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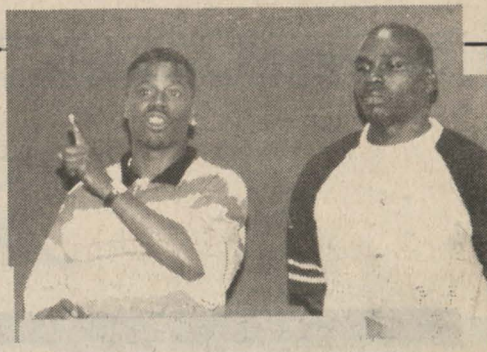
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Gang members tell why they quit gang life.

See Newsweek



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The Panther

Powell to Succeed Baty as New Editor of The Panther

By Stephanie Banks
Panther Reporter

Editor-in-chief of the Panther, Chandra Baty, graduates this May (see Viewpoints), and the Student Publications Board has appointed managing editor Derald D. Powell to succeed her.

In other appointments, the board named Nicole N. Johnston managing editor/copy chief and Powell named Candice Y. Clay managing editor/business.

Powell, a junior Political Science and Communications major, is from Silsbee, Texas.

Baty, said, "Derald

will make a great editor because he has the experience and knows how to run it. When I started out we had a lot of ideas that still need to be implemented and I'm positive he will successfully carry the torch."

Powell has been working with the newspaper since he was a sophomore. He started as a field reporter and moved to the managing editor position in spring 1992. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Political Science Club, the American Advertising Federation.

He plans to attend law school, but eventually plans to work at a newspaper as a journalist.

He started working at *The Panther* to strengthen his writing skills and computer knowledge.

"Chandra had a great influence on me. We felt like we were a family because she brought that element to the newspaper and we all clicked," said Powell.

Powell's focus is to make the student body more aware of problems on campus and possible ways to make positive changes. He also wants to make the newspaper more readable by adding more fun elements.

"Since the paper has really grown under Chandra's leadership, I think we are ready to expand

and increase the size of the newspaper. The campus is growing and so should the paper. I also want to gain more readership from the surrounding community," said Powell.

"The newspaper can serve as a link between the campus and community. It's really important to take advantage of this stance," Powell said.

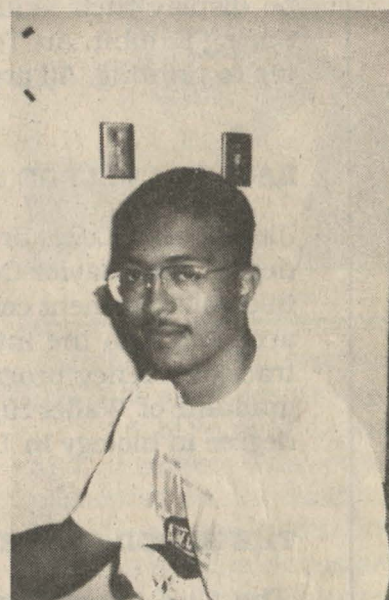
"I would like more students in all majors to take part in the content of the newspaper. The newspaper is the voice of the student body and should be heard," Powell said.

Baty said, "During my tenure we increased the readership dramatically. We can now walk across campus

and hear people talking about what's in the paper. That makes me feel good. It lets me know that the time we spent here isn't in vain."

Powell says readers can expect an error-free paper and maintain a strong level of interest. For the fall semester readers can look forward to guest columnists from around campus, more entertainment reports, and a student roundtable discussion.

Clay, a junior with a double major of political science and communications, plans to become an entertainment lawyer and Johnston, a junior with a minor in chemistry, plans to become a magazine editor and author.



Derald D. Powell



DeJuan Bucanan performs in the non-Greek SpringFest stepshow. See Spring Fest pg. 7

Crime Statistics

Month	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burg.	Theft	MVT
Jan.	0	0	0	0	5	12	1
Feb.	0	1	0	2	10	34	0
March	0	1	0	0	9	20	0
April	0	0	0	2	24	40	3
May	0	0	0	1	10	17	0
June	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
July	0	0	0	1	2	5	1
August	0	1	0	1	3	9	1
Sept.	0	1	0	2	4	11	1
Oct.	0	0	0	0	8	33	2
Nov.	0	1	0	4	10	27	1
Dec.	0	0	0	1	22	36	1
TOTAL	0	5	0	11	109	251	13

progress being made continues, Stevens said that more of the same things being done now will be done in the future. There are also plans for more security lighting and several other programs guiding students to focus on safety.

"We don't use the term crime prevention. We believe in individuals preventing the crime and it is the duty of the police to make the individuals aware of ways crime can be prevented," said Stevens. He thinks the key to crime awareness is everyone working together.

Crime Rate at PV Decreases Forty Percent

By Candice Y. Clay
Panther Reporter

The crime rate on the Prairie View A&M University campus decreased by 40 percent over the period 1992-93, according to figures released by campus police that focus on violent crimes.

Credit for the decline is being given to the Prairie View Task Force which brings the police department into a close working relationship with the health center, academic affairs and Sanderson Woods of Student Affairs, Chief Rayford Stevens said. Every morning at 9 a.m. key people on campus meet, Stevens said.

The task force was created in 1991 to combat

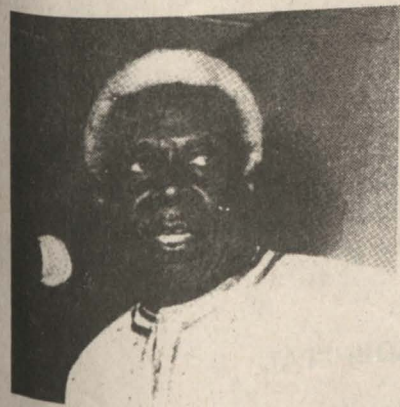
the escalating crime problem on campus. There is special emphasis on educating students on safety awareness beginning with freshman orientation.

Hedges were trimmed and the grounds were cleared of brush that criminals could possibly hide in. Six emergency callboxes were installed at key locations on campus and 16 officers were added to the force. These include two walk beats and a crime-awareness specialist as well as a manned police booth at the main entrance to the campus.

To ensure that the

"During the past semester the Task Force has attempted to outline a methodology for addressing violent acts and vandalism and collate a set of proposals that will reduce crime on campus. We have recognized some success however much remains to be done," said Willie A. Tempton, Sr. chairman of the Task Force on Campus Violence in a memorandum to Julius W. Becton, Jr. president of Prairie View.

Chris Garrett, who is expected to graduate within the next year, will be the first Prairie View officer to graduate from an academy strictly designed for college campus. He is being taught how to approach and interact with people on a college campus.



Imari Abubakari Obadele

Obadele Speaks Out on South African Elections

By Nicole Johnston
Panther Reporter

The first free all-race elections in the history of South Africa will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27, 1994. Panther reporter, Nicole N. Johnston spoke with political science professor, Dr. Imari Obadele of Prairie View A&M University about South Africa and the impact the elections will have.

Q: What are the

implications on African Americans of the upcoming "free" elections in South Africa?

A: The implications are several. If we limit it to one or two, one of the important ones is that South Africa is a rich area—potentially rich. Now, most people who have observed the situation critically understand that there is economic trouble in South Africa. And the reason essentially is that the wealth that the whites have enjoyed has been

purchased on the back of nearly free labor. And that means that there are a lot of people who really don't have meaningful jobs. And so the new government that comes in has this terrible economic problem of trying to create opportunities for all of the people to earn a living. We may have national goals. You and I would like to see Black people lifted up in this country and have all the education and the wealth, so those would be our national goals. But if you and I are unemployed we

want to find an opportunity where we can work to support our families and ourselves, and where we can also be on a path that leads us to greater things... So this is a tremendous economic problem that has been masked and one of the difficult problems we face is, that as the new government struggles to solve this massive problem, it's going to look very much to some people who don't think about it, as if we are incompetent. In other words, as if the leaders there are

incompetent. And that won't be the situation at all. It's just that the problem of massive unemployment and inequality in wealth has been masked by the fact that the whites took the wealth that was created by our labour.

Q: Do you think that if the government changes, they will nationalize the country's resources, for example, the diamond and gold?

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Q&A

Newsday

Briefly

SPRING EXHIBIT

From April 26- May 7, Prairie View Art students will be display their skills in the annual Prairie View Spring Exhibit. Art Techniques ranging from drawing to printing. All are encouraged to attend.

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Jimmie Earl Lewis Jr., 25, will be awarded an M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in commencement ceremonies June 6. He has been accepted into the internal medicine/primary care track residency program at Baylor. Lewis, a 1986 graduate of Waller High School, earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1990 from PV.

THE BLOOD CENTER

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center cordially invites students and faculty to its 1994 Outreach Program. This program will serve as a vehicle to help create awareness within the African-American community about the need for blood donations. It will be held May 9, at the Holiday Inn-Astrodome. For more information, call Ms. West or Ms. Davis at (713) 791-6320.

HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Baylor Medical Center is offering free brochures to African-Americans that concern them the most. The brochures deal with childhood nutrition, blood pressure, weight control for black women, kidney disease, dark-skinned people and sunburn, and prostate cancer for blacks.

LEADERSHIP LAB

Youth between the ages 14-19, will be informed on how to become entrepreneurs and pursue a variety of careers at the Cooperative Extension Program, which will be held June 13, 1994. For more information, contact Beverly Spears at (409) 857-2517.

DRAMA PROGRAM

Seniors Charles Gilpin Players are performing April 26- 28, in Hobart Taylor. The performances are part of the requirement they must fulfill in preparation for graduation. Students performing will be Charmae Theisz, Tonya Davis, Camille Sneed, Kecia Joseph, Payton Woodson, and Czar Salazar.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

FACULTY AWARD

Harold Dorsey was recently given the Outstanding Faculty Award in the art department in recognition for his dedication and valuable service in the college of engineering and architecture.

MINORITY NEWSPAPER INTERNSHIPS

Ms. Devonya Smith was recently awarded as one of 36 students to receive the Chips Quinn Scholars Award, for 1994. Smith's host sponsor was the Lexington Dispatch in North Carolina. Scholars will receive paid summer internships and will be linked with mentor editors. Smith is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Eta Beta Chapter.

CONGRATULATIONS

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People



Nichelle M. Hardy

Nichelle M. Hardy has been selected to participate in a summer internship program with Barten, Durstine & Osborne (BBDO) in Manhattan, New York. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Advertising Agencies Minority Advertising Intern Program. Approximately 75 out of 300 applicants were selected and interviewed and Hardy was chosen as one of 45 finalists.

Hardy is a junior communications major from Glendale, Ariz., she is currently the co-advertising manager and a reporter for The Panther. Hardy is also a member of the American Advertising Federation(AAF), the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). She tutors in the ALRC, where she provides assistance in Spanish and English.

In her leisure time, Nichelle enjoys writing, drawing and working with children in the community.

Hardy plans to graduate in May 1995, after which she intends to obtain a master's degree in business administration. Asked about her accomplishments thus far, Nichelle replied, "I always give praise to God for all my achievements..." Hardy is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Eta Beta Chapter at PV.

People Extra



Michelle M. Collins

Michelle M. Collins recently won first place in an essay competition sponsored by Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honor Society during the National Foreign Language Week. Collins, a junior biology major from Lafayette, La., is a fourth-semester French student and wrote a paper on " Learning Another Language Means Never Being Worlds Apart. "

Collins was inducted in the honor society in November 1993. Here's a part of Collins award winning essay.

"...Knowledge of another language ultimately allows one to learn more about humankind and from this knowledge stems love and respect for the different cultures that exist in the world. Language is indeed the vehicle that will someday allow us to join hands and sing for world peace."

Key Dates

APRIL

28-Senior exams begin

MAY

3-7- Final Examinations
8- Commencement Ceremonies
26- Summer Registration
30- Late Registration

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BEYOND THE HILL

DON'T WORRY, HE'S HAPPY

Pop singer Bobby McFerrin was recently named creative chair of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for the 1994-95 and the 1995-96 seasons.

A BIG BOULDER TO CARRY

John Goodman is starring in the new movie this summer "The Flintstones". He said he's had a lot of fun doing the movie and hopes not to get typecast for these.

HELLO, LONDON

Entertainer Barbra Streisand recently participated in a charity function in Wembley Arena, in London, England.

THE PAIN LINGERS

Comedian Garrett Morris was back in the hospital after a three-week-old wound apparently became infected. Morris walked in Monday complaining of pain in his back. The 57-year-old actor was a original member of the Saturday Night Live, and plays in the current TV comedy Martin.

KING WINS MILLIONS

A jury Tuesday ordered the city of Los Angeles to pay Rodney King \$3.8 million in damages in compensation for his beating by police officers in 1991.

FORMER PRESIDENT HOSPITAL

Richard Nixon was recently taken to the hospital for a mild stroke. He had swelling of the brain and hospital officials planned to watch the former president for next 72 hours.

(Stories first reported in the Houston Chronicle)

Newsweek

Alphas Win State Honors



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

By LaShonda Williams
Panther Reporter

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Eta Gamma Chapter, of Prairie View A&M University recently returned from a state convention with the title "State Chapter of the Year".

The Eta Gamma Chapter, lead by Johnnie Walker President and Montee' Withers Vice President, was recognized for their tireless efforts of community service, cultural enrichment programs, and financial support of black

organizations. The chapter had to submit a folder indicating all service related activities.

In addition to State Chapter of the Year, Eta Gamma received honors:

"Scrap Book of the Year"; "Brother of the Year", Montee' Withers; "Brother with the highest overall Grade Point Average", Robert Leginton, 3.862; and "Chapter with the Highest Overall GPA", 3.01.

Community service and scholarship are very important to the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Eta Gamma Chapter takes pride in serving the Waller County community. They are active assistant scout masters for Troop 141, Prairie View. They help with first aid training, camping techniques and tutoring.

The "Big Brother / Little Brother" program is designed to provide models for Hempstead Middle School young men. Activities include tutoring and culturally enriching

field-trips.

"The number of respondents to annual programs have increased over the years. This year's bi-annual blood drive produced over 130 faculty, staff and Prairie View student donors," said, Montee' Withers.

"A Voteless People A Hopeless People" urges students and Waller County residents to exercise their right to vote. "Although the number of voters are few, we can increase the number of registered voters and have the candidates visit the campus to share their platform," said Markee White.

Cultural enrichment programs are among many of their many service projects. "Images of Self Hate" featured Dr. Obedele

and Mr. Frank Jackson as keynote speakers. The program prompted students to end "gang banging" and lift their self-esteem. Withers said, "Quotes of the Week" of famous black people are posted "to integrate the minds of PV students."

"Brother W. E. DuBois spoke of the Talented Ten, the percentage of black men who will lead the black race out of the heart of oppression. These men that Mr. DuBois was speaking of were the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha and including the brothers of Eta Gamma chapter being leaders in engineering, medicine, politics and the world," Withers said.

Eta Gamma Chapter rewards academic excellence with academic scholarships for Prairie View students. The annual "Miss Black and Gold Pageant" allows female students to display their talent and scholastic abilities. The "Gladys Nicholson Scholarship" has been established in memory of the grandparent of a PV student.

Eta Gamma chapter provides financial support for organizations such as National Coalition Of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), and The Knappy Headed Kuzins.

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha have proven their leadership capabilities have no limit. Leadership roles on campus range from Vice President of Student Government Association to Editor of The Panther.

In closing Withers added, "Eta Gamma will continue to provide leadership, role models and positive black influence to the campus of Prairie View A & M University and being the first of all; servants of all and shall transcend all."

PV Professor Scores Big With Instructional Tapes

Press Release

From the moment that you meet Dr. Freddie L. Frazier, you know that he is not an ordinary university mathematics professor. Frazier has a style and philosophy which are both appealing and practical. He has developed a plan to assist parents who want their children to learn mathematics more easily. The plan employs the "magic" of television and it seems to work.

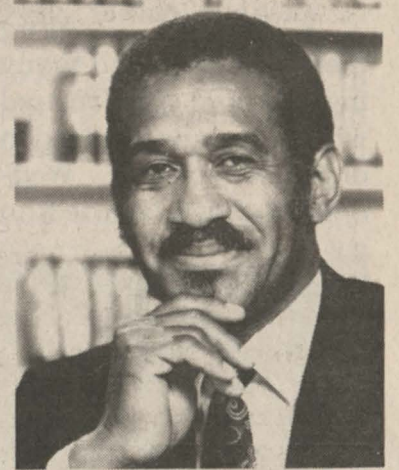
Frazier has taught mathematics for 31 years. He taught five years in high school and 26 years at Prairie View A&M University where he earned both a bachelor of science and a master of science. Frazier received a doctorate in education from the University of Houston.

Frazier is firmly committed to mathematics instruction. He really believes that when mathematics is presented using imagery, modern euphemisms, practical illustrations and innovation it spurs the individual to participate and see mathematics more easily.

Frazier believes that the greatest barrier to learning mathematics is we have been told that it will be hard. Second, many believe that math is something that not everyone can do. In short, we are our worst enemies when it comes to mathematics.

Lest anyone think that Frazier is a "stuffy academic type", rest assured that he has a keen sense of humor and a perpetually sunny disposition. In addition, he is constantly being sought by companies and federal agencies for his expertise in the field. He has received numerous citations and awards for contributions to the field, most notably the General Dynamics "Teacher of the Year" award two years running.

Frazier though a snappy dresser, is truly humble in his approach to others. He credits his success to a firm and abiding faith in God. Frazier is active in his



Dr. Freddie Frazier

church, social enterprises and civic activities as well.

A little over a year ago, Frazier was complimented on his teaching style by someone who told him that he should consider videotaping his lectures. Frazier took the idea to Lakewood Church in Houston where he found producers who showed interest in developing a quality product. As a result, instructional video tapes have been developed explaining the basic theories and practices of mathematics. Frazier believes that he has been imbued with the task of making mathematics understandable to the masses.

Tapes have been developed on topics such as: Introduction to Algebra, Trigonometry Made Easy, to name a few in a list of two hour instructional programs.

Video tapes of the PVAMU professor have found themselves in public school districts throughout the United States. Also, several federal agencies have obtained the tapes to increase the math comprehension of federal employees and personnel within the military services.

Anyone who watches Frazier's video tapes will be impressed by his use of humor and parables. They are unique in that they stimulate and motivate the audience to learn mathematics.

Frazier believes that education is sacred and he would like to see more people avail themselves of the opportunity. Through his classroom lectures and his video tapes, Frazier is trying to effect a quiet revolution.

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PV Marches

By Toysha Lee
Panther Reporter

Thirty students from Prairie View A&M University traveled for 30 hours by bus to take part in the Jericho march in Washington, D.C., the largest of many events that took place Saturday, April 2, during Easter weekend.

The Jericho march, a reference to the biblical See MARCH on page 4

Obadele

A: I don't think so. I think today, new countries like whatever they're going to call South Africa after it's free, are gonna have to take their time. You'll normally say, 'well America is a better country.' The United States is still the most powerful country in the world, economically and politically. It still has a great deal of influence, even though countries like North Vietnam, China and others are standing up against the United States' demands. But

the United States is very powerful and the American government has come out on the side of the new government. So that means that as a matter of politics, the new South African government could not nationalize these plants. They're gonna have to work out some kind of accommodation. That's the political reality there. So they won't nationalize them. But I am confident that the new government, provided that it's led by the Blacks in the PAC and the ANC (African National Congress), are really going to try to make life better for all the people, which is not going to be easy,

but they're gonna try, and if it calls for some nationalization, maybe. But I would not look for immediate nationalization.

Q: What do you think is a response that "Africans in America" should make toward South Africa, in support of the new government?

A: Well fortunately the ANC has invited people like Dr. Ronald Walters from Howard University, the chairman of the political science department, and other Africans in America to

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Newsweek

Former Crips Become Entrepreneurs March

Former gang members dispelled many myths about gang-related who were once involved in organized crime. Wednesday, April 13, the Rho

Keynote speakers were Gregory Hightower and Charles Harris. Hightower and Harris are former members of the

and Good Morning America. Hightower is also the owner of the "The Playground", the first Black owned sporting goods store in Los Angeles. Many questions were answered during the forum.

Both speakers gave an vivid account of why they decided to leave gang life. Harris said, "When I found myself sitting in a prison cell, I realized that I needed to put myself in a better situation. I knew that the only way to get out of prison was by changing my attitude, thoughts, ideas, and everything about myself. I knew that changing myself would be a challenge. Anything worthwhile is never easy."

Harris also offered advice to young males wishing to leave gang life. He said "getting out of gangs is up to the individual. It is not easy, you have to be responsible for your own decisions and have self-determination. You have to start loving yourself." Dr. Mack Jones,

head of the political science department at PVAMU said, "I had no idea that this forum would be so rewarding. We have to look at these former gang members' lives, as evidence that all things are possible if you apply yourself. If you take full advantage of your talents, there is no limit to what you can accomplish."

Harris advised parents who want to steer their children away from gang activity. "Parents need to get their children to talk more to them. There is a lack of communication in the home. Children are an easy target for gangs, and can start becoming involved in gangs as early as 8 years-old."

Harris would like to see the government become more sensitive to the problems in the inner-cities. The forum proved to be an evening filled with learning.

Jones said, "I share the sentiments of the keynote speakers, that gang life is an activity that needs to be discontinued."

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victory won by Joshua, was designed to inform President Clinton, the U.S. Senate and the general public that reparations for the African American for centuries of slavery are overdue, said Dr. Immure Obadele, a political science professor at PV and coordinator of the PB chapter of N'COBRA, the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America.

The march was led by members of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika (PG-RNA), the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Black United Front, the New Afrikan Peoples Organization, a retinue of drummers, martial artists, religious leaders and political activists.

The demands presented at the Jericho included a proposal to eliminate taxes for blacks for 20 years; a billion-dollar-a-year fund for 20 years to be used by black churches and other organizations in various self-help programs; \$25,000 for every person wishing to return to Africa; \$5 billion for a friendly development bank to assist black merchants and others in job-making economic

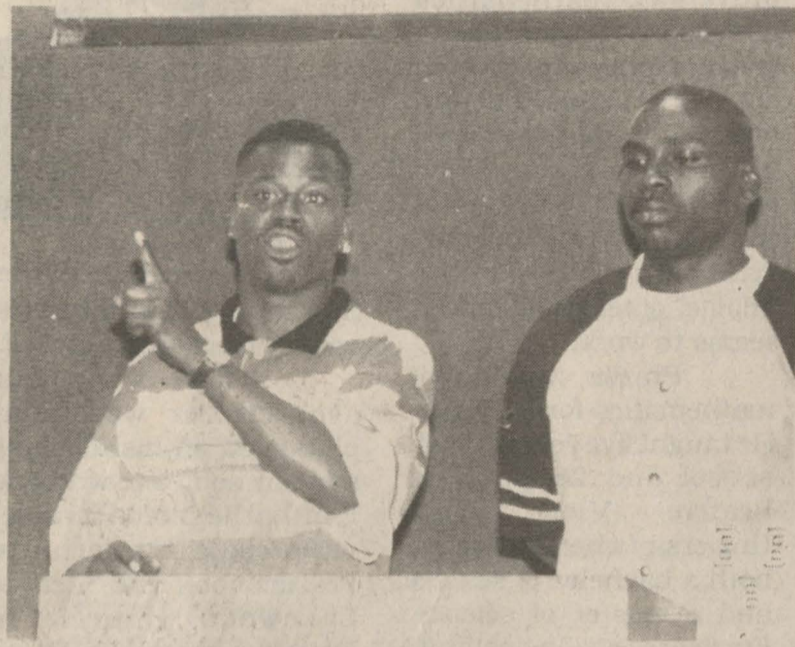
development. Students at PV had a chance to interact with members of black organizations around the country. Meeting these elders not only provided a new perspective about reparations, but it also gave students an opportunity to ask themselves what lies ahead for African Americans. Will a mental slavery of the present replace physical slavery of the past?

Several Black Nation Day strategy workshops stimulated discussion between young and old on such topics as Gangster Rap and Gangster Acts and destroying the drug economy along with the drug epidemic.

The workshops, many said, provided much information and some concrete proposals for increasing black unity and effectiveness.

Said Obadele: "Our time has come. As the first full generation to be fully integrated, we are charged with continuing the legacy left for us by Marcus, Malcolm, and Martin."

"We should not be complacent and self-absorbed when Rodney King and Malice Green can be beaten like animals. The seeds of liberation have been planted. Let us bear fruit. Reparations now!"



The Rho Nu Chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society at Prairie View A&M University recently hosted a forum entitled, "Role Reversal: Former Gang Members Speak Out." Gregory Hightower and Charles Harris are former members of the "Grape Street Crips", a notorious gang from Los Angeles, Calif. Both speakers gave a vivid account of why they decided to leave gang life.

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"Grape Street Crips", a gang from Los Angeles. Hightower has appeared on many nationally syndicated shows such as Donahue, the Arsenio Hall Show,

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come and help in various ways. So these are experienced people who are willing to give some of their talents. Now in America also, there are groups in New York and Atlanta particularly who have had a long interest and investment in Africa. Now our problem is that sometimes, we have acted just like white people—treating it as a place to exploit. So we have to have a greater sense of unity in building Black power, than to just go over there like ordinary investors. So, I

promised important roles in the new government), do you think that Buthelezi (Zulu leader) and Zwelithini (Zulu king), will hold up the agreement?

A: In other words you think that they will be like the Serb generals who promise everything and keep fighting. (laugh) I don't think so. I think that the major total defeat that, say the Hausa did in South Africa. So even though they were defeated, their social structure remained and some aspects of their political structure. And remember that they were a big state and now they've lost state

won't be like the Serb generals and just keep on fighting.

Q: Do you think the "free" elections will set the pace for a totally democratic South Africa?

A: Yes, I think so. There are a couple of problems, but what they call this is all-race elections—the first time that everybody is able to vote. And when you have voting, there is a presumption that if the voting is open, that is, everybody over a certain age is allowed to vote and if the vote is one person, one vote, then that fulfills certain basic requirements for democracy.

power. They were a big nation there. So they wanted to recover the Zulu territory and to really have almost an independent kingdom. Now that is not gonna eventuate, probably, and the reason is, that if they said to the Zulus, "O.K., you can have that," then these whites, whose ancestors go back to the 1640s and so on, would argue that they are entitled to a white homeland. But the reality is that the Zulus, remember that many of them are in fact ANC people, they're not all Inkatha, were a very powerful nation state once, and they're still a powerful nation. And so they do have to make some kind of accommodation, even if it's like the Canadian provinces, that are not as rigidly unified as the states of the United States. They still have provincial powers in Canada that are more extensive than state powers here. So I think that Buthelezi probably has made his point and that something will be worked out, and he

In general, I would think that the process will probably continue. I don't think that any group has strength enough in South Africa to decide that there won't be full and free elections or that some people should have more votes than others. So even the white folks there will have one person-one vote. So I think that they're on the way and I don't see any storm clouds except for the severe problems of an exploited people who have to be lifted up. And everybody will want it done right away and it's not likely to be done right away.

Q: So you think that politically South Africa has made such a big step forward that it would be hard to go backward?

A: Oh yes, given the nature of the struggle to this point and the very high quality of the Black South African leadership, across the board from the unions to the PAC and the ANC, I don't think it will go back.

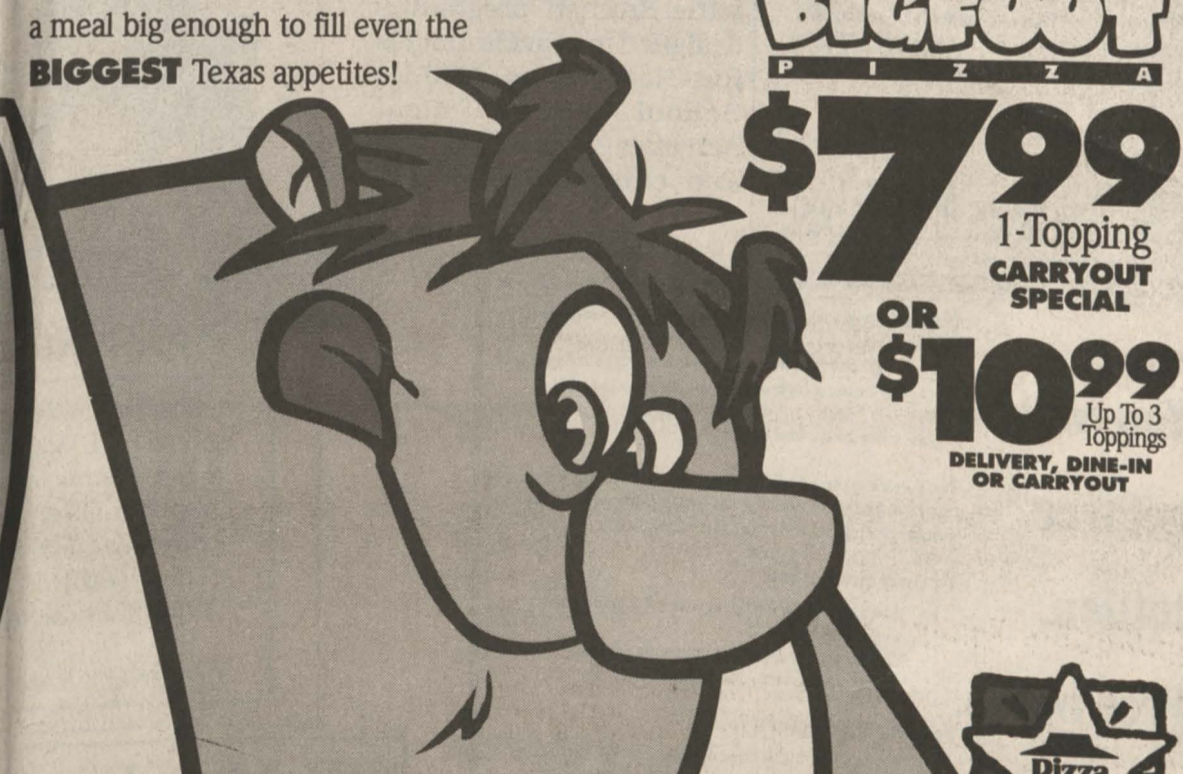
think that we have a responsibility to develop that. And even though we call ourselves the richest slaves in the world sometimes, we've got our poverty here. We do have some resources that perhaps could be helpful, and certainly where black people who across this country for decades, back to Marcus Garvey, ... have thought about how good it would be if we could trade and get some of the advantages that come from trade with our own people in Africa. I think that the freedom of South Africa, like the freedom of Zimbabwe, which occurred 14 years ago, represent an opportunity for us to get together in an intelligent way and try to work out these dreams that people have talked about for so long, of having trade that benefits us and that benefits Africa.

Q: Now that the Inkatha Freedom Party has decided not to boycott the elections (they were

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Lifestyles

Salary Outlook Looks Good For '94 Seniors

By Lisa Rosborough
Panther Reporter

"Now that I have graduated from Prairie View, I am ready to start 'banking,'" said one senior.

This young man and others are already worth \$33,433 per year according to Career Success magazine.

Someone with a bachelor's degree in engineering can expect to earn from \$39,728 to \$46,280 per year, and can look forward to a prosperous career. The job outlook in this field is much higher than average (meaning that there are 822 or more openings). Also, if these aspiring seniors want to keep their work in the classroom they can earn a master's degree and get paid up to \$54,374.26 per year.

As for our graduating seniors with degrees in accounting, you should expect to make at least \$27,714.44 per year while you examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements working in accounting, auditing, and bookkeeping services.

Your services will also be needed in the Federal government, crude petroleum, and natural gas companies.

Psychology majors, see if you can trick your friends into letting you know your expected salary. Your job outlook is average, which means there are about 245 to 644 openings in your field. So, as you collect, interpret, and apply scientific data relating to human behavior and mental processes, your starting salary will be

about \$28,767.71 annually.

Seniors graduating with aspirations of becoming lawyers also have a much higher than average job outlook. There are a lot of openings for people who can conduct criminal and civil lawsuits, draw up legal documents and advise clients as to legal rights while earning \$54,766.40 per year.

All seniors with degrees in architecture, planning and designing structures such as houses, office buildings, theaters, factories, and other structural property, can earn about \$36,152.53 per year.

Some of you seniors will want to help other students in school so they, too, can get on the successful road toward graduation. Surely, elementary schools could use you with your bachelor's degrees in elementary education.

Career Success magazine says that elementary teachers can make about \$26,988 annually working in educational, individual, family, and social services. While teaching elementary pupils in public or private schools basic academic, social, and other formulative skills, one can expect a much higher-than-average job outlook in this field.

Distinguished Males Display Talent In Pageant



Mr. Collegiate African American poses for the cameras along with (l-r) George Smith, Mr. Kentucky State University, Mr. Langston University, Mr. CAA, and Mr. Prairie View A&M University.

By Erica D. Sanderson
Panther Reporter

The 1994-95 Mr. Collegiate African-American Scholarship Pageant, proved to be an exciting experience for nine young men representing various historically Black institutions across the country.

The theme of the pageant was, "A Tribute to Mother Africa", and the contestants had the opportunity to display

their pride in their African ancestry. The Classic Dance Ensemble performed an African dance, in which the contestants had the opportunity to participate.

Stacey Washington, Mr. Virginia State University, captured the coveted title and won a \$2,000 scholarship. Washington said, "part of me feels good, and another part of me is disappointed. I was the only contestant in the

pageant, that was unable to receive financial support from my university. University officials waited until the last minute to inform me that they would be unable to give me financial backing. My family had to pay for my tuxedo and plane ticket."

Mr. Prairie View A&M University 1993-94, Cleveland Lane was 2nd runner-up, and the winner of a \$500 scholarship. Lane performed a literary piece entitled, "To Be Young Gifted and Black."

The Mr. Collegiate African-American Scholarship Pageant, will be the last opportunity for Lane to represent PVAMU. Lane has also had the opportunity to visit various institutions, during his reign as Mr. PVAMU. He said, "I had the opportunity to attend the Black Southern Leadership Conference. Black-student leaders representing their universities discussed various issues facing African-Americans."

Lane offers quality advice for males wishing to

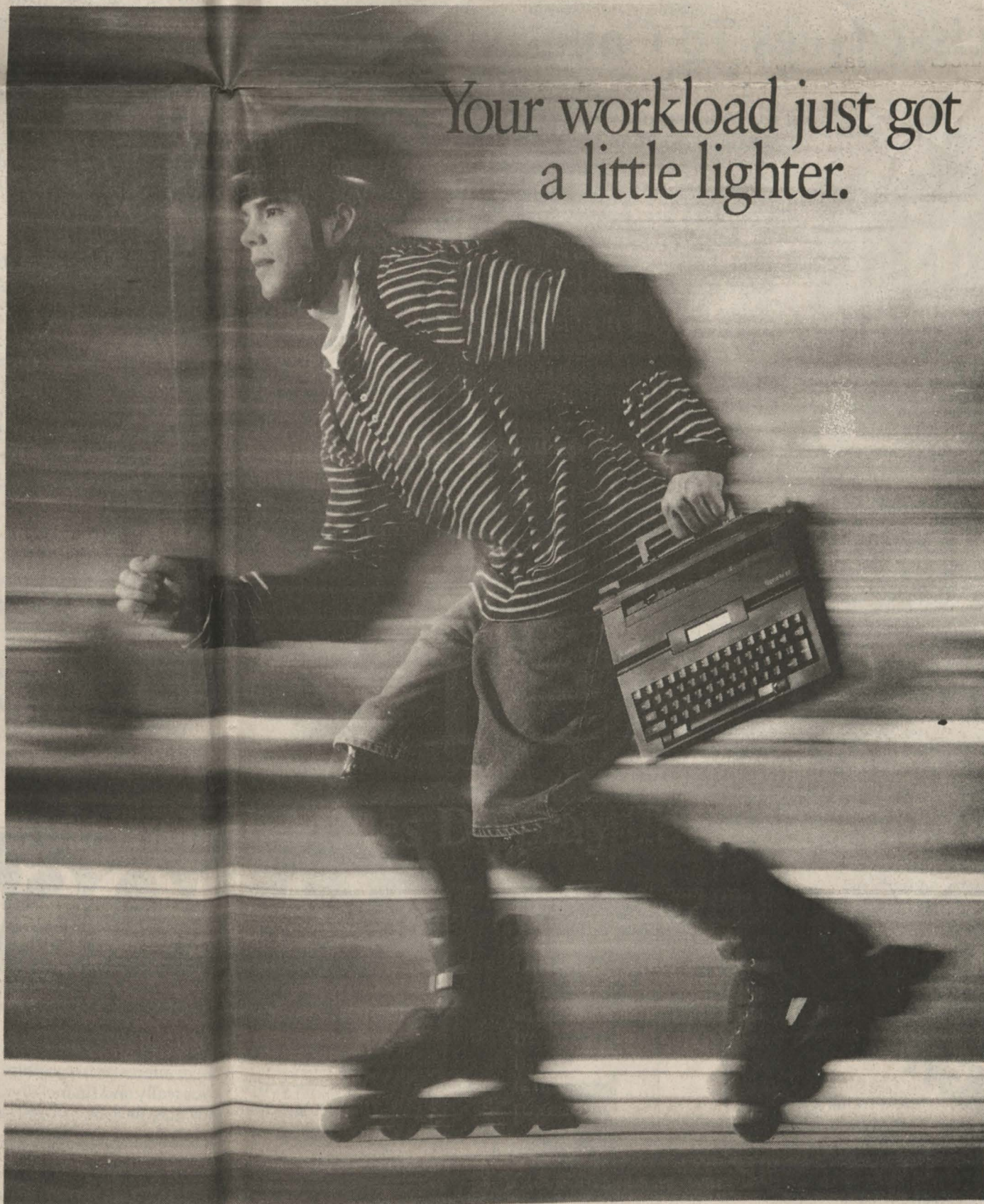
represent PVAMU, and said, "males wishing to run for Mr. PVAMU need to set goals. You have to have a platform, and an idea of what you want to do."

Mr. Collegiate African-American 1994-95 embraces this idea, and said, "Take a challenge. God will show you what you need to do."



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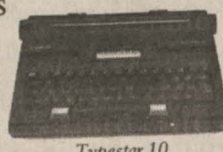
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MAIN EVENTS

Goodbye 1994 Seniors

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April 26, Tuesday
Student Government Association
7:00 p.m. /place TBA

April 27, Wednesday
Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m. in the Underground, Alumni Hall Speaker: Mrs. Louise T. Becton Topic: "Departing Thoughts".

April 28-30, Thursday-Saturday
Graduating candidates final exam period.

April 28, Thursday
Student Senate
6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

April 29, Friday
Last day to withdraw from any courses.

April 29, Friday
College of Business Grad. Recognition Banquet 6:00 p.m.

May 2-7, Monday-Saturday
Final examination period

May 2, Monday
Book Buy Back at the University Exchange 9:00 a.m.

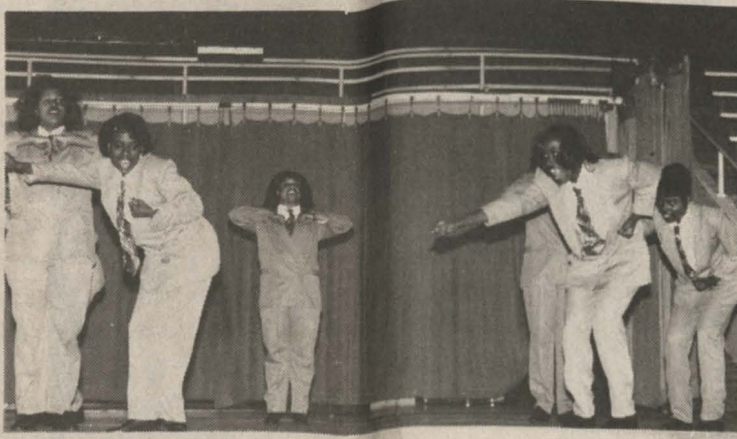
May 3-6 Tuesday-Friday Final Examinations.

May 7, Saturday
Semester Ends

May 8, Sunday
Commencement 10:30 a.m. at the University Fieldhouse

May 26, Thursday
Summer Registration 9:00 a.m.

PV's AKAs Win 1st Place



Prairie View's AKAs step in Prairie View's Stomp Fest 1994.

By Nicole Johnston
Panther Reporter

The Sigmas from out of town went home with first place male in Stomp Fest '94. And that was only one of the many surprises at the annual Greek step-show held in Prairie View's Baby Dome, Saturday, April 16.

The gentlemen of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. from Texas Southern University placed first while their brothers at Prairie View placed second.

The Sigmas from

TSU captivated the crowd with an original performance. They did things with their blue-and-silver canes we didn't even expect from the Kappas, known for their deft canewirling abilities.

The Sigmas of PV stormed the stage and showed that, if they had nothing else, they had precision. They also won best male lead and tail.

Their sister organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. placed second in the female category, "Coming Out Smooth" to the song by Sudden Change. Their steps were also very precise, but their performance seemed reserved at times.

Placing first in the female category was Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The "distinguished ladies" let their hair down as they demonstrated their mastery of not only their own steps, but also their ability to mimic others almost perfectly. The AKAs also won best female lead and tail.

The gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. of East Texas State University placed third, the highlight of their performance being clean formation.

Some of the categories they were judged in were precision, originality, stepping ability, enthusiasm and showmanship. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 were awarded to those placing first, second and third respectively.

said.

His playing career for PV was for the period 1991-1994. In 1992 he played in all of 11 games. He improved greatly in the 1993 season with 15 receptions and 189 total yards. He averaged 17.8 yards per catch, and one touchdown. He played all 11 games and his longest pass was 43 yards.

Narcisse is from a family of gifted athletes. His brother Donald, 28, is a wide receiver in the CFL for the Saskatchewan Rough Riders, and brother Tyrone, 22, is a pitcher for the Houston Astros.

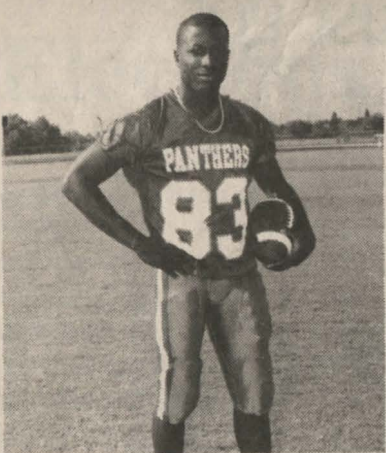
Narcisse is a health and human performance major and a native of Port Arthur, Texas. He leaves for training camp on May 25,

the Indianapolis Colts in the National Football League.)

When Matthews called, Narcisse said, "It was like a dream come true. PV helped make something good happen for me." He was discovered through word of mouth, and good highlight tapes.

Narcisse, a senior, has been a wide receiver for The PV Panthers for three years as #83, and will continue to wear this number for the Colts.

In 1989 he received a football scholarship to attend PV yet was red shirted. In 1990 there was no football team and Shawn had a chance to go to other schools, but stayed to receive an education at PV. "It worked out for the best because I never gave up. This proved beneficial because the team was reinstated in 1991," he



Shawn Narcisse

By Anita Johnson
Panther Reporter

Shawn Narcisse, a member of Prairie View's football team, has signed a two-year contract with the Canadian Football League with an option on a third year.

Narcisse, 23, 5 feet 9 inches, 174 pounds, will play as a wide receiver for the Baltimore Colts, the name of the Canadian team, led by head coach Don Matthews, in Maryland. (The former Baltimore Colts in the United States became

X'Plicit Talks About Their Music Career

By Paul Masterson
Panther Reporter

T'Cat, Da'Freak, Clymaxx, N-2-Deep, D'Lique, Erotic and Taste are some of the names that have swept the campus of Prairie View A&M University this spring. The group X'Plicit is one of Prairie View's new line of rising acts that has already made a name for themselves as one of the up and coming acts in the Houston metropolitan area.

Formed in 1993, the group includes Richard Bellamy, Tyrone Wright, and Nakia Thomas, founding members of the group. Other members include Devon Pigott Mitchell Breedlove, Roshinda Evans, and Kenya Harris. X'Plicit's management staff includes Ryan Clark, and Ronicka Jones.

The group has been opening acts at various adult night spots around Houston. The group has also performed on campus at numerous

activities including the Alpha All-Male Revue, High School Recruitment Day in front of the Memorial Student Center as well as in the Prairie View Spring Talent Show and similar ones at Sam Houston State and the University of Houston.

"The purpose of X'Plicit is to enjoy ourselves. We're just a collective group of people with different dance styles who decided to combine our styles into one. We have a common goal which is to dance and entertain people," said Bellamy.

When asked about the origin of the group, T'Cat (Wright) said that the idea of the group came from watching Luke Campbell's male dancers, the Strykers. Watching them made us realize that we could do the same thing if not better.

Many have given members of X'Plicit outstanding reviews for their dancing ability. Long-term goals for the group include an audition at the Apollo Theatre in New York and a record deal with Luke Records.

PRAIRIE VIEW TOP TEN LIST

M	1. Sadie	R. Kelley
	2. Coming Out Strong	Sudden Change
U	3. Player's Ball	Outkast
	4. One Clean	Jesu The Davaja
S	5. Always In My Heart	Tevin Campbell
	6. You Don't Love Me	Don Ben
I	7. Play My Funk	Simple
	8. Always On My Mind	SW
C	9. Sadie	R. Kelley
	10. How Do You Like Me	Keith Sweat

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TAURUS

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) * Someone who cannot come through for you is at least honest. A casual flirtation could be taken seriously. Don't say anything you don't mean.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) * A spouse or lover makes heavy demands for your time with a constant supply of love and affection which may look good but, do not make any promises that you can't keep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) * Get ready for a fairy-tale romance. If you want to impress that someone special take a special gift to show your love. Wild flowers would be perfect, but anything with petals will do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) * A close friend appeals to you for help. Make sure you fulfill your job, school and family obligations before you indulge in social activities. Watch out for the past flings.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) * Your family and friends prove their loyalty to you as never before. You and a past colleagues share a love interest.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) * A lover's approval gives you a warm feeling. Strengthen what you already have with your lover; you are in luck if you want to settle down.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) * In love, in business, and everything else, this is the time to start something that will last! Follow your instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) * A spouse or lover is sensitive to your needs. Family needs will fire your ambitions; believe in yourself and others will get behind you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) * An educational obligation is a drain on your resources. Make sure you are accessible to the person of your dreams.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) * Avoid saying things you do not mean in the heat of the moment. Enjoy romance tonight. Your strength is in your confidence.

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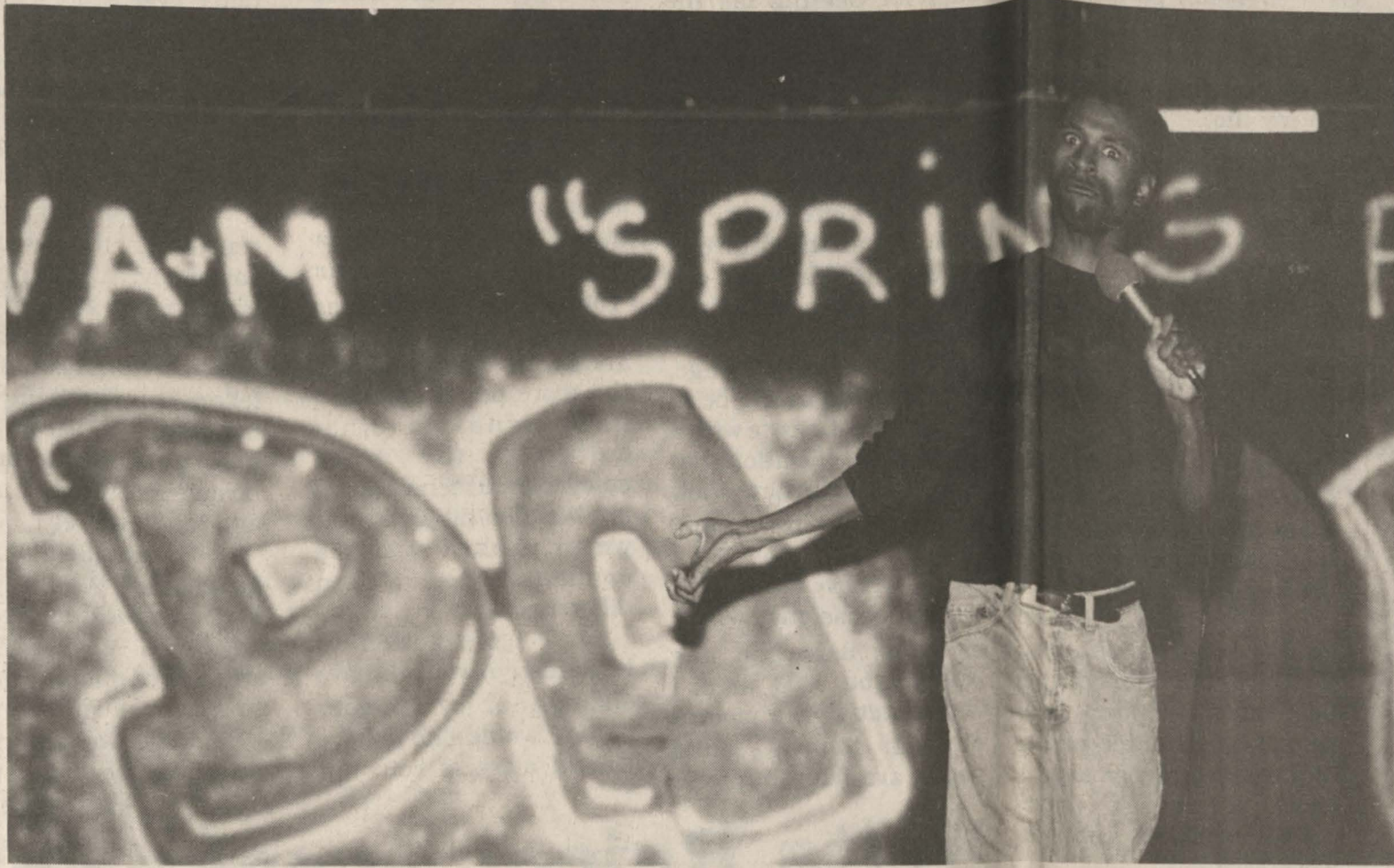
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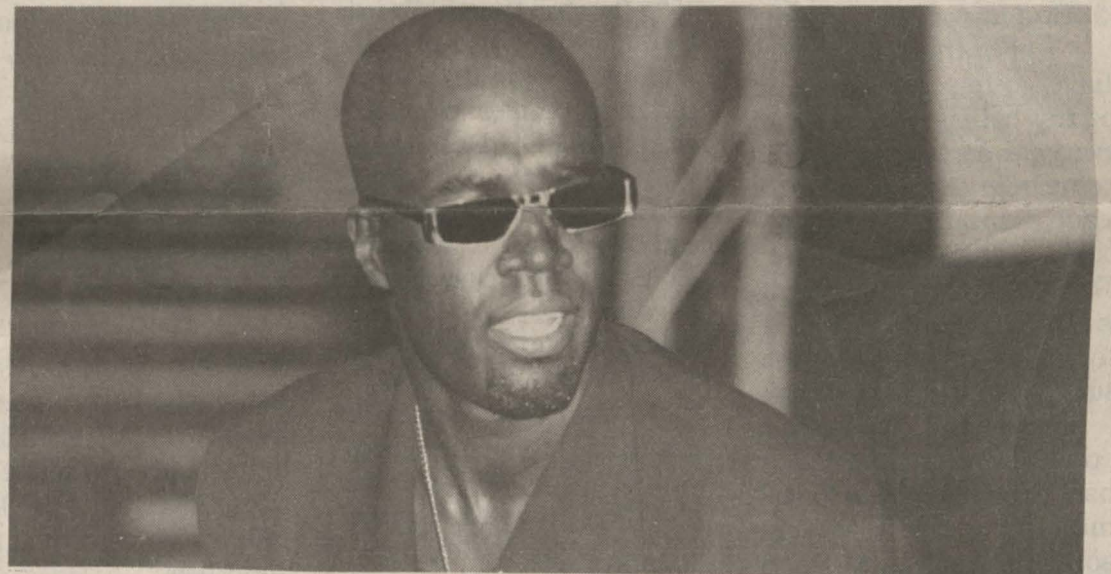
Spring Fest '94



Kim Coles (pictured on right) entertains the audience with her interpretation of Greeks. Aaron Hall (pictured below) croons to the female audience.



Spring Fest '94 featured a comedy show with Tommy Davidson from the comedy show "In Living Color" and Kim Coles from the new hit show, "Living Single." Aaron Hall, whose hits include "Don't Be Afraid" and Zhane, whose new single is "La La" were in concert.



Tommy Davidson (above) has the audience howling with laughter. A band fraternity member (left) proudly display their first place award in the stepshow.



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Viewpoints

Closing A Chapter



Chandra Baty
Editor-in-Chief

Around this time every year graduating seniors prepare to close a major chapter in their lives—college. It's an exciting and scary time because the upcoming chapters are unwritten and the future is uncertain.

But as I reflect on the four years I have spent at Prairie View, I realize there are countless things to be thankful for because the road could have been different.

The people who started out with me in 1990 are not all the same people I will be graduating with. Relationships have broken and friendships have ended. Unfortunately, some people have dropped out, have transferred or have even lost their lives during my college years.

For the most part, I have gotten the most out of my college years. Not everyone can say they loved being here. Many students leave vowing never to give back to their alma mater. That's sad. But whose fault is it? Is it theirs? Or is it the university's because some people get a bad rap?

If the administration has left a bad taste in students' mouths (which is sometimes the case) then I urge university leaders to do a self-evaluation. It's not the big things that turn people away, it's the little things. Cable is an example. Do you know

how many people approached me after I

wrote "Can I Have My Money?" (By the way, I still don't have cable!!!) Students are frustrated especially with the non-caring attitudes that some people have. It's things like that that make students say, "Prairie View can kiss my #@*!"

Not everyone feels that way. I'm an optimistic person and I truly believe that PVAMU is a remarkable institution with top-rated students and faculty.

During my 18-month term as editor-in-chief of The Panther, I have grown tremendously. With the help of a wonderful staff and a caring advisor, we have made changes with

the newspaper. Students read it more and respond to it much more now than when I started in 1990. If you think that the newspaper doesn't have power to change things and make people take notice, then talk to me one day. After every edition of the newspaper, I have gotten a range of comments because people do read it and are concerned with what goes in it. Calls have come from the administration, students and people as far away as California. This newspaper doesn't just go to the students, but to people all over the United States.

As I close, I want to thank some of those people whose shoulders I have stood on. A great number of people have influenced and encouraged me and without them I could never have made it this far.

To my Heavenly Father, I truly give all praises to Him. He has

guided me every step of the way.

To my parents, Lee and Nedra Baty, your advice and encouragement have been the guiding force in my life. To say just 'thank you' does not seem like enough. I love you dearly.

To my sister, Andrea Baty, thanks for being my sister and a friend. Hang in there your time is coming and I'm behind you.

To my family members and the Greater New Zion Church, please know that everything you have taught me has helped me today.

To The Panther staff, I really love you guys. We have had some of the best times. Working with people into the wee hours of the morning makes you close. I couldn't have asked for better people to work with.

To Dr. Hope-Thompson, you have been my advisor and friend. You are truly a wonderful person, especially to hang with the staff for as long as you have. Thank you for holding me up when I was down.

To Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., sorors thank you for your support, understanding and love. You are truly a wonderful sisterhood.

To Toy Hamilton (who has been my friend since the first week of freshmen year), girllllllll, we have been through it all!!! Nicole Browder, thanks for putting up with me. I love you both.

To my professors through the years, thanks for passing your knowledge on to me. Teachers are indeed shapers of tomorrow.

Thank You

Dear students,

I thank the Panther staff for offering me the opportunity to bid you farewell in this final edition of the school year.

Primarily, I want to thank the students for making it possible for me to leave here with the feeling that the future is going to be OK. When our four little grandchildren who were born since we've been here reach your age, your generation will be in charge. I anticipate with a great sense of elation that there will be Prairie View graduates in leadership roles!

As I have mentioned on other occasions, when

we came here from the Washington, D.C. area, I had a pretty grim picture of what today's young people are like. The media

innundate us with negative statistics and stories. But you have demonstrated that there are young black men and women who are going to be leaders in changing those negatives. I thank you for that!

I truly appreciate the multicultural mix of students and faculty of this university.

Our "community" is becoming increasing global in nature and I've always found that the more one knows and understands of other cultures, the more enjoyable and beneficial life is. We also discover that we have more commonalities than differences.

I have gotten to know many of you and have shared your joy and your pain. I would like to have known more of you, but

that was your choice.

Congratulations graduating seniors! Please don't ever stop learning. Even at my advanced age, I've learned things since I've been here including learning to appreciate "rap" music (except for some lyrics).

All of you should remember that you are somebody, capable of doing anything you set your mind on if you work at it. Respect and love yourself and your fellow human beings no matter how "different" they are. Concentrate on the positive. And yes, smile and laugh more!

Springfield, Va. is a suburb of Washington, D.C. and we'd love to see any of you. We never have an unlisted phone number, so give us a call.

Thanks again for restoring my hope for the future!
Louise Becton

Delta Reject Speaks Out

This is an article in response to the actions and statements made April 20, 1994 by the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Eta Beta Chapter. I was not present, however, news on the Hill travels fast.

My name is Katra Denise Irving, a May 1994 graduating Health and Human Performance Senior and I am a "reject". I've been rejected twice by Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc., Eta Beta Chapter, so who better to respond. I do not think it was factual for the sorority to say "everytime we have a line all rejects want to call regionals and/or nationals."

For the record Deltas I went to your Chapter President

and Advisor with my complaints. Nevertheless, the results were the same. I was very disappointed in my rejection, to be honest, I was very bitter.

If some of the rejects did phone or write regionals and/or nationals, then I'm sure they had good reasons. Reasons like being told "its nothing you can do for Eta Beta since you are a graduating senior."

One of the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Spring 1994 personally told me that prospective members were rejected because of : typographical errors, color of ink used for signatures, handwritten (address)

packets, personal references from school officials, and personal relationships between the member and prospective members to name a few. A member also told me she would make a difference in the sorority because she has lost a lot of friends because of Delta.

To her I say thank God for Sorors!!!

I personally believe if you were "not" a friend of a Delta or a "suck-up" to a Delta when you submitted, then your chances were greater to win the Texas Lottery than to become a member of the Profound Sorority through Eta Beta. I ask, Spring Line 1994, which one were you, friend or suck-up?

Flossie Byrd Says Bye

It is with mixed emotions that I pen these words to you on the eve of my retirement from Prairie View A&M University. For the past thirty-two years I have enjoyed working with students, sharing in their successes and encouraging them to "pick themselves up, dust themselves off and start all over again" when there have been failures. All in all, it has been a most rewarding experience for me. This has been due mainly to the fact that I had a choice and I chose to make my personal and professional contributions to the education of youth at an historically black university. My focus has been upon the diversified population served at Prairie View A&M University. My goal has been to help raise the sights of all students enrolled irrespective of race, creed, color or national origin.

As you stand poised on the eve of new ventures

and as you stand ready to begin those tasks which will prove essential to you for the rest of your life, I charge you to: focus upon the fact that paramount reason for being at Prairie View A&M University is to attain a quality education as a first step in preparation for what will ultimately become your life's work. I encourage you to enjoy the experience. However, temper your enjoyment with the hard work necessary to achieve at your fullest potential. Graduates of our University have excelled nationally and internationally bringing acclaim to themselves and to the University. You should settle for nothing less. Make a personal commitment to make positive decisions and choices as you confront the challenges which lie ahead.

Realize that you and the world are not perfect and never will be; be genuinely interested in

people; you can learn to like everybody if you try; become a problem solver, it is far better to be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem. However, if, and when the problems come, I offer you these words penned by the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu in 604 B.C. in describing **The Way of Life**.

Solve the small problem before it becomes big/ The most involved fact in the world/ Could have been faced when it was simple/ The biggest problem in the world / Could have been solved when it was small.

I am proud of each of you and of the success which you have had. I expect you to continue enjoying a sense of over your accomplishments. However, lest you become too comfortable with past accomplishments, I say "hats off to the past, coats off to the future, there is work to be done." Best wishes for the future!

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