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# The Panther

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## Greeks protest Homecoming festivities

By SHEREE TOLBERT

In all his ancient wisdom, Socrates never would have guessed that his three-lettered brothers and sisters at Prairie View A&M University would be involved in a boycott.

In an unprecedented move, the Pan-Hellenic Council (PAN) confirmed Monday that the eight Greek-lettered organizations it governs on the PV campus would not be participating in upcoming Homecoming activities set for Nov. 3-9 because of a disagreement over how the activities are being run.

But, Homecoming activities will continue as planned, said Brain Dickens, Student Activities director.

PAN has expressed concerns about the "Greekshow", Homecoming party, and the Homecoming parade.

Specifically, PAN has complained that member organizations are being asked to help with security for the popular Homecoming party without compensation, and that the stepshow has been altered to include males and females competing against each other for the same prizes.

PAN alleges that these are changes in Homecoming Steering Committee policies.

There is vast difference between the artistic styles of men and women, and they should, therefore, be separately judged, said the letter distributed by PAN. The organization also expressed dissatisfaction with the policy on advance ticket sales, because alumni, friends and family travel a great distance to participate in Homecoming and only allowing 4,000 tickets to the party will be sold. The population of the university is approximately 6,100, which leaves out 2,100 students plus any alumni, which is one of the sole purposes of "Homecoming," PAN's letter states.

Dickens, who heads Student Activities, which oversees Homecoming Week, said the policies that PAN is complaining about have been in the student handbook all along, just never enforced. "The activities for Homecoming will proceed as planned regardless of PAN's decision to protest. Our main priority is to the students and their safety and their well-being."

Safety is one of the reasons that the Homecoming Steering Committee has banned any advertisements of parties off campus to be posted on university grounds.

"When Texas A&M host a party, their signs are allowed to be displayed on the campus, and someone

can just as easily get hurt during the drive to College Station or being in an unfamiliar environment; so why are we being excluded from advertising our functions that are in the vicinity," asked DeLeon Bennett, president of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The aforementioned policy is only in place during Homecoming, Bennett said. "So if it's lives that we're so concerned with, why are they of less importance when Homecoming is over. A lot of things have changed regarding the way we celebrate. Homecoming parties were traditionally held in tents, and students were allowed to attend free of charge."

"Those parties were halted for safety reasons," Bennett said, "but last year there were several altercations in the Dome, a so-called safer place. The only difference is you're charged to get in the Dome. If you examine the package that has been offered, you can clearly see who's gaining and who's losing."

All members of the Greek fraternities and sororities will wear black arm-bands to symbolize their discontent with the way Homecoming is being held, said Bennett, adding that they wish to encourage the entire student body to join them.

## SET YOUR HOMECOMING OUT!

Theme: "Reunion on the Hill '96: REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST; VISIONS OF THE FUTURE."

### Events:

- Sunday, (Nov. 3)**  
6:00 p.m. Gospel Extravaganza (Hobart Taylor Recital Hall).
- Wednesday, (Nov. 6)**  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Book Review (location TBA)  
7:00-11:00 p.m. King and Queen's Ball (Billy Nicks Complex (field house)).
- Thursday, (Nov. 7)**  
7:30-11:00 p.m. University Talent and Comedy Show
- Friday, (Nov. 8)**  
2:00 p.m. National Alumni Meeting (Conference Room, NAA Alumni House)  
4:30 p.m. Mortgage Burning Ceremony. (Front Parking Lot, National Alumni Headquarters).  
5:00 p.m. Mock Funeral, Pep Rally, Bonfire.  
7:30 p.m. Mr. and Ms. Homecoming Banquet. (\$30 per person) (Memorial Students Center).  
10:00 p.m. Alumni Reception (in the Alumni House).  
-After reception, an Alumni Breakfast Dance (Newman Center).  
7:30 p.m. Step Show, then Dance [Billy Nicks Complex (field house)].
- Saturday, (Nov. 9)**  
7:30 a.m. College of Agriculture & Humans Sciences Breakfast (AI Building)  
9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade (University Drive and L.W. Minor road).  
2:00 p.m. The Football Classic: PVAMU and MidWestern State University (Blackshear Stadium).  
Half-time PV Athletic Club Annual National Raffle  
1st Prize: '96 Ford Escort  
2nd Prize \$1,000  
3rd Prize \$500  
8:30 p.m. Homecoming Concert: (Billy Nicks Complex).

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## Prairie View Pageantry

below-Freshly crowned Miss Drew Hall, freshman Creslyn Davis gets a hug from second runner-up in the pageant Corey Johnson.  
right- Mr. 10 1996-1997 Ferman Smith won the title and \$500 scholarship in the pageant sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.



photo by Andre Craft



photo by Chamaine Henderson

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## SUPER TUESDAY

Remember  
to Vote  
Nov. 5

# Briefly

**ESSENCE OPENS WEB SITE**

Readers of *Essence* can now find *Essence* information on the Internet at the new web site <http://www.essence.com>.

While surfing the web site browsers can chat with *Essence* editors and celebrities as well as offer personal opinions about the magazine and web-site content.

*Essence* editor in chief, Susan Taylor said, "It's critical that African-Americans create an agenda for technological empowerment and claim our stake in the new information economy."

"We want our readers to get to know one another, to share ideas, insights, hopes and dreams," said Clarence O. Smith, president of *Essence Communications, Inc.*

Browsers can click SHOP to download information about the *Essence On-Line Emporium*, *Essence-by-Mail* catalog, *Essence Books*, *Essence Books for Children* and *Essence magazine*.

Information about *Income Opportunities*, a general-interest monthly business magazine, and *Latina*, the newest bilingual magazine

for Hispanic women can also be obtained via Internet. Information is also available on *Essence Communications Inc.* about special events and awards including the *Essence Music Festival* and the *Essence Awards*.

"The Web site is an extension of who we are and what we have to offer our readers. It is not designed to duplicate the magazine, but to be an opportunity to learn and to engage in dialogue," said CEO of *Essence Communications Inc.*, Edward Lewis.

**AICHE HOSTS CLOTHES DRIVE**

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Outreach Committee will be having a clothing drive beginning October 23-30 in the Chemical Engineering Building. Donations will be given to the Mt. Corinth Outreach Ministry in Hempstead, Texas on Nov. 1st.

**PLEASE VOTE NEXT TUESDAY NOV. 5**



Lockard and Hines

**TI DONATES \$120,000 RECEIVES PV CLUSTER AWARD**

Prairie View A&M presented its 1996 Cluster Company Award to Dallas-based Texas Instruments Inc. for contribution of more than \$120,000 the university last year for equipment, faculty enrichment and internships.

Texas Instruments corporate vice president for university relations, Mike Lockard, accepted the award on behalf of the company during the annual awards ceremony held the campus.

"We actively seek to establish partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the country and we are delighted to have become a part of Prairie View's

Cluster Program," said Lockard. As part of TI's strong support of educational programs at all levels, the company established its Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institution program.

"We are sincerely pleased to be a partner in higher education with Prairie View A&M University and to provide assistance that enabled the university to fulfill some critical needs," Lockard said. "We don't view our support as a contribution, but as an investment in the future."

**SPIDERS AND ROACHES ON DISPLAY FOR HALLOWEEN**

In celebration of the Halloween season, the Houston Museum of Natural Science will feature a special display of insects, spiders, and other multi-legged creatures that make many people shiver!

Other events during the special Bug-A-Boo Week, October 25-31, include daily cockroach races and a giant bug contest.

The museum will also host live roach races at the Six Legs Over Texas Speedway, located in the Cockrell Butterfly Center foyer. Patrons guessing which cockroach crosses the line first can win a prize.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science is a non-profit organization located in Hermann Park across from Miller Outdoor Theatre. The museum is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information call (713) 639-4629 or inquire on the Internet at [www.hmns.mus.tx.us](http://www.hmns.mus.tx.us).

# This Week

Now -Nov. 6 KPVU Radiothon

Oct. 28- Oct. 31-- **Campus All-Star Challenge**  
7 p.m. each night

**Panther Volleyball at Home**

Oct. 29- v. Texas College at 7 p.m.  
Nov. 1- v. Air Force 7 p.m.  
Nov. 2- v. Jackson State 2 p.m.  
v. Alcorn State 6 p.m.

**Oct. 31- Halloween**

4 p.m.- 7 p.m.- Marriott/ CAB Monster Bash  
7 p.m.- 11p.m.- CAB Halloween Festival

Nov. 1- Nov. 2 JPAFC Thanks Give-a-thon

**Panther Football**

Nov. 2- at Mississippi Valley State

Next Week

**HOMEcomings**

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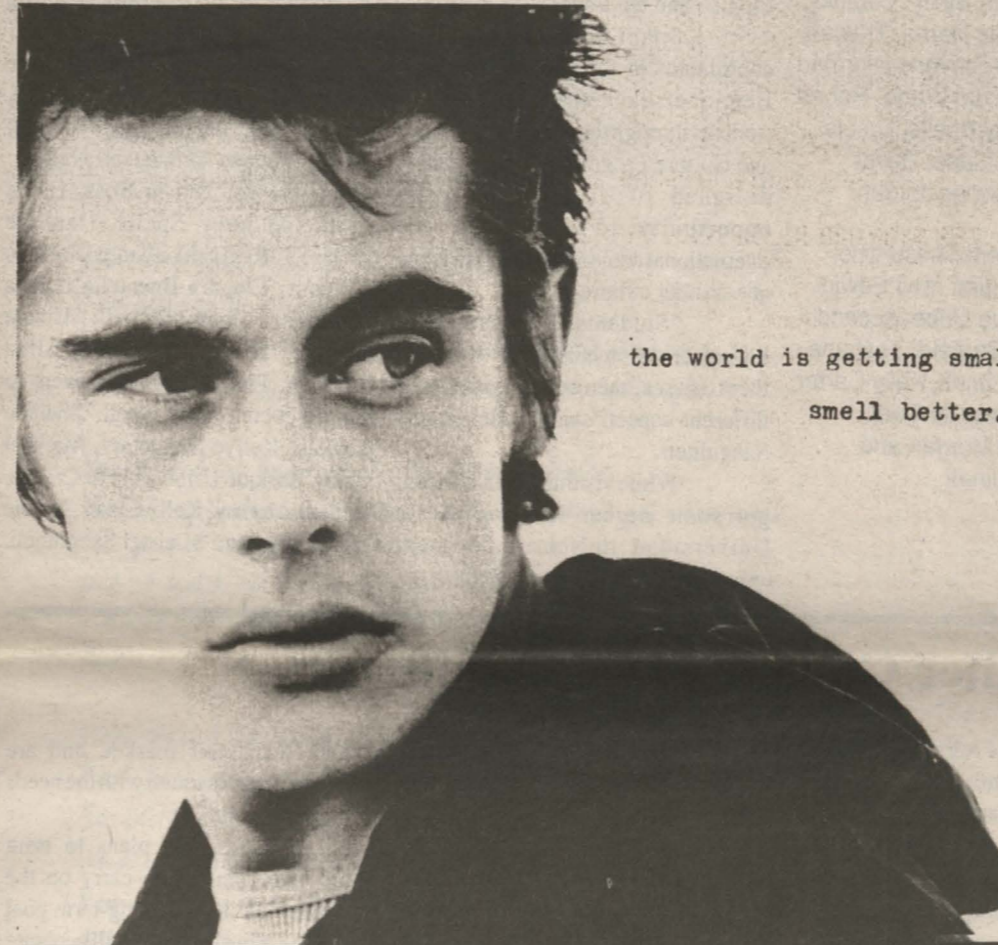
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# World News

source: the Associated Press



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**Yankees win World Series 3-2 in game six against Atlanta Braves**

(New York) — New York is getting ready to honor the World Champion Yankees after their 3 to 2 win over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday. A ticker tape parade down Broadway is scheduled for Tuesday. The Yankees' win made for their 23rd World Series Title and first in 18 years. The Yankees are also the third team in history to win a World Series after losing the first two games at home.

**United Auto Workers threaten to strike over job security**

(Detroit) — The United Auto Workers union is threatening to walk out of General Motors plants, unless an agreement is reached on a new labor contract. Talks are scheduled to continue behind closed doors at G-M headquarters in Detroit. The main issue apparently is job security.

**Shooting near upscale mall wounds 16-year-old boy in Dallas**

(Dallas) — A 16-year-old boy is recovering at home from a gunshot wound suffered after a car chase with alleged gang members. The unidentified teenager was shot in the head at around 4 p.m. yesterday while he was near the Dallas Galleria, an upscale mall.

Police said the teen had been admitted to Parkland Health and Hospital System in serious condition just after shooting. Police believe an argument at a convenience store near the mall turned into a chase involving two cars.

Shots were fired from both cars as they sped away from the store. The car carrying the wounded man swerved into the Macy's parking garage, where attendants called an ambulance.

**Grass fires tear through southern California aided by strong winds**

(San Bernardino, California) — Santa Ana winds have whipped up another wildfire in Southern California. A 600-acre fire erupted last night in the San Bernardino area and moved toward a populated area. Some people have voluntarily moved their homes.

**Pope returns to pulpit after three weeks recovery from appendectomy**

(Vatican City) — Pope John Paul resumed his pastoral duties only three weeks after having an appendectomy. He recently returned to church duties with a service at St. Peter's Basilica to mark the unification of the Roman Catholic Church with churches of the Eastern faith.

**Arson destroys 100-year-old mill in Rhode Island, teens suspected**

(Providence, Rhode Island) — Two 14-year-olds have been arrested in connection with last week's huge fire in Providence, Rhode Island. It destroyed a 100-year-old mill and left about three dozen people homeless. Charges against a nine-year-old who confessed have been dropped.

**LOTTO TEXAS**

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## Prairie View students receive credit hours for studying in Spain, Mexico in summer '96

Prairie View students visited the countries of Mexico and Spain during the summer and received credit.

Pictured (top) Those who went to Mexico (first row) Felisia Ross, Alana Shurman, Diana Hernandez (second row) Carl Nagy, Classonia Stelly, Claudio Buentello, Genia Harris, Travis Curry, Danielle Stevens, Norman Williams, Reginald Wade, Robert Rooks, Anthony Spells, Ursula Antoine, Philip Liase, David Smith and Adrienne Jordan

Pictured (bottom) Those who went to Spain (first row) Edwin Crooks, Enrique Uribe (second row) Shalana Barfield, Teshana Murray, Tracy Snell, Kelly Carter, Kellye Singletary, Michael James, Nicole Morgan and Michael Sanguinetti

By TA'NITRA TRIMBLE

In the Summer of 1996, 27 students from Prairie View took a trip to Madrid, Spain and Cuernavaca, Mexico and for the first time in PV history students earned college credit hours for studying abroad. With the help of the department of English and foreign language students traveled to Mexico and ten traveled to Madrid.

Spanish professor and coordinator of the trip, Dr. Carolina Henriquez-Sanguinetti assisted the students through the Spanish Language and Culture Program. The program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the international arena and gain knowledge about other cultures.

"Students are exposed to different environments which will allow them to see themselves grow in a different aspect," said Dr. Henriquez-Sanguinetti.

While visiting Spain students got some higher learning at the Universidad de Nebrija, a local university in the heart of Madrid

and at the same time earned six college credit hours for participating in the program. Students participated in various activities and had the opportunity to take a tour in the House of Parliament where they met other students from Italy, China and Checkoslovakia.

"El Pais," the national newspaper in Madrid, centered on the students in a front-page article during their visit.

Students participating in the Summer Program '96 in Cuernavaca, Mexico were Genia Harris, Phillip Liase, Adrienne Jordan, Carl Nagy, Robert Rooks, Felisia Ross, David Smith, Anthony Spells, Danielle Stevens, Reginald Wade, Norman Williams, Claudia Buentello, Diana Hernandez, Classonia Stelly, Ursula Antoine, Travis Curry and Allan Shurman. The students who went to Madrid were Tracy Snell, Shalana Barfield, Kellye Singletary, Michael James, Enrique Uribe, Edwin Crooks, Teshana Murray, Kelly Carter, Nicole Lee Morgan and Michael Sanguinetti.



## Entrepreneurship at its best: The Panther Card offers discounts



Emanuel Taylor (left) and Keith Love (right) display their contribution to the student body, The Panther Card

By SHEREE A. TOLBERT

After it's used a few times, the card virtually pays for itself.

Junior Emanuel Taylor and senior Keith Love are founders of the Young Entrepreneur Society (Y.E.S.), and have known each other since high school in Spring, Texas. They have combined their business savvy and ingenuity to help the students of Prairie

break, they were diligently working to materialize their vision.

But this isn't the sole objective of the society. Y.E.S. has formed a stock club that will introduce students to the stock market. They will hold a seminar, on Nov. 12, that will be simply called "Introduction to Wall Street," where counselors from Merrill Lynch and PaineWebber will

View A&M more wisely spend their scarce dollars.

So what are the advantages of the card? "Local vendors receive increased patronage and accessible advertising at a minimal price, campus organizations are offered to utilize the card for fund-raising, and most importantly it saves money," said Taylor.

'Generation X', as young adults who came of age in the 90s are often called, a generation of 'slackers', has proven to be untrue by Taylor and Love who approached 90 percent of the businesses in the local area. While fellow classmates were enjoying Christmas

offer advice on making profitable and sound investments in stocks and options.

"A lot of companies are beginning to migrate [to Mexico], thus, producing a large number of lay offs. We want to create self-sufficient people so that they won't be as effected by the change in our economy," said Taylor.

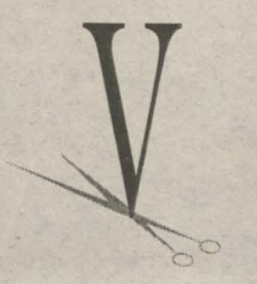
There has been a recent rise in entrepreneurship in young adults, according to Black Enterprise in its Dec. 12 edition in 1995.

Young entrepreneurs are so successful because they are in direct

contact with their market, and are therefore better in touch with the needs of their clientele.

Y.E.S. has plans to train future entrepreneurs to carry on the innovative torch and a long-term goal of opening a business that will generate revenues directly into the university.

"Energy, vision, and a strong drive are characteristics of a promising entrepreneur," said Love. "We hope to educate the students of Prairie View on the world of free enterprise so that they, too, will embody the true entrepreneurial spirit."



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He called during the day to say hi.  
He called at night to say come by.  
His schedule seemed full, how could there be another?  
But he fooled me; there was an undercover lover.  
I thought for sure he was true,  
but he played me like he played you.

He licked my lips and carressed my thighs,  
he cuffed my cheeks and stared into my eyes.  
He said those words that make a woman weak;  
that he cared and would not cheat.  
My juices flowed and my heart pounded with lust,  
he had me wide open and full of trust.  
I woke up in his arms and felt it was true,  
but he was up in me like he was up in you.

His sexy smile and his delicate touch,  
his tender kiss which I loved so much  
was soon played out when he was caught slippin'  
walking out of Fuller, thinking he was pimpin'.

You stared at him while he looked down.  
Walking faster and faster so he wouldn't get clowned.  
The pain inside hurt like hell,  
but I held it in so he couldn't tell.  
I knew for sure that we were through,  
Because he played me, just like he played you.

How can I be mad at you for something you didn't know?  
And how can you hate me 'cause a lying cheating ho?  
So in the end when we meet toe to toe  
and we're ready to throw blow for blow,  
Remember no matter who wins the bout,  
like it or not we both got played out.

Ericka Bowman

### PASSION

This is the time we have alone  
lock the doors unplug the phone  
the only time I have with you  
My mind asks of the things we could do  
To send you in a whole world of ease  
To make love to you on bended knee  
Never to release you from my arms  
Protecting you from a world of harm  
One night to show you the love from my heart  
Onr time to never let us part  
Giving you all your desire  
Kissing you slowly form head to toe  
Letting our deepest fantasies go  
Showing love to each other just as people do  
But those who love are only a few.

Davis Monroe, III

### Oh God

Oh, God  
I've been out of touch and gone away so long,  
please let me come home.

Oh, God  
I've committed sin and done wrong,  
please let me come home.

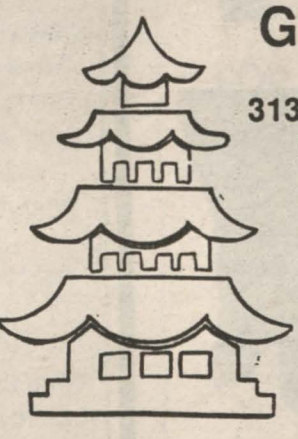
Oh God  
I've done wrong and no right,  
please let me come in tonight.

Oh God  
The life I've lived is crooked not straight,  
please show me how to love and not hate.

Oh God  
I'm of the weak, wanting to be strong,  
please give me strength so I won't do wrong.

Oh God  
I want to live a life by you,  
so please show me what I must do.

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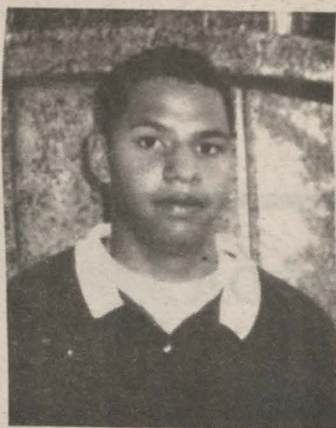
**What are your views on the upcoming Presidential Election?**

**IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN**



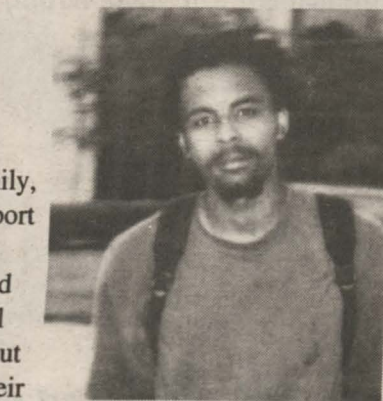
**Angela Hall**  
Junior  
Nursing

"For the 1996 election, I will be voting for my colleagues, my family, as well as myself, so I am in support of the Democratic Party. Dole is terrible combination of radical and conservative. His policy on illegal immigrants is to snatch children out of school. Since he can't get to their parents he chooses to make the children illiterate. He is anti-education, he wants to dismantle the Department of Education, end school lunches, block loans and supplemental grants. What does he propose to do with this money? Give his fellow soldiers a 5.7 percent raise. Now does that sound like someone you would want to govern your future."



**Steven Burns**  
Freshman  
Animal Science

"I'm voting because it is important to me and should be important to everyone. The lack of voter participation is the reason we have people in office that we don't approve of."



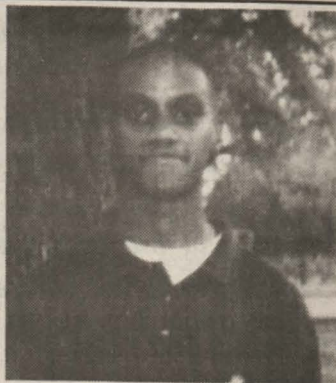
**Taufeeq Muhammad**  
Senior  
Political Science

"I don't plan on voting because the person who is going to win is decided by the electoral college, not the people. The government cast an illusion that the masses will have some effect on the vote but they don't, so I don't see the purpose in voting for someone that won't express our views. The same people that are oppressing us get elected, so how are we supposed to get ahead."



**Jeffry Booty**  
Senior  
Radio/Television

"As an African-American student, the Democratic party is more concerned with issues that deal with African-Americans as opposed the Republicans who are out for their own political gain."



**TaTanisha Williams**  
Junior  
Nursing

"If the Republican Party wins the '96' election it could be a major setback for African-Americans. Overall the Democrats have begun to improve the nations problems, dealing with the economy, education, teenage violence and health care."



**Kendall McDonald**  
Freshman  
Business Management

"I'm voting for Clinton because Dole will just revert us back to slavery"

**Don't forget to vote on Nov. 5**

**Aspire Higher Engineering Challenges.**



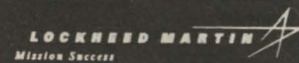
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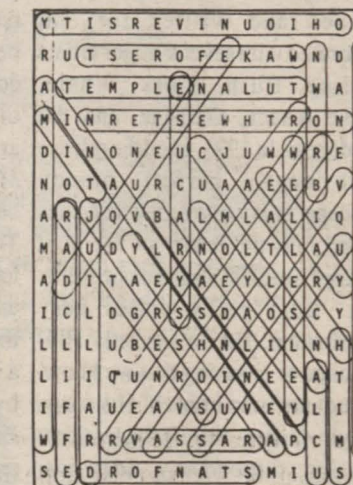


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Editorial from the Alabama State Hornet Tribune

Answers to collegiate crossword from page 10.



**Dear Jaquita**

Dear Jaquita,

I am a bisexual female and I have a big problem. I have two roommates whom I get along with very well. The thing is, that I find myself attracted to one of them. My roommate is very attractive and I enjoy our late night talks.

I'm a freshman and I live in Drew Hall and I am afraid that I will be laughed at by my "friends." Should I be honest with her, or should I continue to watch her sleep at night and dream of a fantasy relationship with her? please help me, I think I'm love.

Signed,  
In Distress

Dear in Distress,

Well, first you should decide if you are strong enough within yourself to come out of the closet. If you're not ready then, you'll only bring yourself more heartache.

Secondly, find out



Jaquita

how your roommate feels about bisexuality. If you feel, after that, there is a possibility that she will understand, go ahead and tell her. At least then you will know where the relationship stands. Remember though, if you continue to deny your feelings, nothing will ever be resolved.

Dear Jaquita,

This semester marks the end of my second year at Prairie View and I am considering pledging a certain sorority. I have my heart set on this organization, but my former roommate, whom I hate is a member of this organization. I feel she will hinder my becoming a part of this

organization because of our misunderstandings. I really do want to pledge, but I don't know what to do. Help. Signed,  
Perplexed Potential

Dear Perplexed Potential,

Girl, if you really want to do this, don't let no evil woman stop you from chasing your dreams. However, you might want to try to patch things up first. Some people do forgive.

If you decide not to pursue something that's important to you simply because you are afraid of not succeeding, you have already set yourself up to fall.

Anyway, even though your ex-roommate may already be a member, I'm sure that she doesn't hold all of the pledge cards in her hand. I'd go ahead and give it a try.

Clue #1- I'm a junior

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# Entertainment

## Tricky adds British flair to American music

By BRIAN KEHINDE

blueness of his world.

With *Nearly God*,

At only 22, Tricky, a West Indian from Bristol, England has produced and written for and collaborated with several major artists including, Bush, Bjork, Whale, Massive Attack, Garbage, and the Gravediggas. In 1995, upon the release of his nearly perfect, moody sonicscape, *Maxinquaye*, music critics crowned him the leader of the dub/Trip-Hop/Ambient dance music scene.

But Tricky defies easy categorization. He isn't exactly Hip-hop, dance or anything that we know. He is a genre unto himself. His songs echo our darker, more private sides: depression, dispondency, addiction, obsession. His slow, sad rap beats conjure in one's mind the murkiness of hazy, indo smoke-filled rooms. He's a poet, and he laments with a sarcastic, marijuana-high sounding voice that intoxicates, pulling you deeper into the

his second CD, Tricky further explores the dark recesses of the mind and heart, in what will be considered the counterpart of its predecessor, the arguably better *Maxinquaye*. It is said to be a side project from "real" Tricky albums, which may have made this CD riskier and more daring. Listen to the first track, "Cover Me", a remake of the 80's tune by Souxsie and the Banshees. It is simple, yet profound, and with its eerie string section, and clunky rust-machine beats, he may have invented Goth-hop. It's not hard to understand why he's worked with the Gravediggas.



Music artist, Tricky blends a combination of styles to produce a style all his own

"Together Now" features Neneh Cherry, singing about love and confusion, with Tricky rambling his words cryptically. "I Be the Prophet" and "Poems" are two of Tricky's best, claustrophobic and moody, as is his custom, and the easiest tracks to get into. Bjork howls and yelps gorgeously on "Yoga", but her best work with Tricky to date is "Enjoy" from her last album, *Post*.

Tricky adores old-school rap, and has said that Slick Rick's classic song "Children's Story" is primarily one of the reasons he became a musician in the first place. Tricky remakes the song with a woman on the vocals instead, but it's a wasted effort: it doesn't detract or add anything to the original. For best results (and for a challenge that demands his expertise), Tricky really needs to produce more songs for Rock artists. Check Bush's melancholy "In a Lonely Place" from the soundtrack to *The Crow: City of Angels*. From the genius of this song alone, they should have asked Tricky to go ahead and produce the entire album.

Tricky has said that he wants people to listen to *Nearly God* "right before they go to bed at night...roll a spliff, lie back, and just dream". Whether one smokes weed for enlightenment or not, you will definitely be impressed, and perhaps inspired by Tricky's point of view. He embraces all known and unknown creative forces in the universe. His influences range from the Eurythmics and Smashing Pumpkins, to Prince and the Cure. He wants to do every kind of music there is. *Nearly God* proves he can do it all....and do it well.

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## PV political science professors author 'long overdue' book

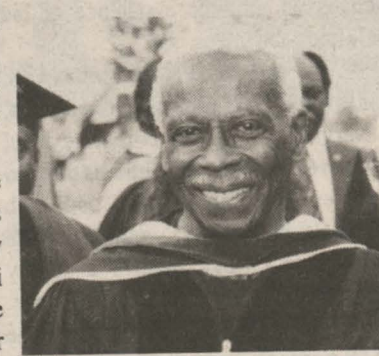
By ZHARMER HARDIMON

Often-times, people complain about problems and issues but never advocate change.

However, this is not the case with four political science professors of Prairie View A&M. Dr. Andrew Ewoh, Dr. Bruce Twyman, Dr. Imari Obadele, and Dr. Jewel Prestage have collaborated with professors from other universities to produce a textbook for the next century.

The textbook, entitled *American Government: People, Politics, and Public Policy*, is expected to give readers a more accurate and clear description of this nation's government and history.

Author of three textbooks, Obadele argues that the current book being used in Prairie View A&M government courses, *American Government and Politics Today*, is offensive and misleading.



Obadele

Obadele explains, "We wanted a book with a truer look at American government to Blacks."

In a letter written by Obadele to West Publishing Co., the publishers of *American Government and Politics Today*, Obadele listed several matters in the book which he found offensive. One of the matters that Obadele addressed was the repeatedly used term "slave" in reference to African people instead of "people held in slavery".

Director of University Scholars Program in the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, Ewoh will author five chapters in the book. Ewoh said the casual reader may not pick up the imprecise information printed in the current textbook.

"This new textbook is long overdue and I think most people will appreciate it", said Ewoh.

The 19 chapter textbook will cover a broad range of topics including everything from women in politics to civil rights.

Professors from Prairie View A&M are not the only authors of this book. Dr. Joseph S Brown of Baylor University, Dr. Franklin Jones of Texas Southern University, and Dr. Johnny Wilson of Clark Atlanta University are also contributing writers to this textbook.

*American Government: People, Politics, and Public Policy* is expected to be available for readers in the fall of 1997.

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A scene from August Wilson's *Fences* as performed by PV's Charles Gilpin Players. photo by Gitonga M'mbijjewe

## The Charles Gilpin Players receive rave reviews for 'Fences'

By ELROY GOFFNEY JR

The Charles Gilpin Players gave an excellent performance of August Wilson's classic play 'Fences', recently Hobart Taylor.

The story follows a Black family during the early 1950s. Troy (played by Babatunde Thomas) was a hard working man in his early 50s who once tried out for a major league baseball team, but he did not make the cut. His son Cory (played brilliantly by newcomer, Johnny Williams) was torn between following his own dreams of playing football and trying hard to please his father who did not approve of his ambitions which made their relationship very tense.

Rose (Joyce Brown) was a dedicated house wife who tried her best to please both her husband and her son.

Fences also is has a lighter side to it. The monologues were very entertaining and humorous. Two of the most memorable scenes were when Troy was talking to his best friend Bono (Steven Scott) about his old woman-chasing days, and when he told him and Lyons (Cliff Alexander), his son from his first marriage, about the day he met the devil. A somewhat of a comical relief also occurred when Troys brother, Gabe (D.C. Stell) came to visit him. Gabe was injured while fighting in the war which led him to have a metal plate in his head that

caused him to be mentally retarded.

Fences, well written by Wilson, was made even better through the outstanding performances by all the cast members.

In addition to all the before mentioned characters, there was also Raynell, Troy's daughter who was introduced towards the end of the play, which was played very well by Taryne Metcalf. Gilpin Players will perform 'Fences' next month at the College Theater Festival in Pasadena. If you didn't get a chance to see them this past weekend, stop by the theatre department in Hobart Taylor for information on their next performance.

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# War remembered through the eyes of child

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

This is the story of a Central American republic and how a U.S.-sponsored drug scandal destroyed the lives of thousands of families in two countries.

As a child in Bluefields, Nicaragua, Meyda Augustina Carlson recalls the peaceful coexistence of her tropic coastal town where campesinos

tended to herds and crops and the war from 1987-1990 had pushed its tangents into her backyard, encompassing Meyda in a gruesome and bloody battlefield.

"It was terrible," expressed Meyda, "you saw blood draining on the street. People couldn't sleep well at night."

She recalls her country having gone nearly a decade without an election, under the authority of Daniel

Ortega, El Comandante, former head of the Sandanista party to which she belongs. "Things were fine," says Meyda of the social balance and educational system before the American influence that sparked a war between the Sandanista and Contra parties. "It wasn't a secret that the U.S. sponsored the Contras," a group that Meyda clearly identifies as very small in her country and incapable of having caused the tremendous slaughter and

chaos without the assistance of the United States.

Under Victor Somoza U.S. influence burgeoned in Nicaragua, everything from the corporate level down to the teaching methods utilized in elementary, junior high, and high schools, but Somoza's ousting, at the hands of Ortega, led to a steady disappearance of American influence. In order to regain that influence, the U.S. had to find a small group to execute a task, using a give-take line to hook the needy: You supply us with cocaine and help us regain influence, we will support you and supply you with firearms.

The Contras, mostly poor campesinos from the hillside, had access to state-of-the-art weapons that aided them in fighting the Sandanista military. Certain U.S. officials supplied arms to Contras in exchange for cocaine product that was shipped into the

Black communities throughout America, at the cost of numerous lives both in America and Nicaragua.

Meyda said that cocaine does not grow in an abundance in Nicaragua, therefore it is likely that other countries are involved, possibly Colombia, due to the open borders throughout Central America, where individuals can travel from country to country without checkpoints, much like state-to-state travel in the United States of America.

FSLN (La Frente Sandanista de Liberacion Nacional), the organization that has battled against American policies for several decades flies a red and black bandera (flag) to symbolize the bloodshed on the soil of Nicaragua. "Without thinking twice I would pick up arms and go fight for my country, if something were to happen," said Meyda.

The bodies of young, captured Nicaraguan males were stockpiled in the parks for everyone to see, leaving a population disproportionately weighting more females than males. For the ones that lived, they may never see Nicaragua again, having fled to Cuba and El Salvador for refuge from a war that claimed the lives of the thousands of their fellow countrymen. When the 17-year-and-old recruits were in short supply, the young Nicaraguan ladies trained for educational, medical, and combat roles. "Basically, what we didn't know is if we were going to go fight."

Nicaraguans will hold elections for a new president this November. Residing President Violeta

de Chamorra, elected in 1990, is almost sure to lose her re-bid for the office says Meyda, who will return to participate in the elections next month. Meyda said with only 30 percent of the vote going into the 1990 elections, de Chamorra relied on support from a vote divide in the Sandanista party that boosted her to a win. She says that even when the war subsided, Nicaraguans were still somewhat at a loss because de Chamorra had lived in the U.S. for a period of time, making her somewhat of an affiliate of the United States, while at the same time having some ties with the citizens of Nicaragua.

When the U.S. put an embargo on Nicaragua the people had plenty of dinero but no products, a cruel action taken on behalf of the

United States. Long before the scandals, life was fine - no warring campesinos and nationalists - now it has become more complex, an irreplaceable past

loaded atop a troubled future will make it more difficult to return to the peaceful days. There were days in South Central Los Angeles and numerous other Black communities across the country when stress was present, but not unbearable.

Crack fiends dance without inhibition in the streets and on boulevard corners, dressed only in their bare essentials, believing that they are beautiful because beneath the decay an undying heart speaks: All the crack in the universe could never destroy the intangible beauty that resides deep within.

Everytime a country stands on its own grounding the United States labels that country an anti-American establishment. Too many lives were destroyed building America through a system of slavery.

Since yellow has been said to represent faith, sauanjoche - the light-yellow Nicaraguan plant with 4-5 long petolas - may be a symbol of the growth and faith that may be built between the people and the president, following the upcoming elections.

As a line from Nicaragua's national anthem, Salve A Ti Nicaragua, inspires Meyda Augustina Carlson to fight for the stability once enjoyed in her country before the U.S. scandal, "Aunque la patria es pequena, uno grande la suena: Though the country is small, the dream remains big," consider the small portion of the country in which you can openly exercise rights, without prejudice and police interference and realize that you should dream for something bigger.

*"Without thinking twice I would pick up arms and go fight for my country"*

# Sports

## PV Women's volleyball team bumps up the heat, leading the SWAC western division with 3-0 record

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

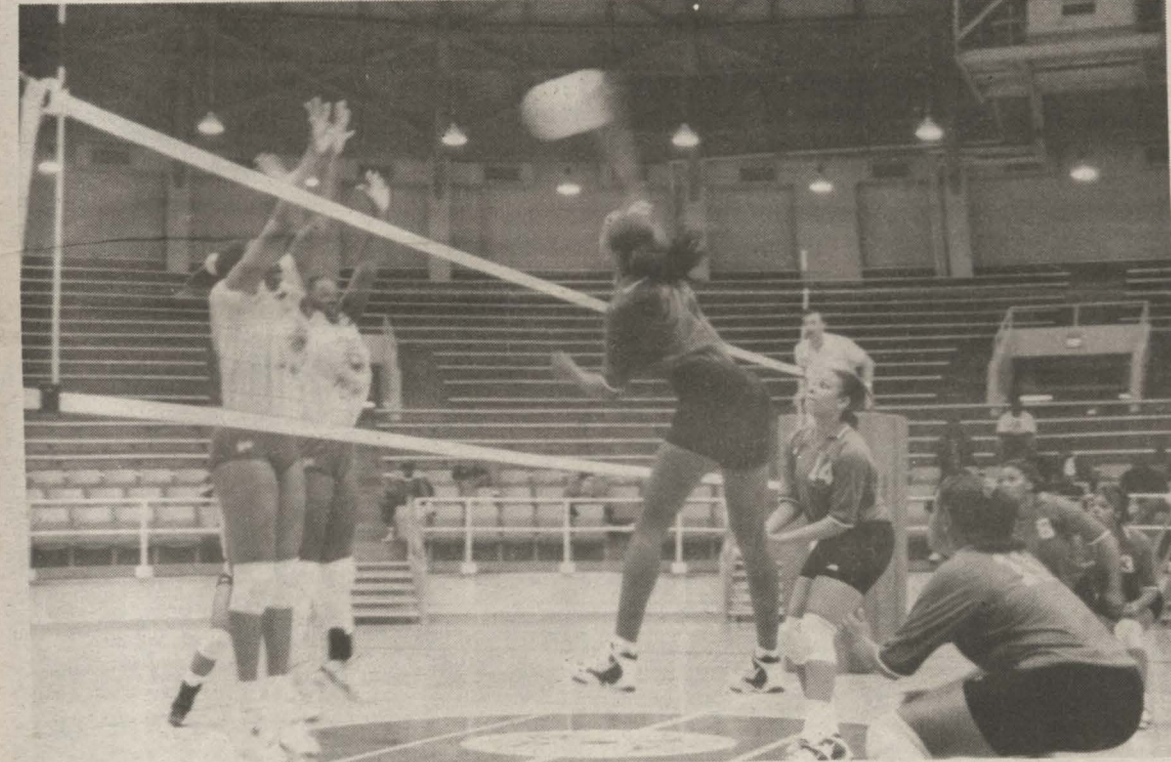
The Prairie View A&M University women's volleyball team has been steamrolling the western division of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, posting a perfect 3-0 record in conference play.

Grambling State, Texas Southern, and Southern University trail the Lady Panthers, respectively, while in the eastern division Alcorn State leads with a perfect 5-0 record.

Mississippi Valley State, Alabama State, and Jackson State trail eastern leader Grambling with less impressive records; Jackson State leads in consecutive losses with four: Centenary, Oct. 16, 1-15, 8-15, 4-15; Grambling State, Oct. 17, 3-15, 9-15, 1-15; Grambling State, Oct. 17, 10-15, 8-15, 4-15; Alabama State, Oct. 19, 5-15, 10-15, 6-15.

The Lady Panthers went four matches with Southern University, before defeating them with tallies of 15-1, 14-6, 16-4, and 15-13.

The Lady Panthers will face opponent TSU in an away game, to be held Oct. 21, and return home Oct. 24 to battle the GSU Lady Tigers; they will then face Centenary Oct. 26 in an away game.



The western division leaders from PV show their Southwestern Athletic Conference skills. Photo by Gitonga M'mbijjewe

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NEW GYM	RACQUETBALL (S&D)	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	EYE GOGGLES MANDATORY	LD.
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NEW GYM/OUTDOOR	VOLLEYBALL 6 ON 6 (COED)	TUE & THUR 7:00-9:00	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
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SOFTBALL COMPLEX	SOCCER (COED)	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	OUTDOOR TRACK & JOGGING	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	HAVE FUN	"
NEW GYM	BASKETBALL (COED)	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	NO DUNKING RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
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INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	HORSE SHOES (COED)	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	HAVE FUN	"
NEW GYM	TV, VCR, & MOVIES	MON-FRI 4:00-9:00	HAVE FUN	"
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## Intramural tennis tourney will help to rack up some goods

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

Members of the intramural sports and coaching individual and dual sports classes have organized a tennis tournament, to take place Nov. 4, 1996, at the Prairie View A&M University tennis courts.

Depending on the number of entries, there will be singles and doubles competitions; a competition will be held Nov. 6, if it is found to be necessary. To enter the competition, one canned good or \$1 is required.

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Commentary

A sad song and dance: Black faces in '90s athletics that don't pass the tests become posterboys and girls

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

It is ridiculous, the number of Black faces plastered between sports pages for having failed standardized tests. At no other time, except when a Black athlete is not able to contribute talents to an athletic program in the year recruited, do so many yearbook pictures turn into mugshots: Smile, you didn't pass the SAT.

When will the Black athletes that haven't got it finally get it?

Of course, the coaches at that other schools don't care when and if you sleep through a couple of math classes, because you shouldn't know how many decimals you're worth to an athletic program anyway; you're only an athlete, right? Wrong, you're a Black athlete, and there is a difference. Are you revered for your mind or your muscles? Do you find yourself engaged in non-sports related conversations with your fellow classmates, or do they look at your intellectual side as so underdeveloped that you don't even think about things like exercising, you just follow Nike's slogan and 'Just Do It', not knowing why?

The time has come to stop the rapping of your athletic talents, stand up and run over somebody, dunk on somebody, jump over somebody... apply the codes of your athletic disciplines to your academic life, using what you have to get what you need. And one thing you need is some of that corporate sponsorship. You ever wonder why NCAA rules prohibit scholarship athletes from working? Athletics is supposed to be your full-time job. Let's take a look at the way this whole thing is constructed. The poorest of poor in this country make more than a Black college athlete, with

\$15,000 and under as a reference number. If you (Black college athletes) sit and think about all of the people that pay to see you and provide sponsorships for you, supposedly benefitting you, then you will see that they are robbing you with no guns, killing you softly with a sweet song; the cost of tuition is more than covered after several sporting functions. Nobody is doing you a favor, you're keeping the corporate pockets fat.

Strange how you have this job, all of this money, no degree, and no respect; strange, because it doesn't make sense - jobs without paychecks. Strange how most of the pictures of ineligible athletes are colored portraits of young Black men - rarely young Black women - from high school to college, a seemingly unyielding cycle. But the strangest thing is this: teachers passing young Black males, encouraging them to forsake academic work in exchange for the dollars that athletics can bring. This - athletics and academics - must be a complete package, untampered by the Christmas-time parcel workers that open your holiday greeting cards looking to take the riches and throw the envelope in a can, with the rest of the garbage. Black athlete, don't be that holiday envelope.

Before you smile for that next yearbook picture, hopefully you've passed your standardized tests and entrance exams, so that your yearbook picture doesn't find its way beneath a news story headline. Listen to your mothers and fathers, taking time to invest in yourselves sisters and brothers - not relying on the system to teach you this time - because, as it is evident, the system only has interest in your bodies and not your minds.

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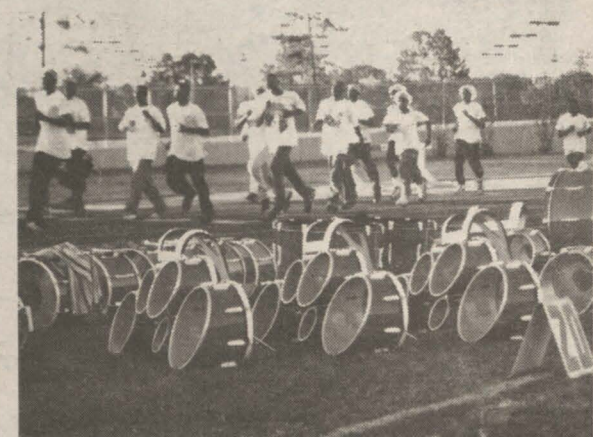


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