I,s", and little "u's". We need each other to win. So as my mother used to tell me, 'Time brings about a change,' and it is our time!! November 5 at 1:30 at Blackshear field. BE THERE!!!"



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# VIEWPOINTS



## Dear Jaquita

Dear Jaquita,

My girlfriend and I aren't as close as we used to be. In high school we had the same set of friends and we still do. The problem is that those friends are not real friends anymore and it is tearing my boyfriend and me apart.

Although she goes to TSU we spend a lot of time together, alone and with our friends. Some people in our high school "click" are here at Prairie View and most of the others are at TSU.

Here's the problem. Our friends who used to be couples aren't any more and some of those who still are have been unfaithful to each other. My girlfriend hears all the TSU dirt and I hear all the PV dirt. We get into arguments about other peoples' problems and what they should do about them.

Not talking about it makes it worse. If I say we both should stay out of it she gets mad. She assumes

that I have something to hide from her. She gets suspicious about what I'm doing when I am not with her. I guess she thinks that I will be tempted to do the things our friends have done.

Signed,  
O.P.P.

Dear O.P.P.,

You and your girlfriend need to evaluate the situation. Your friends are individuals and so are you and your girlfriend. You were individuals with lives independent of each other before you met.

Hopefully, when you got into your relationship you were still individuals. As individuals, you must agree to disagree. Although your concerns may be the same your opinions obviously are not.

As for being accused of doing what your friends do, you two really need to talk. Your girlfriend may be insecure in your relationship. Make sure that your relationship has that security and stability. But, "one is often characterized by the company one keeps."

Your relationship should be more important to you than someone else's relationship. You can learn from other people's mistakes. If it is an issue important to you both, discuss it. It will save a lot of time you may waste arguing.

## Why must we talk about those who dress differently?

Dear Editor,

I want to know why people on campus worry about another person's attire? I must say that I am not petite, small-statured, nor am I a "skin-and-grin" female, but atleast my attire suits me. I so not dress like a "two bit trick". My skirts go to or past my knees. Last month I wore a skirt to class accompanied by a black blouse and a scarf which draped across my shoulder. As I walked through the yard I became the topic of everyone I passed. Overhearing two different cliques talk of me when I passed. Asking each other, "why did I come outside my room with that on, she knows black people don't wear stuff like that," and the other comment that almost sent me back to the groups was, "She doesn't need to go to class with that on." If females on campus worry about their attire the yard would be a lot nicer to walk through during rush hour (early in the morning).

Why do people talk about those who are dressing different than themselves? I am tired of looking like every Michelle, Chaun'ta, and Natasha on campus. I want to be different but I should not have to be the topic of

everyone's midday talk show in the yard. Nobody ever talks about the female that looks like she painted her pants on or holds her breath while walking in the yard wearing a skirt that is three sizes too small, or five inches too short! Since I've been here that's all everyone talks about on the yard besides whose girl ditched what guy and what female made another mad for talking to her man!

Here's a good example. Just last week, Oct. 9, I went to church that morning, I had not changed clothes I had a few more things to take care of before calling it a night. As I was out, three females (you know who you are) stared and laughed as I passed by them. I overheard one of them say, "Now she knows better than that." I would understand if I had something on that was too short for me, I could get passed their childish snickering, but since it was worn to church I see no need to talk or laugh at someone or at their attire.

Well ladies, or should I say girls, I could have truly acted really ghetto, like I did not have any home training. But since none of you are worth community service either 2.5 or

4.5 I saw no need to be bothered with the childish behavior that you and the other girls possessed that night. There's just one question I wish to ask you three is that how you see things in everyday life that is different from what you are used to? If that is the case dormitory life and life on the hill must be hilarious.

I am tired of the childish ways in Prairie View. I left the town to get away from people like the ones I have encountered here, but I see I should have stayed or went to school in my hometown. I came here looking for an education, to meet new people, to support a black college. When will we learn to be one instead of many. Everyone always says black power, but how can there be black power when we can't get black unity? One sister "dawging" another as she strives to be different from the rest of those in Prairie View.

Well, girls, I must bid you a fond farewell, but I'm sure that I will see you in our next mandatory meeting.

Sincerely yours,  
Sharkina E.A.N. Harris

## Blast From The Past



Are these your "folks"?

## Disenfranchisement of the PVAMU Faculty

Prairie View A&M University, an historic black institution in higher education, has distinguished herself as a producer of productive citizens in the annals of Texas. This outstanding university deserves the very best of leadership. During the past ten years, the university has not experienced the presidential leadership that she so rightfully deserves. This great institution had i) a lack of experience and leadership in raising funds in the academic environment; ii) a lack of academic experience that would lead to the development and implementation of academic programs so that her reputation as an institution of the first class could be realized; and iii) the

lack of academic experience that would project her as viable institution in the 21st century.

There is no single group or single individual as capable as the members of the university's faculty who can best determine the university's leadership needs.

Unfortunately, the PVAMU faculty has been overlooked during the entire presidential search process. The Presidential Search Advisory Committee certainly did not reflect the ideas and concerns of the faculty, and selection process was totally disregarded during the naming of the new Prairie View A&M University president. Finally, you have spoken as the

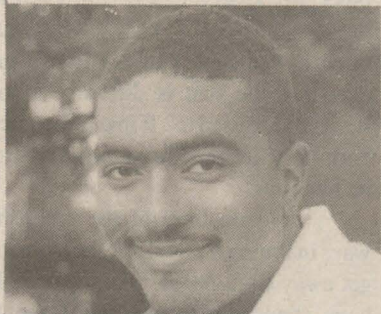
voice of the entire PVAMU faculty. This is wrong and it is unacceptable. Therefore, I request that you conduct a "secret ballot vote" to ascertain the position of the PVAMU faculty with the respect to the naming of Gen. Hines to the presidency of Prairie View A&M University. I am calling for a secret ballot vote of no confidence relative to the naming of Gen. Hines as the new president of Prairie View A&M.

To Dr. Seab Smith, Chair  
PVAMU Faculty Senate  
From Frank T. Hawkins, Professor  
Department of Mathematics

## Comedy Corner

# VIEWPOINTS

## Senioritis runs rampant



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self. Well, I'm not my old self because I'm tired of taking notes, I'm tired of going to classes where teachers hold entire classes talking about themselves or something they did years ago and then ask if there are any questions.

I'm scared because as a senior, I should have my entire life mapped out to reach my goals, but I don't. I'm not saying I have no idea what I'll be doing in the next few years, but traces of uncertainty lead to periods of unwanted anxiety. I'm scared because if things don't work out, what do I tell my parents, the people who have sent me money for the past four years I've been at Prairie View? I'm scared because I know that there are things that I should be doing for my future, but I procrastinate so I may miss some important deadline and end up working at McDonald's like Calvin or standing on a major intersection with a cardboard sign saying I will work for food.

Is there a Seniors Anonymous or something that can help me? I experience bursts of energy and inspiration during which I actually do homework and study, but these periods of time are usually short. I asked some fellow seniors what I could do to get myself out of this rut. One offered me a beer, another gave me directions to a party, and a third told me to take a nap because it always helped her. So I took all of their advice and consequently I missed my early class the next day because I felt I could stay at the party later because I had a nap before I went.

That definitely didn't work, so I turned to the person I knew wouldn't steer me wrong: my mother. She listened to all I had to say and became quiet before she answered. She simply said, "That's really sad and all, but nobody cares. This is the real world and you can't tell your boss that you don't feel inspired." She ended by saying, "Wake-up and get with it because you still can't move back home. And remember I love you."

Again, I must admit that she was right and I've taken her advice for the most part, but it's homecoming and "Brand new flava" is on the yard and I'm about to set it out, set it out, set it out. I guess I'm not completely cured.

Do you have a fear of being unemployed with a degree?

Do you think that if you eat another Alumni burger you will die? Do you think that you can't possibly learn anything else helpful?

Have you acquired the ability to sit in class, daydream, sleep, and still look interested?

If you have any of the above symptoms, then you may be suffering from senioritis. This topic must be addressed because it has become the cause of excessive drinking, absenteeism from class, and it causes a deep anxiety about one's future. One fellow student told me, "If I don't hurry up and graduate I'm going to kill myself." Some may find this humorous, but this is how a large number of seniors feel. I've begun to look at things in terms of "the last." (Last homecoming, last time sneaking in the girl's dorm after hours, last few fraternity meetings, last few football games, last coronation ball, etc.....)

These aren't just fears of other seniors, but fears of my own. I'm lazy, tired, and scared.

I'm lazy because as a senior, I know all about the unneeded stress caused by waiting to the last second to do an assignment or study for a test, but I do. I'm lazy because as a senior, I'd rather sleep until 9:20 a.m. when I have a 9:30 a.m. class and should get up earlier to review. I'm lazy because I'd rather take a nap and miss dinner in Alumni, when I know I'll be hungry by 10:00 p.m.

I'm tired because as a senior, I think that if I attend another meeting where others and myself only end up gossiping instead of handling business, I'm going to become a recluse. I'm pitiful because I'm tired of meeting people and giving "dap" constantly from one area of the campus to another; but if I didn't, then people would say I was acting funny and that I just wasn't my old

## Your vote counts; go to the polls Tuesday

There was a time when people were willing to die for the right to vote. Many of our ancestors went to jail in defense of their basic freedoms.

Is what many of our grandparents, uncles, aunts, mothers, and fathers went through to make the future a better place for us important? Do we take our responsibility of voting seriously?

If it's important, we have a funny way of showing it. Even allowing that we do feel a responsibility to vote, it's obvious it's low on our list of priorities. It seems that we are truly a generation "X". No one seems to be able to predict what the future will be like when our generation, with our lackadaisical attitudes takes over. I know that we don't like to be referred to as generation X, but what are we doing to change that perception.

A great example of our attitude toward voting is our S.G.A. elections held in late September. I was co-chairperson of the S.G.A. elections committee and the elections were held in the bottom of Alumni Hall--- a place where a majority of the student body will pass at least once a day. The response was terrible, not just from the students voting, but from students who failed to take the initiative to get everything they needed to get placed

on the ballots. Some of the classes had very little to no one come forward in time to take leadership positions offered in the S.G.A. As a result, numerous write-in candidates won and tied for positions by two or three votes. Some of our classmates wasted their votes by voting for Deez Nuts to represent them in SGA's Vice-President of Student Affairs or for Connie Chung as class reporter and for various other celebrities and cartoon characters.

What's sad is that these voting traits carry over into state and nation elections where Mickey Mouse has gotten votes.

In our society, when we do decide to vote, we often don't even take the time to find out who we are voting for and what they can do for us. As African Americans, we are what may be called "yellow dog democrats." What that means is that even if a yellow dog were running for office, we would vote for the dog rather than the opposing candidate. I think this practice needs to stop. Yes, it is true that being a republican or a democrat means something, but if the democratic candidate can't or won't do anything for you, it might be good to know this before this candidate is elected.

What I'm trying to say is that it's very important to vote, but what is



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more important is to make your vote count. You would be surprised to know how much power you have with one single vote.

I end with a story I heard a long time ago. There were two old ladies; the first lady woke up about noon and had her servants cook for her and clean up after her. She got in her chauffeur-driven car and went three blocks to cast her vote. The other lady woke up very early, cooked her own food and cleaned her house. She walked three miles and canceled out the other woman's vote. The moral of the story is no matter who you are your vote is just as important.

You have your opportunity to make your vote count Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1994.

## Miss PV

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victims of date rape or rape.

"Date rape and abuse in relationships is very prevalent on campus, much more than we would like to admit," she said.

Most of Tomlinson's plans are scheduled for next semester because the fall semester is a busy one for both herself and Mr. PV. In addition she also has to balance her activities with her schoolwork, which is her priority, and factored into her relinquishing the Miss Black Metroplex title.

"I thought that my education was more important and also, I think I have much more of an obligation to Prairie View as Miss Prairie View," she said.

For those who have been wondering and asking when she will be entering the Miss African Collegiate Pageant, she said that it's not until June '95.

Miss PV wishes everybody a safe homecoming and said, "If you have to drink, please designate a driver." She also stressed that, "It's up to us who are here right now to make it pleasant for the alumni who come."

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)		GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCION GENERAL)
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United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)		<input type="checkbox"/> Martha Whitehead (Dem)
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Fisher (Dem)		<input type="checkbox"/> David Hartman (Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kay Bailey Hutchison (Rep)		Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Terrenos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pierre Bloudeau (Lib)		<input type="checkbox"/> Garry Mauro (Dem)
United States Representative, District 14 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 14)		<input type="checkbox"/> Marta Greytok (Rep)
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Laughlin (Dem)		<input type="checkbox"/> David C. Chow (Lib)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Deats (Rep)		Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura)
Governor (Gobernador)		<input type="checkbox"/> Marvin Gregory (Dem)
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Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)		<input type="checkbox"/> James E. (Jim) Nugent (Dem)
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Attorney General (Procurador General)		Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Vicki Flores (Lib)		<input type="checkbox"/> Buster Crabb (Lib)
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Charles F. Campbell (Dem)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Mansfield (Rep)
		Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Keller (Rep)
		Member, State Board of Education, District 9 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 9)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Patsy Johnson (Dem)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Stevenson (Rep)
		State Senator, District 5 (Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 5)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Turner (Dem)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry T. Thornton (Rep)
		State Representative, District 15 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 15)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Brady (Rep)
		Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 1, Lugar Núm. 1)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Helen Cassidy (Dem)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Taft (Rep)