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The Panther

Becton Announces Retirement After Four Years of Service



President Julius Becton

W. Becton Jr. announced his retirement as president of Prairie View A&M University, the state's second oldest institution of higher education.

Becton and his wife, who were the first graduates of Prairie View to serve as president and first lady, plan to leave PVAMU and the Texas A&M University System on Aug. 31 to allow enough time for an orderly transition for the next administration. Becton cited his age, a desire to reduce activity and to return to his home in Springfield, Va. as his reasons to retire.

Becton said, "...we will continue to be involved in

various volunteer projects and we certainly intend to stay active with the university, to include both the Prairie View A&M University Foundation and the National Alumni

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Association. We will also be available to both the Texas A&M University System and the university if the occasion arises."

Becton came to the university in 1989 when the university was the focal point of a state probe into allegations of funding misuse. Becton was

credited for restoring the university's fiscal credibility after the Pierre administration.

The retired general served almost 40 years as a military man, serving tours

named Becton to a national committee of retired admirals and generals who make recommendations to the president and the secretary on downsizing the U.S. military.

According to William H. Mobley, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, a Presidential Search Advisory Committee will be established before the end of January to assist the Chancellor and Board of Regents in evaluating candidates. The Presidential Search Advisory Committee will include representatives of the student body, faculty, staff and alumni of PVAMU, the president of another university system and a representative of the chancellor's office.



Mrs. Louise Becton

University Release

In a recent memorandum to faculty, staff and students, Lt. Gen. Julius

Summer and Grad School Opportunities Offered



Valeria O'Neal

By Erica Sanders
Panther Reporter

Have you ever wondered what opportunities existed beyond college?

The Benjamin Banneker Honors College of Prairie View A&M University is offering students another option besides entering the competitive job market.

The college will host Graduate/Professional School Career Day on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in west wing of Alumni Hall.

The purpose of the event is to expose interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors to graduate opportunities as well as summer research programs. Summer research programs offer many fringe benefits such as paid travel, living expenses, and stipends ranging from \$1,500 to \$4,000. Students work with special research mentors for a period of six to eight weeks on specialized creative projects.

Valeria O'Neal, Honors Program Coordinator for Benjamin Banneker Honors College said, "Many students think that the career day is restricted to Banneker students only, but this is not

true. Many students fail to gain needed information concerning graduate and research opportunities due to lack of information. This is an opportunity for students to learn about the qualifications needed for graduate and professional programs."

O'Neal advises students to fill out a personal data sheet. The application includes a summary of the student's college work. This application is then given to recruiters from the respective universities.

Dr. Jewel L. Prestage, Dean of Banneker Honors College said, "These Summer Programs provide students with "one on one" experience with an outstanding environment, permit students to get to know potential graduate school admissions

decisions makers first hand, and provide a stipend to substitute for wages students could earn from summer jobs. These are all essential elements in preparation for graduate and professional study."

O'Neal also advises students to decide which field they are interested in, and talk to a recruiter from a particular university offering that discipline.

Prestage said, "the graduate and professional school career day serves as a channel of access to post-baccalaureate education for many PVAMU students.

Interested students should contact O'Neal at ext. 4116/2916 for further information and application materials.



Academy award winner Denzel Washington gives two great performances in *The Pelican Brief* and *Philadelphia*. For a review, see Lifestyles pg. 4.

One-Man Show Honors Life of Dr. King



Bryan H. Barrows

By Erica Sanders
Panther Reporter

Drugs, violence, and the increasing number of Black males in prison, serve as a constant reminder that the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s struggle for equality is not over.

Bryan H. Barrows III, Prairie View A&M University's Director of Public Information appeared to embrace this idea in his one-man play, "Who Was Martin Luther King?"

The play, performed on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 17 in Hobart Taylor Auditorium, was written, produced and performed by Barrows.

The one-man show chronicles the life of King, through the eyes of an elderly man who is disturbed by the notion that his grandson has little knowledge of the life of the civil rights leader.

Barrows wrote the one-man play, while he was an assistant professor of communications at Del Mar College in Corpus

Christi. The project required six years of extensive research, and includes comical anecdotes, and American history.

"Who Was Martin Luther King?" has earned Barrows acclaim from audiences of all ages and ethnic origins. Barrows has performed for large audiences including a crowd of 1,500 teenagers at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin.

Barrows said, "I want people to realize that the struggle is not over. Every person has a responsibility to search their heart, and out of the ills in the world, need to determine which problems they need to be working on."

Enrollment Low; Finances, Academics Cited

Anita Johnson
Panther Staff

Where are all of the old faces? Why are the dorms so quiet? The answer to both questions is tied to the low student enrollment on campus this semester.

In the fall there were approximately 5,600 students enrolled at Prairie View A & M University, according to Ritha Cole of Admissions and Records.

As of Jan. 19, there were 4,535 students enrolled this semester, a drop of 1,065 students.

According to Charles E. Crockett, Assistant Dean of Men, the total number of male students being housed on campus is 1,120. Holley Hall holds 744 men but only about 600 are being housed now. Karla Bryant, Assistant Dean of Women, said, "There are 1,320 females being housed now."

So why is enrollment so low in the spring?

Alan Smith, maintenance coordinator said, "Many students don't return because of financial aid problems and also for academic reasons." Crockett added that, "Students have transferred, many are co-ops, and several graduated in December."

Dwight Conley said that, "Because the atmosphere in college is not like home, students become homesick and return home after their fall semester."

"Binky" Kevin Johnson said, "People aren't here because of their finances."

There are several reasons to explain why students didn't return and many of these reasons will remain unknown. Yet, enrollment will be on the rise in the fall semester because of new students who have been accepted,

Newsday

Briefly

HBO ANNOUNCES WRITERS PROJECT

In a move designed to encourage and cultivate a new generation of multicultural comic writers and performers, Micheal Fuchus, chairman and CEO of Home Box Office, announced the launching of The HBO New Writers Project. The project is designed to reach out nationally to communities through universities, theater groups and writing programs typically underrepresented in the entertainment industry. The deadline for submission of one-act plays to the HBO New Writers Project is Feb. 1. Guidelines for submission may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Steve Kaplan, The HBO New Writers Project, 2049 Century Park East, Suite 4200, Los Angeles, California 90067.

NRC ANNOUNCES RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The National Research Council announces opportunities for scientific research at the postdoctoral and senior postdoctoral levels. Approximately 350 new full-time associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis for research in chemistry, earth and atmospheric sciences, engineering and applied sciences, biological, health, and physics. It is open to both U.S. and non-U.S. nationals. Annual stipends for recent Ph.Ds for the 1994 program year range from \$30,000 to \$45,000 depending upon the sponsoring laboratory. Financial support is provided for allowable relocation expenses. Applications submitted directly to the National Research Council are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. For more information on specific research opportunities and participating federal laboratories, as well as application material please write to:

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ANNUAL GRADUATE / PROFESSIONAL DAY

The Benjamin Banneker Honors College is sponsoring the Annual Graduate / Professional school day in the West Wing of Alumni Hall. Pre-registration forms are required of all participants. All interested sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend. This annual day will be held Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact: Ms. Valeria O'Neal, Banneker Honors College at ext. 4117/2916.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

The creative writing club along with the Departments of English and Foreign Languages is publishing the inaugural edition of the creative writing journal. The journal is tied with the celebration of Black History month, it will feature poems by Prairie View students. If you are interested in submitting your poetry please double-space poems, they should be no longer than two pages and submit no more than two poems per person. Please include full name and a phone number. Poems must be turned in to the English and Foreign Language department by Feb. 4. For further information contact English and Foreign Language office at ext. 2215.

SOONER CONFERENCE PAPERS

The Fifth Annual Sooner Communication Conference at the University of Oklahoma scheduled for March 18-19 will provide an opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students to present their work in a symposium-style. Submit three double-spaced manuscript of research papers, theoretical papers, position papers, extended abstracts, or program proposals in any area of communication. Send manuscripts and \$15 conference registration fee to: Sooner Communication Conference
c/o Athena Smith-Dupre'
Department of Communication
University of Oklahoma, O.K. 73019-0335
or call Smith-Dupre' or Julia Spiker at (405) 325-3111

*Deadline to submit is Jan. 28, Notice of acceptance will be Feb. 4.

SPJ SPRING JOB FAIR

The Society of Professional Journalists is sponsoring a spring job fair in Austin, for college students and graduates as well as professional interest in news positions. Recruiters from newspapers, radio-TV stations and trade publications will be conducting interviews. There is no fee for the job fair; Advance convention registration is \$35 for students and \$50 for professional registration at the door is \$45 for students and \$60 for professionals. For information about the Job Fair call: Griff Singer of the University of Texas at Austin (512) 471-1993.

People



Antoinette Renee Butler

Antoinette Renee Butler, a civil engineering major at PV, is an intern in the project management department in the environmental division at Black and Veatch. She assists with the design and improvement of water treatment facilities, and she also assists other divisions when needed. Her experience is giving her an indispensable introduction to the opportunities available, and not surprisingly, it has also helped her academic studies.

"My program has helped me in deciding what phase of civil engineering I would like to pursue in a master's program," she said.

When asked how she thinks her internship experience is assisting her career, she explained: "My internship is giving me the experience that enables me to have choices when selecting my future employment. It also is preparing me for life as an engineer."

Butler encourages all engineering students to take advantage of internships during their college careers, and if possible, intern with more than one company. "It can help to decide whether or not that particular discipline is for you or even if engineering is for you," she suggested.

Faculty

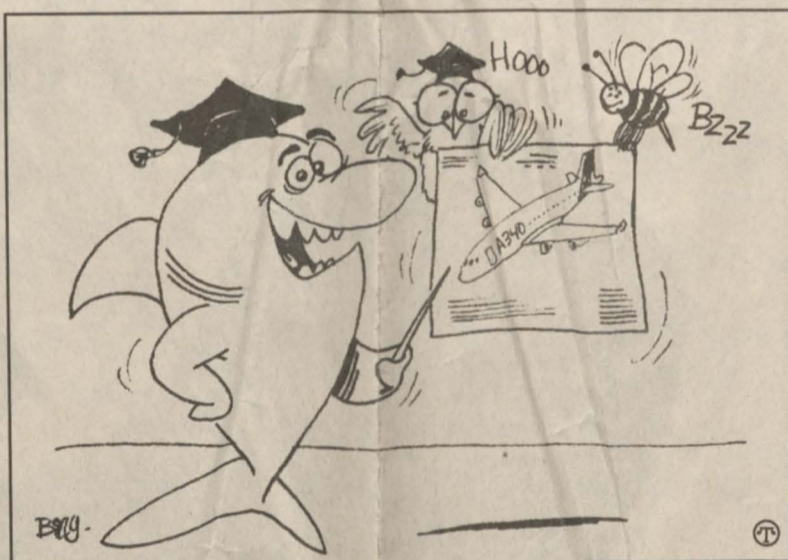
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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Officers are Dr. Dorisula W. Hawkins, Chair; Dr. Clarissa Booker, Vice Chair; Dr. Rena Boss-Victoria, Secretary; and Dr. Frank T. Hawkins, Parliamentarian. Members-at-Large are Dr. Paul Biney, Dr. Troy Daniels, Atty. Ronald Server, and Dr. Seab Smith. Immediate Past President is Mr. Hulen Davis.

Faculty Senate Members are: Professor Yusuf Motiwala, Dr. Troy Daniels, Mr. Massala Reffell, Dr. Seab Smith, Ms. Carol Means, Mr. John Sullivan, Mr. Boyd Minner, Dr. Laurette Foster, Dr. Clinnon Harvey, Dr. Frank T. Hawkins, Dr. Vera King, Dr. George Roberts, Dr. A.D. Stewart, Dr. Imari Obadele (Officer), Mr. Ronald Server (Officer), Mr. Hulen Davis (Immediate Past Chairperson), Dr. Dorisula W. Hawkins (Officer), Dr. Mostafa Soliman, Ms. Jocelyn R. Adams, Dr. Martha Bailey, Dr. Clarissa Booker (Officer), Dr. Emmanuel Obgeide, Dr. Rena Boss-Victoria, Ms. Elsa M. Tansey, Dr. Paul Biney (Officer), Dr. Jouness Jaavidaan, Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni, Dr. Zaher K. Khatib, and Dr. N' Ekwunife E. Muoneke.

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Key Dates

Twelfth Class Day - January 26

TSU vs. PV - January 29

Mardi Gras - Feb. 11-13

P.V. Students Present Papers at Mathfest in Baton Rouge

Antra Cooper

Recently, Prairie View A&M students and faculty participated in Mathfest III, a conference held for undergraduates students majoring in mathematics. The conference was attended by several students and faculty all over the United States.

Sabra Ross, a senior mechanical engineering major and Richard Crews, a senior math/mechanical engineering major, along with Dr. Mary Hawkins, who sits on the board of the National Association of Mathematicians (NAM) were chosen to attend the Mathfest III. NAM sponsored Mathfest III with the major funding provided by the National Security Agency of the Department of Defense.

Hosted by Southern University in Baton Rouge, the conference introduced undergraduate Mathematics majors (mostly seniors) who are American minorities to a unique community of professionals in the area of mathematics. Minority American mathematicians who have established exemplary careers, minority American graduates who are currently doing graduate study in mathematics and representatives from doctoral-granting institutions who are ready to assist, nurture, guide and support the undergraduate American minority mathematics majors who are willing to meet the challenge of doing graduate work in mathematics.

Lectures were given by distinguished professors from various institutions on topics that ranged from

"Funny Numbers" by Donald St. Mary, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts to "Reliability Analysis at NASA" by Johnny Gills, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Reliability Analyst, Ford Aerospace/Loral Space Information Systems.

"I thought the conference was very interesting for students, who would like to go to graduate school, who is already in graduate school or who has finished graduate school on the minority aspect. The conference allows you to ask questions on racism, graduate schools, how to act on an interview for graduate schools and what graduate schools are good for math majors and which ones are not," says Richard Crews

As a part of the program, students were given the opportunity to present papers and projects. Crews presented his technical paper on "Application of Fourier Series", and Ross, presented his technical paper on "Application of the Buckling of Beams". Being 2 of 12 students selected to present out of many who applied from across the country, both students did very well in representing themselves.

"The conference was very enjoying and enlightening. I would highly recommend this conference for those who are math majors," said Dr. Mary Hawkins

For those who are interested in going to next year's conference, you may contact Dr. Freddie Frazier at 4217 or Dr. Mary Hawkins at 4710.

N'COBRA and Creative Writing Club Add Variety and Spice to Prairie View

By Ann Harvey

The Creative Writing Club and N'COBRA, an acronym for the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, are just two of the 69 organizations that are bringing variety and spice to life on the Prairie View A&M campus.

The English and Foreign Language Department recently established the Creative Writing Club in efforts to showcase the writing talent of Prairie View students. The club gives interested students the chance to present their writings to a supportive group of students who will in turn give positive feedback and criticism.

Activities of the Creative Writing Club will include the publication of a creative writing journal and visits to surrounding area schools to hear readings of notable authors.

Writing Club

President, Aaron Davis is very excited about the organization: "I'm happy to see creative writing finally getting major attention on the yard".

Dr. Ted Shine of the Drama Department and Dr. William H. Chapman, interim head of the English and Foreign Language Department are advisors to the club.

"Literature is the one salvation for the Black experience in society," said Chapman. "In order to save that experience we must begin to support new artist who will foster this experience by telling the truth and telling it well. Prairie View A&M University, as an historically Black university has an opportunity to be on the cutting edge of nurturing new artist," he said.

The club is open to everyone. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 242 of the

New Classroom Building.

N'COBRA, the local chapter of which has been around for two years, is currently seeking new members, according to Dr. Imari A. Odedele, an associate professor of political science and the organization's chief sponsor.

N'COBRA is a national organization that was started in 1989 and whose mission is to educate not only Prairie View students, but everyone on the issue of reparations, international law, and the United States Constitution and how it relates to New Afrikans according to an organizational release.

Three ways in which Odedele said that monetary reparations would be used were 1) as payment to families 2) as donations to churches and organizations who have been for two years or more

addressing problems in their community and 3) for economic development in education and industry.

Odedele, said that it is very important to address this issue not only nationally, but locally as well.

"I am very happy that PV students have shown a interest in being a part of the national movement for reparations." The local chapter of N'COBRA meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in room 204 of the Political Science Building.

To obtain additional information about this organization and other aspects of the black reparations struggle, contact

N'COBRA
P.O. Box 62622
Washington, D.C.
20029-2622,

Mr. Kalonji Olusegun.

New Writing Lab for Communications

By Nicole N. Johnston

A new writing lab is to be installed in Hilliard Hall by the end of February.

The lab, which will be set up in room 125, will serve communications majors and minors. Twenty computer stations will be installed for journalism students for writing, editing and layout while 10 others will be designated for audio/visual production which will be utilized by majors and minors in radio and television.

The project, which was proposed for funding in 1992, is funded by the United States Government Education Division for Title III programs which specifically deals with "Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities".

Director of the project and an instructor in the Communications Department, Carol L. Means, said the idea for the project had been around a long time but the department lacked the

encounter in the work force."

"I think that there is an expectation in the industry when a student comes from an HBCU... that we don't have access to the kinds of equipment

think on the computer."

"They (students) will be more up-to-date. They will feel that they are competitive with other people in the country in terms of having state-of-the-art equipment," Fallis said.

The computers to be installed are Macintosh Quadra 800s that have the CD ROM feature. Means said she picked that particular model because it has network capabilities, and she wants to eventually be able to access the university-wide area network that is being installed by JANCOM Communications.

Means hopes to later incorporate services into the lab that will allow students to access large databases for information. She explained that Nexis, one of the services being used by many journalism schools, is an on-line information

search program which will give students access to all kinds of information on different subject areas or issues.

She said that it will help to develop students' reporting, information-gathering and investigative skills.

"One of the things we've always prided ourselves on, is that despite the fact that we didn't have everything we needed, most of our students outshine students from bigger institutions, in terms of their knowledge of equipment and facilities," Means said.

"Now I think we will outpace many other schools when we have this lab in place that the students will have access to," she said.

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funds to implement it. "It is very difficult to get funding when your program is not known around the country," said Means.

Means said that the installation of the writing lab, "...will expose our students to current technology, things that they will most likely

and technology that we need to have, and so we're already handicapped."

"We want people to know when our students enter the work force that not only do they have a good theoretically-based knowledge of what the communications field is all about, but that when they see equipment or technology they immediately know how to utilize it," Means said.

Diana Fallis-Page, an associate professor in the department said that she thinks the new computers will make students "faster all around". "They will be able to do it as it is done in the real world, and that is to

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College of Business
Career Forum-9:00a.m.
Jan. 29:
P.V. vs TSU
(M)(W)5:30,7:30 p.m.
home
Feb: African American
History Month

Feb. 1:
P.V. vs Southwest Univ.
(baseball) 1:00 p.m.-home
Feb. 2:
Beyond The Dream-TBA
Feb. 5:
P.V. vs Alcorn State
(M)(W) 5:30, 7:30 p.m.-
home
P.V. vs McNeese State
(baseball)-away
Feb. 7:
P.V. vs Jackson State
(M)(W) 5:30, 7:30 p.m.
home

Student Convocation Tuesday

President Becton to speak at Convocation in the University Field House Tuesday at 10:00 am. All students are required to attend.

MOVIE REVIEW

Academy Award-winning actor, and movie idol, Denzel Washington stole the hearts of fans again with stunning performances in his two of his recent films: "The Pelican Brief" and "Philadelphia."

In "The Pelican Brief", Washington, whose character is an investigative reporter, assists a law student, played by actress Julia Roberts, in uncovering information about the assassination of two Supreme Court justices. While gathering information about the killings, they endanger their lives.

"Pelican Brief", is an excellent, suspenseful and a definite 'must-see-again movie', said PV student, Mark Waddleton.

"Philadelphia" Washington's other movie this season, brings attention to discrimination against H.I.V, the virus that causes AIDS.

Tom Hanks, who played a homosexual viewer and the subject of the painting, is described as showing vibe, guts, position, status, power and ebony skin tones of deconstructionist black fighters engaging the enemy in mortal combat. The basket-woven style is used to enable the deconstructionist to float forward through the picture plane.

Washington was asked interested in seeing defend Hanks, he was Dorsey's work, the reluctant because of his University of Houston's prejudices against the gay Blaffer Gallery will present community. After two of his pieces in an evaluating the situation, exhibit entitled "I Washington decided to Remember the March on represent Hanks. Washington, Thirty years Performing and Visual Arts disappoint his fans in either Anniversary Salute."

The exhibit will run will definitely put him on from Jan. 21 to march. the "A" list with female His work has been said to admirers. Both roles are compel the audience to impressive. It is a relief to "know thyself" and "join see a Black actor in major the sweetness of the roles that are not struggle" against stereotypical. His presence inequality in America. in two blockbuster hits is a welcome sight for African-Americans.



Nappy Head Kuzins to attend Hip Hop Conference in D.C.

Kuzins Need Help

By Stephanie Banks

Prairie View A&M University's own rap group The Knappy Head Kuzins is asking the campus family to help them as they prepare to attend the 4th Annual Hip-Hop Conference at Howard University in Washington, D. C., Feb. 17-19.

"These are determined, talented and industrious young men who have a rather ingenious way of getting things done. They are serious about what they are doing and they have a plan", said Dr. Lori Gray, general manager of KPVI-FM.

The annual Knappy Head Kuzins Hip-Hop review that will be held Feb. 3 in Hobart Taylor. A program for the review will have ad space with prices varying from \$100 for a full page to \$25 for a quarter page. It will cost \$15 to have your name or organizations's name listed. Proceeds will go toward the trip and the equipment needed for the group's performance.

The conference's goal to educate African American artists and aspiring artists in addition to providing and upgrading the levels of success within the industry. The conference will also serve as a primary means for encouraging

communication an networking among African American artists, aspiring artists, entrepreneurs and promoters in the hip-hop music world.

Of the 67 participants across America who showcased their hip-hop talents this past summer, The Knappy Head Kuzins placed fourth and were the only group from the south invited to the conference.

"The conference will have representation from all the major Hip-Hop recording labels," said George Smith, spokesperson for the group.

"The university needs to kind of egg these students on and help them so one these students make it, they can say, 'Hey I was helped by the university; they loved me, they supported me and they believed in me so let me give something back,'" said Smith.

The Knappy Head Kuzins have a philosophy that once they make it to the top, they will come back to Prairie View and make sure that Prairie View is a main stop for entertainment in America.

"This group wants to make a difference and start a new trend by giving back to the university and helping others," said KPVI's Gray.

The Art of Black History

BY Michelle Fuentes
Panther Reporter

The Jackson State University department of art is presenting an exhibit as part of a Pre-African American history month kick off entitled "For History develops positive self concept."

Among the work presented will be work from Harold Dorsey Sr. who is a professor of Advertising Art here at Prairie View A&M University. "My icons are concerned with developing positive self concepts and cultural liberation through cultural literacy based on a philosophical

understanding of African history," said Dorsey.

Dorsey's art work symbolizes the image of the African American struggle.



Floyd Coleman, the chairman of the department

of art at Howard University refers to Dorsey's work as icons of the 30-year struggle for liberation and determination.

The painting shown whose purpose is to create empathy between the viewer and the subject of the painting. It is described as showing vibe, guts, position, status, power and ebony skin tones of deconstructionist black fighters engaging the enemy in mortal combat. The basket-woven style is used to enable the deconstructionist to float forward through the picture plane.

Washington was asked interested in seeing defend Hanks, he was Dorsey's work, the reluctant because of his University of Houston's prejudices against the gay Blaffer Gallery will present community. After two of his pieces in an evaluating the situation, exhibit entitled "I Washington decided to Remember the March on represent Hanks. Washington, Thirty years Performing and Visual Arts disappoint his fans in either Anniversary Salute."

The exhibit will run will definitely put him on from Jan. 21 to march. the "A" list with female His work has been said to admirers. Both roles are compel the audience to impressive. It is a relief to "know thyself" and "join see a Black actor in major the sweetness of the roles that are not struggle" against stereotypical. His presence inequality in America. in two blockbuster hits is a welcome sight for African-Americans.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) *The spot light is yours. Eat right and get plenty of rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) *Next month could bring you romance to liven your boring love life. Balance school and play.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) *Time alone is yours if you want it. Give yourself quiet time.

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

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) *Someone owes you a favor, and now is the time to collect. Ask for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) *Break the chain of routine, live. A surprise trip could be in the making.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) *Cut down on road trips, check your insurance policy. Watch your partners spending, because you don't have the money.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) *Your advise will be needed by friends and people will support you in business decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) *Leave the fast food alone. Eat healthier and lose some weight. Time to throw out that 70's wardrobe- come into the nineties.

Sports

Are The Athletes at PV Competitive?



By Charlette E. Jones
Sports Editor

Can the athletes at PV compete on the Division one NCAA level? By looking at the records alone, the answer is emphatically no!

The football team has been 0-11 for the past three years. The Men's basketball team hasn't had a winning season in more than 5 years.

The men have been featured on ESPN on several occasions. They set a record, but its probably not the kind of record most teams set. The Panthers had a 28 game losing streak.

On the other hand, the men's season thus far looks promising. They have won one SWAC game this season, and came close to winning against Grambling.

The Women haven't had a winning season in over nine years, and are close to setting a record

similar to the record the men set last year.

Tennis, golf, and baseball- well these sports aren't very popular with the students at PV partly because these teams haven't had winning seasons either.

Former athletes say that when they were playing and continued to lose, they

dismissed it and said they should not be reclassified to Division two or even move down to NAIA.

They say that now that they aren't playing, they think that if the administration wont give the athletic department the funds to establish athletic scholarships, they will never get the athletes who are capable of carrying the teams to a victorious season.

It is important for PV, a Historically Black College and University, to remain in the SWAC along with other HBCU's, but at what cost?

Should we reclassify down a division or level, and possibly win some games, or take a few years to continue to try to build a foundation, as the men's basketball seems to be doing this season.

These foundation years may or may not be supported by athletes, the administration, and most importantly the students.

PV On The Rise

By Errol Domingue
Sports Information Director

The Prairie View Panthers seem to be on the rise as the Panthers won their first SWAC game in nearly four years with a win over Mississippi Valley.

After the win over Mississippi Valley, coach Elwood Plummer said that, "...we executed the three basic fundamentals of basketball well-rebounding, defense and free throws."

The Last Time Out

By Errol Domingue
Sports Information Director

Prairie View A&M lost to Grambling State in overtime, 92-99 on January 17. The score was 82-82 at the end of regulation.

Darrick McGriff, playing in only his third game of the season, led the Panthers with 20 points. Lateef Clark grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Panthers.

The Pantherettes lost to Sam Houston State 53-85 at home on January.

(On The Rise and The Last Time out were taken from Panther Insights)

Intramurals Begin

Everyone interested in participating in Intramural basketball should contact coach Raymond Burgess at ext.2440 on or before Jan. 29.

Ladies, don't forget that there are teams for you too.

Please direct all sports questions, comments and letters to the Sports Editor in Hillard Hall, room 208.

Team Leaders

Pantherettes

Scoring:
Kesia Lang (9.7)
Rebounding:
Kesia Hamiltin (8.3)

Panthers

Scoring:
Paul Queen (13.2)
Rebounding:
Derek Walls (6.7)

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Darrick McGriff shoots a free throw at Saturday's game.

It's SWAC Time

By Shawn Scoggins
Panther Staff

Our 1993-94 Prairie View A&M Panther basketball teams started the SWAC conference Jan. 8 against Alabama State. The Women lost 77-53. Elizabeth Bryant had 12 points, and Kecia Hamilton had 6 rebounds. The Men lost 90-62 in front of a crowd of 500. Newcomer Derrick Walls had 15 rebounds.

The second SWAC game was played in Jackson, Mississippi on January 10th. The Women lost 68-31. Kecia Hamilton had 12 boards.

The Men lost 75-55. Cedrick Seymore led PV in scoring with 14 points, and Clint Parker had 15 rebounds.

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Viewpoints

Is PV Spirit Alive ? Ladies, It's Your Choice



Chandra Baty
Editor-in-Chief

I'm not really a sports fan. In fact, I automatically switch the channel when anything remotely related to sports is on television. I'm so bad that it didn't faze me when the Dallas Cowboys won the Superbowl last year and I'm from Dallas!!!!

It's not easy to run from sports. Almost any female involved with a male will have to endure listening to him ramble on about some football game on TV last night. Or we will have to literally fight to get to the television before our father, brother or cousin becomes

attached to it. But there is one sport that I have become interested in. Basketball. The sport moves faster than a football game. The action is almost always intense. Now I don't know what team is in the playoff or if the playoffs have started. I'm not that into it. Yet, I do like to watch guys slam dunk and fly through the air.

Going to a basketball game is a lot more fun than watching it on TV. For example, the game the Panthers won against Mississippi Valley was really "hype." Although we lost, the game against Grambling was also fun. That was the first time I had seen Panther spirit soar in a very long time.

I know what you are saying. There is no Panther spirit because we don't have a reputation for winning. I know. Maybe if we stand behind the players a little more, they will become more confident. It's simple. Every

successful person has had someone in his corner to encourage and urge him to do his best. It's hard to stand alone without a strong support system. Think about it. If our parents weren't standing behind us, pushing us to give our best, it would be difficult to

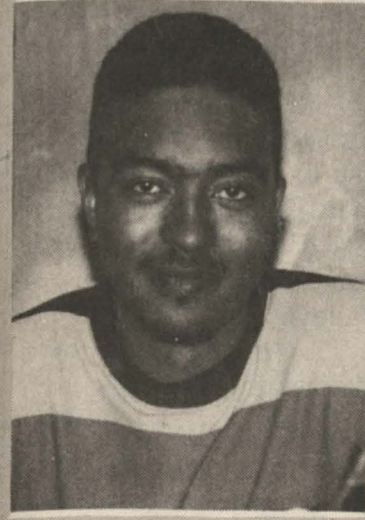
succeed. It can be done, but strong support system is really important.

I'm sure our PV players were excited to have the crowd yelling and cheering for them. Well, not everyone was yelling

There were plenty of "in-the-stand coaches."

Remember that this is just one females' point of view. There are plenty of women who know sports. My mom watches it with my dad all the time.

Maybe I will get more involved and lend my support. A support system in any endeavor is important. And besides, if I don't support the team, who will?



Derald D. Powell
Managing Editor

Last semester I received numerous comments on my writings - most positive, but, of course, some negative. One comment I got from a fellow student was that I only touched the surface and didn't go deep enough or talk about "real" issues concerning future black leaders. To a certain extent, I agree. So with that I give you this to think about.

In the August 1990 edition of Ebony there was an article that begins with the sentence, "We are losing them". This article was about the increasing number of Black women who were becoming successful and the

increasing number of Black men who weren't becoming successful. One of the problems identified to explain the perceived failure of the Black man was that many Black mothers "raise their daughters and spoil their sons." The behavior of many Black males on this campus suggests that this statement may be accurate.

Brothers, I know you realize as a community of people we are far behind other races economically, socially, and emotionally. As the men, we are traditionally supposed to be the providers and protectors. College is the perfect place for boys to train to be men.

Ladies, are you helping the process?

I constantly hear stories of girls beating at apartment and dorm room doors to confront their "man" when they mess up but who keep giving them chance after chance after chance to say, "It wasn't me." Well, nobody's perfect and people, especially young men make mistakes.

Realistically, on a

whole, do the brothers with the 4.0 who ride bikes, and may dress a little funny get the most play? Do the brothers with the 2.1 with the S-Curls, who wear the latest fashions from Dillard's and Structure get the women? Do the brothers with the ski hats, starters, and constant sag get the women?

Ladies, we want to get with you and will go only as far as you let us. You have the power to dictate how the men on this campus will act in much the same way corporate American dictates that men take out the earrings, cut the long hair, wear a suit, or work in the mail room.

Ladies you decide what the next generation of men will be like. So, at the next party or basketball game when GQ Smooth or Gangsta-Gangsta approaches you, think very carefully before you respond because most of the time your responses will dictate their behavior.



"Oh no, it's my husband! Quick, get back on the floor."



As he read the headline in horror, Larry knew that now he'd HAVE to take Bertha to the prom.

The Search For A New President

Dear Editor,
The position of the president of a university requires someone with certain definable qualifications and attributes. These qualifications include substantial professional experience in higher education and great organizational skills. Attributes such as a respect in academic and social circles and the tolerance of others' opinions are very important. With the imminent retirement of President Becton from this university, the search committee should start the replacement process by looking at this campus. An obvious person worthy of consideration for the presidency of Prairie View A&M University is Dr. Mack Jones, head of the Division of Social and Political Science.

Dr. Jones has been a higher achiever in the academic sphere. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Texas Southern University with a Ph.D from the University of Illinois, Dr. Jones has authored books and written extensively in scholarly

academic journals. He was a recipient of a Ford Foundation Post Doctoral Fellowship, a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellow and the Russel Bull Award for outstanding contribution to the cause of civil rights. He is also a former Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Jones has been listed in Who is Who Among Black Americans, and other encyclopedia of outstanding people.

Dr. Jones also has great organizational skills, a quality necessary for activities such as obtaining financial support for Prairie View. In 1969, he gave leadership to the founding of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), the first and only national association of African-American political scientist. NCOBPS became a forum for the scholarly discussions of issues related to social, economic and political well being of African-Americans and other African people's around the world. Today, NCOBPS, with membership running into several hundreds, acts as the arena for the dissemination of thought by Black political scientists.

Another testimony to Dr. Jones' organizational acumen is that it was under his leadership that Atlanta University, with more than a million dollars in financial support from the Ford Foundation started a unique doctoral program in political science that focuses on the experiences of Black peoples all over the world. This program, the first to be established, started with an initial body of 10 students. Currently, it boasts of about 80 students and the production of more than 50 African-America Ph.Ds in political science, more than any other university.

Beyond professional qualifications, however, the president's job calls for attributes such as a respect in academic and social circles. Dr. Jones is widely respected in academia in both the U.S. and abroad. His lengthy academic career has spanned over 25 years at Texas Southern University, Howard, Emory, Clark-Atlanta and currently Prairie View A&M. His international career has drawn him to work or lecture in universities in Africa and the Caribbean. His broad

exposure to foreign cultures would be a plus as the head of university with about 300 foreign students since he is uniquely qualified to understand their problems.

Perhaps the greatest asset of Dr. Jones is his affability and his tolerance of others' opinions. His office is always open and he takes pains to listen to the problems of students. Such a great interactive skill would be indispensable for the job of

president. This is due to the fact that he would be in constant touch with the concerns of students, faculty and staff. Such contrasts inevitably result in the clashing of views. In such times of crises, the demeanor and the conduct of the president is very crucial in redressing problems.

The presidency needs a role model, scholar and administrator of the calibre of Dr. Jones. Having served

in this university for seven years, Dr. Jones is well versed in the problems of Prairie View and merits consideration as the sixth president of Prairie View A&M University.

Lawrence Bosompem



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*Talking about your dreams can become redundant.
They only come true when you are not reluctant.*

*To dream is to not be afraid of what life has in store.
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-LaKeisha M. Hughes

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