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The Panther

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A legend succumbs at 59



Signs of the times at Prairie View A&M University. A row of signs at the eastern entrance of the campus conveys messages of caution. One sign warns that no weapons are allowed on campus.

Blizzard of 1996 affects many PV students

By KASANA T. REEVES
Panther Staff

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! Not! This year has had a very chilling start.

The blizzard of '96 made its mark in the roughest way. People were left homeless, helpless, and even in bereavement because of this storm.

Football and basketball games were cancelled along with concerts, so a lot of fans were disappointed. Even some cable lovers were jolted due to weather conditions.

The major problems caused by the storm included electrical outages, shortages in food, slippery roads, and rising numbers in the death toll.

Most of the northeastern states had no choice but to shut down schools and businesses, and hope all had enough food to make it through the blizzard.

There was great concern over what would happen to the nation's homeless, since many shelters were already full and barely surviving.

Flight cancellations made life much harder for those who had plans to visit relatives and friends out of town during the break.

Many students here at Prairie View live out of Texas and were forced to face the storm without warning. Arthur Maryland, of Gary, Ind., said he was a helpless victim of the blizzard.

"Even though our pipes were covered and the heat was working I felt there was something I should've done to make my mother and little

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Spring registration almost hassle-free

By BRIAN REEVES
Panther Staff

Registration for the Spring 1996 semester was faster and easier than it has ever been due to new procedures that were implemented.

Robert Ford says the new procedure involved having students register at a time which is designated by the first letter of their last name. By registering at the allotted time, students prevent overpopulation in the corridor of the Fieldhouse, where registration

is held. Though not problem-free, this has been one of the smoothest registrations ever, Ford says.

Problems in registration usually begin when students don't adhere to the schedule and too many students try to register at one time, Robert Ford stresses.

Another change this semester was removing the TASP table from the beginning of the holds-station line and putting it at the end. In the past, when the table was in the front, students

see **REGISTRATION** on page 10

By DEMETRIS HOLDEN
Panther Staff

Barbara Jordan, an American legend died Wednesday, Jan. 17, after a 2-year battle with leukemia. She was 59.

Jordan touched lives, inspired hope, and restored faith in the U.S. Constitution. She was an African American role-model who made a career of being the first to accomplish many goals. Segregation limitations were not a concern to Jordan as she became the first African American to hold a major post in Harris County; the first African-American woman ever elected to the state legislature; and the first African American woman elected to U.S. Congress from the south.

On Saturday Jan. 20, Jordan was the first African-American to be buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

More than 1,000 people came to wish Jordan a final farewell at the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Houston. People who arrived two hours early could not get into the funeral service. Hundreds stood outside and watched the service on television monitors. Among those attending were the President of the United States,

former Texas governor Ann Richards, cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, current state officials and local and national dignitaries. There were also prominent black officials in attendance, including U.S. Representatives John Conyers, Charles Rangel, and Maxine Waters, former U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young, and nearly every local African-American in elected office.

Jordan was noted for defending the Constitution during the Watergate hearings. She also delivered a captivating speech at the 1976 Democratic Convention. After leaving Congress, Jordan became a professor at the University of Texas. She was ultimately honored by President Clinton when she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994. She was also buried with the medal draped around her shoulders last Saturday afternoon.

Although Jordan was born and raised in the lower levels of Houston, she triumphed and became one of the most powerful women in the world. She will always be remembered, not only by the African-American community, but by people of every culture as one of America's finest human beings.

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Briefly

Glacier Park to Hire 900 College Students For Summer Jobs

College students from across the country are being sought for summer jobs at one of the nation's most spectacular national parks.

Glacier National Park, in the northwest corner of Montana, is best known for its rugged mountain wilderness and historic lodges. Glacier Park, Inc., is looking for students to fill more than 900 summer jobs in all segments of the hotel and hospitality areas.

The seven hotels and lodges and the famous red vintage tour coaches operate throughout the 1.4 million acres of Glacier National Park. Since the early 1900's, it has been a tradition for college students from across the country to work at the park while enjoying a number of outdoor activities such as hiking, riding, and fishing in one of the nation's last examples of pristine wilderness.

For details on jobs and salaries, call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620, or write Glacier Park, Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, AZ, 85077-0924.

Vision Screening Workshop

Prevent Blindness Texas will offer a preschool vision screening certification workshop. This workshop is offered to daycare/preschool directors and staff, nurses, or those interested in volunteering their time to help conduct vision screenings in their community. The next workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3211 West Dallas. For registration information call Tonya Thompson at (713) 526-2559.

MIX 96.5 (KHM-FM) Offers Internships for Spring 1996

MIX 96.5 is currently accepting application for prospective interns to work in the promotions department for Spring 1996. Interns will be responsible for executing station promotions and assisting the promotions director with various tasks. Among responsibilities will be : setting up sound systems and the station area at events, maintaining the promotions databases and prize closet, clerical work and wearing the MIX 96.5 mascot costume at events.

Those interested in applying must be eligible to receive college credit in exchange for the internship, must have a flexible schedule and available to work 10-15 hours a week.

Interested individuals should forward their resume immediately to : Tim Miller, Promotions Director, MIX 96,5/KHM-FM, 1990 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2300, Houston, TX, 77056. The station will not accept phone calls regarding this position.

Key Dates

PV vs. TSU Jan. 27

Emerging Leaders Jan. 29

Summer 1996 Feb. 1

Financial Aid Applications Due

Health News

Fat reduction may help prevent cancer

Men who restrict fat in their diets may lower their risks for prostate cancer, which occurs more often in black men than in other groups.

A six-month study at Baylor College Of Medicine in Houston sought to determine if limiting fat intake to 20 percent of calories would reduce levels of prostate specific antigen , a blood marker used to indicate prostate-cancer risk.

Prostate cancer is the major cancer killer of men 50 and older.

Kadmon suggests that all men be screened annually for prostate cancer, beginning at age 40.

Educational opportunity for minorities

Minority college students interested in medical careers may apply for the Honors Premedical Academy, a six-week summer program at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, both in Houston.

Students earn nine undergraduate hours. They are paired with Baylor physicians in the morning and take afternoon science and communications classes at Rice. Tuition and housing are free.

Applicants must have a 2.75 GPA and a 3.0 GPA in their majors.

For more information call 1-800-798-8224. The application deadline is April 1.

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Department News

Cooperative Extension assistant receives scholarship

Linda Williams-Willis, assistant administrator of Family and Consumer Sciences with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University, recently received the Chancellor of the Texas A&M University Systems Scholarship for participation in the 1996 Leadership Texas Class.

"Leadership Texas is a highly competitive executive training program for Texas women in leadership positions started by former Governor of Texas, Ann Richards," said Willis. "Participants represent a diverse cross-section of Texas women from the public, private and volunteer sectors of leadership."

The women selected for Leadership Texas are leaders in their own communities and professions. Representing both rural and urban areas, they are corporate and non-profit executives, educators, volunteers, lawyers, physicians, allied health professionals, journalists, artists, entrepreneurs, and



Dr. Linda Williams-Willis

elected officials, among others.

Dr. Willis is the first person from Prairie View A&M University to be selected to participate in the Leadership Texas Program. "I hope that my participation will open the doors for other women at Prairie View A&M to benefit from Leadership Texas," Willis said.

Participants will attend five sessions over the year. Sessions are devoted to statewide orientation with emphasis on providing leading edge information not readily available, reframing the debates on issues from immigration to economic development,

and dialoguing about creative problem solving. The sessions are also dedicated to interactive skills enchantment and leadership concepts expansion.

"The 1996 Leadership Texas program will examine issues challenging our state and some of the forward-thinking solutions which will lead us through the transformation," Willis said.

Dr. Willis has been with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M for nine years. She has a B. S. degree in family and Home Economics Education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a M.S. degree in Family and Human Development from the Ohio State University and Ph.D. in Family and Consumer Sciences from Texas Women's University.

Interested persons can contact Dr. Linda Williams-Willis at (409) 857-3812 for more information.

People



Shaitaisha D. Winston

Shaitaisha Winston of Prairie View A & M University was recently selected as a Third Place Grand Prize Winner in the American Health and Beauty Aids Insitiute's (AHBAI) \$25,000 Essay Contest.

After being selected as the First Place Essay Contest Winner from Prairie View, she competed with students from across the country to be chosen a Third Place Grand Prize Winner. As a result she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by AHBAI through its Fred Luster, Sr. Education Foundation. This award was announced during the first annual AHBAI entrepreneurial Leadership Conference held Nov. 9-10, 1995 at Dudley Products, Inc. corporate headquarters in Kernersville, N.C.

The Entrepreneurial Leadership Conference featured the presidents and key executives from multi-million dollar African-American owned hair care corporations.

Sessions at the conference, presented by representatives from AHBAI member companies, focused on topics such as "Entrepreneurial Opportunities in the African-American Market" and the "Realities of Establishing and Operating a Small Business."

The essay contest was open to students from 117 traditionally Black colleges and universities. Judges selected three winners from each school, with each first place winner earning the opportunity to attend the conference.

Winners received a registration package to the conference, which included participation in the two days of leadership workshops, two nights complimentary deluxe accommodations at Dudley's DCU Inn and a \$100 scholarship. At the conference, students had the opportunity to qualify for additional scholarships, totaling \$25,000.

Beyond The Hill

Nikon comes to Houston

The Nikon School of Photography will hold a day-long photo workshop in Houston, Feb. 10 and 11, at the Houston Marriott West Loop.

The one-day weekend classes are designed to provide photographers of all levels, regardless of what camera equipment they use, with expert advice on new photographic techniques and technologies.

Hosted by professional photographers Bill Durrence and Sam Garcia, the school covers the latest technological advances and creative techniques.

The Nikon School of Photography course runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The \$90 fee includes lunch and the 157-page special edition of the Nikon

School Handbook, a comprehensive guide to photography, filled with easy-to-understand examples and helpful hints from the pros.

Tickets can be ordered by mail from The Nikon School at 1300 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, N.Y. 11747-3064 or by calling the Nikon School Information Line at (512) 547-8666.

Ticket requests can also be faxed to (512) 547-0309. Major credit cards accepted.

Grads looking for work

This year over 1,180,000 new college graduates will hit the streets looking for employment. This number is up from 1,00,000 just two years ago. Unfortunately for many, there are more graduates than jobs.

Over the next several years, it is projected the number of college-graduating jobseekers will grow faster than the number of employment positions requiring a college degree.

If these projections hold true, the prospects for finding the "right job" will be even more difficult than it was in 1984 when the economy was at one of its lowest points in recent history.

A recent article in *Occupational Outlook Quarterly* stated "nearly 25 percent of new job entrants are expected to settle for jobs that do not require a college degree." According to Tim Loncharich, president, Snelling Personnel Service, "graduates can expect the competition to be fierce for desirable entry-level positions requiring a college degree.

Consequently, they will need to do everything that can to ensure they are the ones noticed by hiring companies."

A recent study supports

Loncharich's point. A personnel consulting group found the average employer only takes 15 seconds to review a resume.

With the daunting task of standing out among their peers and getting their prospective employer's maximum attention, students are turning towards more aggressive job search methods rather than the traditional mass mailing of resumes and attending school/job fairs.

One such method is the use of a career placement agency. Often, companies will contract with placement agencies to find qualified employees on their behalf. "In a sense, a good placement does half the work for you," said Mark Stevens, owner and manager of Snelling's Chicago office.

According to Stevens, "we will have many, many more irons in the fire than the average job hunter. On a daily basis, we are dealing with many companies who are actively hiring.

Since we know their requirements, we match prospects with right companies. It is much more efficient and successful than any job search method."

Snelling Personnel Service, one of the largest and oldest personnel staffing services in the country, has an international network of more than 275 offices specializing in the career placement and temporary staffing industry.

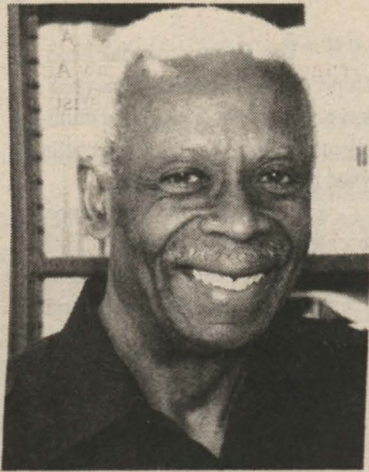
Wheels for Sight

Do you have a old clunker you want to get rid of? Donate your car, truck, or old boat to Prevent Blindness Texas.

Carpick up is provided where your old vehicle will be auctioned off at Houston Auto Auction and all proceeds will help fight eye safety presentations. For more information call Prevent Blindness at (713) 526-2559.

Newsweek

Professor contributes to book of essays



Dr. Imari A. Obadele

Prairie View A&M University political science

professor, Dr. Imari Abuakari Obadele, may be gearing up for a book tour soon as the book *Beyond Comfort Zones In Multiculturalism: Confronting The Politics of Privilege* is published.

Obadele has authored a chapter in the book called, *Multiculturalism: War In America Continues*.

The book, featuring chapters by a host of academic scholars, is a collection of essays devoted to the examination of the adventure of multiculturalism with

in American edited by Sandra Jackson and Jose Solis. "This book dedicated to those whose insistence upon their liberation gives meaning to the principle of educating," says a testament in the text.

Dr. Obadele, who is interim chair of the political science department, indicates in his essay that multiculturalism is a new strategy in a war waged for the last century by whites in order to... "maintain their intellectual and physical subordination of the New Afrikans."

According to Obadele, the book published by Bergin and Garvey was released in October.

Delta gives students travel bargains

College students across the United States are eligible for new Delta Airlines "Extra Credit" fares zone-based tickets allowing travel as low as \$138 round trip.

Delta is offering its Student Select Saving Certificate to college students who call 1-800-9DELTA0 between Jan. 4, Mar. 4, 1996. The "Extra Credit" fares are valid for travel Jan. 15-Mar. 1996, with holiday blackout dates in effects on Feb. 16, 18, 25 and March 3. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least seven days before departure. Requests are limited to one per student.

A student may use the certificate to the travel at Delta's "Extra Credit" fares and take up to two friends at the same fare. Fares \$138, \$198, and \$318 round trip depending on the length of travel by zone. Each student must provide the college name, major, address:

and student identification number and produce a valid student identification at the time of ticketing and travel. Certificates may be requested through Mar. 4 while supplies last.

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by Tom Godwin

Prairie View A&M scholars with Prairie View faculty and staff.

18 PV students honored at luncheon sponsored by Cooperative Ag Center

Eighteen scholarship recipients who attend Prairie View A&M University were honored for their scholastic achievements at the first annual USDA/1890 Scholars Program luncheon on Nov. 16, 1995. The event, sponsored by the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center and hosted by the Department of Human Sciences, was held in the Human Sciences Building on campus.

"The purpose of the luncheon was to recognize the USDA/1890 Scholars and other special scholarship recipients of similar

magnitude," Dr. Alfred Parks, research director of the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, and also chairman of the USDA Scholarship Committee at Prairie View A&M University.

Four USDA/1890 scholars were honored along with fourteen other students who received special scholarships: Nissan; USAA; Thurgood Marshall; Wal-Mart; Brackins; San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo; Texas Rural Communities;

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GE, AT&T contribute to PV computer science program



by Tom Godwin

Carolyne Oliver, Institutional Development director; Dr. Jewel Prestage, dean, Benjamin Banneker College; Dr. Jim Williams, General Manager, General Electric EMT Lab, Dr. Barbara A.P. Jones, dean, College of Business; and J.D. Oliver, head, Computer Science. GE recently gave Prairie View a grant totaling \$50,000 for the GE Scholarship and Faculty Development Fund at Prairie View A&M University.

The Directors of the General Electric Fund and AT&T Foundation have found another way to put a positive light on the subject of education. The GE Fund has announced the approval of a grant totaling \$50,000 for the GE Fund Scholarship and Faculty

Development Fund at Prairie View A&M University while AT&T Foundation has given a continuing grant \$75,000 over a period of three years. GE and AT&T Foundation Historically Black Colleges and Universities Computer Department Grants will be

the lead gifts in the establishment of a "merit-based student support fund," so that the PVAMU Computer Science Department may offer scholarships.

PVAMU has well tested infrastructure and a successful track record of commitment to the education of minorities in the field of Computer Science. The PVAMU Computer Science Program is accredited by the Computer Sciences Accreditation Board, Inc. The program has consistently been among the top three programs in the country in graduating well-trained African-American computer scientist. The PVAMU Computer Science Department boasts a strong academic foundation, industrial support, dedicated faculty members and a committed administration.

The GE Fund and the AT&T Foundation have shown a keen awareness and sensitivity to the need to increase the number of African Americans in both undergraduate and graduate computer science education. As such, both the GE Fund and the AT&T Fund hope to improve the overall outlook for increasing minority computer science recruiting. Dr. Oliver

commented, "The department has been very successful over the past 2-3 years in attracting high freshmen and transfer student into the program. One necessary ingredient to maintaining these students is to develop scholastic support comparable to equally performing students at other colleges and universities." He further said, "In appreciation, words cannot express our gratitude to AT&T and GE who have provided financial support to the faculty and students of the Computer Science Department."

In the US, out of a total of 612 doctoral graduates in computer or information science in 1993, only one was African American. The preliminary data for 1995 shows only one African American getting a Ph. D. in computer science. Presently five graduates from the PVAMU Computer Science Program are working towards doctorates in computer science at Texas A&M University, Stanford University, the University of Alabama, southern Methodist University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Students Visit Convalescent Home

The Prairie View A&M University Student Branch of the Association for the Education of Young Children (ACEI) and the Eta Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. at Prairie View A&M University presented a Christmas program to the residents of the Retirement Center of Hempstead Convalescent Home during December 1995.

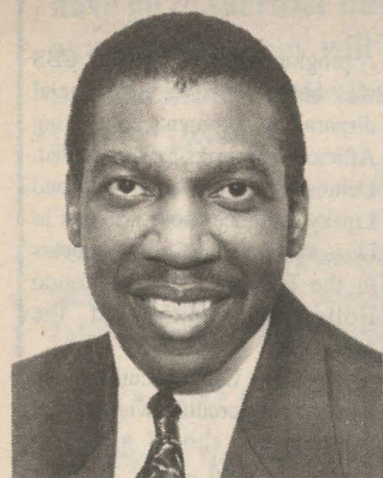
Members of Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sang a melody of Christmas carols, with piano accompaniment by Alpha Phi Alpha member, Stacy Joseph.

Several of the ACEI students were dressed in short red Santa Helpers' outfits. After the program of Christmas carols, songs, and a Christmas story, the students wished each resident a joyous holiday season as they passed out Christmas cards and candy to each resident. The residents also selected individual toiletries from Santa's bag of items donated by Wal-Mart in Hempstead.

Alpha Phi Alpha Resident,

see VOLUNTEERS on page 10

PVAMU counseling director Thomas-Smith gets Ph.D.



J. Thomas -Smith

"Toward Creating Culturally Relevant Treatment Alternatives for African-Americans."

Thomas-Smith has been Director of Counseling Services at PVAMU since 1993. Prior to joining PVAMU, he served as Director of the John Lucas Treatment and Recovery Center and Manager of the Institute of Behavioral Medicine at Columbia/HCA, Spring Branch Medical Center.

During his career, Thomas-Smith has served as a faculty member at Atlanta Metropolitan College, Texas Southern University and Houston Community College. He holds a master of arts degree in counseling psychology from Norwich University, a bachelor of science degree in communications from the University of the State of New York, and a bachelor of science degree in media management from Windsor University.

Thomas-Smith said he hopes to return to the classroom in some capacity in the near future.

Prairie View A&M University Counseling Services Director, J. Thomas Smith, joined an elite group in Dec. 1995 as he received the Doctor of philosophy degree in Behavioral Science from the University of San Jose (San Jose, Costa Rica).

Thomas-Smith has been a student of mental health and substance abuse (holding a double major) at the University of San Jose since 1992. He recently defended his dissertation entitled,

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BLACK HISTORY MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

PBS schedules programming aimed at promoting Black History Month

Houston Public Television, Channel 8, is promoting their television programs which are scheduled specifically for Black History Month.

"A. Philip Randolph: For Jobs and Freedom" is a biographical feature about A. Phillip Randolph and his accomplishments. Randolph was the brains behind the 1963 March on Washington. He spent 40 years fighting for civil and labor rights. Randolph persuaded President Roosevelt to sign an executive order barring race discrimination in federal hiring practices. The film will air Feb. 9 at 8:30 p.m.

"Mississippi America" is a documentary that highlights the struggle of African-Americans in their fight for the right to register to vote in Mississippi. According to the press release, the film tells the story of how a coalition of civil rights organizations

and thousands of black and white Americans joined forces during the summer of 1964. The one-hour film is narrated by actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee and will air Feb. 16 at 8:30 p.m.

"Black Is...Black Ain't" is the final film by the late Marlon Riggs, who died in spring of 1994 of complications due to AIDS. According to the press release, the film is "an up-front examination of racism, sexism, and homophobia within the black community itself" and will air on Feb. 22 at 10 p.m. eastern (check local listings)

"African-American Artists: Affirmation Today" is a documentary that spotlights five contemporary African-American artists who share a common heritage and the belief that art is inseparable from life. The half-hour presentation will air on Feb. 2 at 10:30 p.m. ET (check local listings).

What next? Bull Connor reincarnate?

By D. KENT
GUEST COLUMNIST

Newly elected Louisiana Governor Michael Foster plans to order an end to affirmative action programs, including minority contracting programs (sometimes referred to as "set-asides").

The motivation for such action appears to be nothing less than a blatant appeal to racially divisive politics. Like many Republican, and some Democratic, politicians around the country, Foster is playing his own brand of the race card to a largely southern white male audience.

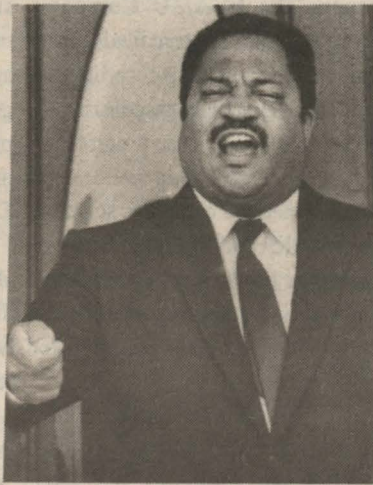
Whether international or not, these politicians are misleading gullible portions of the electorate into believing that unqualified Black businesses are depriving qualified white businesses of

contracts and, as a consequence, jobs for their fathers, brothers, and sons. While the probity of politicians has always been in doubt, Foster's actions sink to a new level.

The fact of the matter is that LESS than 3 1/10ths of 1% of the state's entire budget went to minority contracting programs. Clearly, this is NOT an issue of the deprivation of whites. On the other hand, Black-owned businesses which for years suffered from the state's history of discrimination, beat out all competing bidders for \$27.4 million worth of state contracts last year. (Many of those businesses got their start through the contracting programs.)

Given the benefit that tourism (Mardi Gras, conventions, and NFL football) brings to his state, Foster would do well to consider the consequences of his actions.

PV press officer tours with MLK play



Bryan Barrows

Prairie View A&M University Press Officer, Bryan H. Barrows, is fine tuning his one-man show, "Who Was Martin Luther King?," as he prepares to tour Georgia, Virginia, Texas and Arkansas during Jan. 11-18.

Barrows, 43, is in his fourth

year as a press officer at PV. He is a native of Bryan, although he, his wife and four children currently live in Houston.

Barrows believes that the one-man show gives the audience the real feeling of being there. The author/performer says that the play was written so that future generations will understand the level of faith, commitment, and dedication that was required to begin to address the problems associated with Jim Crowism in America.

Written by Barrows in 1985, the play is an impassioned look at the movement for civil rights within the 1950s and 1960s, using the life of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. as the focal point.

In the story, Aaron Williams, an elderly gentleman, is appalled to learn that his grandson doesn't know who King was. Williams decides that it is his duty to educate his grandson accordingly. "What has happened to the dream when the dreamer is no longer here with us?" Aaron sighs as

he begins his tale.

As the story progresses, we relive life in America in the 1960s, Rosa Parks' courage, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the riots, The March on Washington and the final days of the assassinated civil rights leader. A high point in the presentation is the famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Since 1985, the author has toured the South and the Southwest performing the production for public and private schools, churches, colleges and universities, community centers and local theatres. Barrows believes that his performances at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library (Austin, Texas), the Globe Theatre (Odessa College, Odessa, Texas) and the Ritz Theatre (Corpus Christi) as being his most memorable.

The veteran actor believes that the message of "Who Was Martin Luther King?" is "for us to understand what a miracle the concept of non-violent social action through faith in God can produce."

The Black political climate, what's your forecast?

Shortly after the Million Man March, some politicians talked about a "Black Contract with America," borrowing a theme from the Republican party. Newt Gingrich has recently announced plans to assemble a Minority Issues Task Force to advocate policy development on minority issues. But will this address the concerns of mainstream Black Americans or simply attempt to put a Black face on Gingrich's already established agenda?

The first political primary of the year will be held in New Hampshire on Feb. 20. With 1996 shaping up as

an important election year, it is vital that the political concerns of African Americans be clearly understood and widely known. Contrary to popular opinion, African Americans are not one monolithic entity; we have differing opinions like anyone else.

Recently, a number of our readers have asked us to foster dialog on the political process in 1996. In response to these requests and since the campaign season is beginning, we are conducting a poll of our reader's views of the current political landscape.

In a special supplement of Black on Black Communications, you will have an opportunity to express your thoughts. The poll will be rather comprehensive. We hope that you will take the time to complete this VERY important survey.

The poll will be conducted over the next few weeks. You should expect to receive it on Jan. 23. All responses must be returned by Feb. 17. We look forward to your reply. We value your opinion.

Information provided by Black on Black Communications.

It's in the details

A programming executive at CBS was heard to have made racial disparaging comments concerning African Americans by a journalist. Details Magazine reporter David Lipsky included those remarks in his story "The State" which appears in the February 1996, "Mondo Hollywood" edition of the magazine.

The CBS executive, John Pike has been credited with saying that the network should alter its programming to appeal to Black viewers, because, "they have no place to go in the morning — no jobs — so they can stay up as late as they like." Lipsky also states that Pike said Blacks lack the attention span to follow hour long TV dramas. Pike denies he ever made the remarks. In a prepared statement Lipsky's boss, Editor-in-Chief Joe Dolce, says the magazine took "extra measures to insure their (the remarks) veracity."

Should you wish to contact CBS, their phone number is (212) 975-4321. Their fax number is (212) 9758581. Their headquarters is located at 51 West 52nd Street NY, NY 10019.

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Notable quotes of the late Barbara Jordan



"The women of this world...must exercise leadership quality, dedication, concern, and commitment which is not going to be shattered by insanities and ignorance and idiots who would view our cause as one that is violative of the American dream of equal rights for everyone." - Address, International Women's Year Conference, Austin, Texas (Nov. 10, 1975)

"We only want, we only ask that when we stand up and talk about one nation under God, liberty, justice for everybody, we only want to be able to look at the flag, put our right hand over our hearts, repeat those words and know that they are true" -Address, International Women's Year Conference, Austin, Texas (Nov. 10, 1975)

"My faith in the constitution is whole." -Address, National Television (July 25, 1974)

..... Barbara Jordan, Governor For A Day 1972 - Photo By: Earlie Hudnall, Jr. ©


"I am telling the young people that if you're dissatisfied...with the way things are, then you have got to resolve change them...It is a burden of black people that we have to do more than talk. We have go to sacrifice our lives as an example to move young people along so that they will understand that it is a long, slow, tough road to really make it so that it lasts..." - Interview with Brian Lanier, 1989

"I believe in helping people the best way you can... sometimes you need a splash of cold water in your face to make you see the right way to do it." - Interview, New York Post (Jan. 2, 1971)

"There is no such thing that all blacks have rhythm. It's not that they're born with rhythm, but in black homes you always hear music...But the thing we don't have is the uptightness...We never had a tradition of suppressing emotion and it was not considered wrong to cry, to laugh..." - Interview, New York Post (Jan. 2, 1971)

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Lifestyles

'Waiting to Exhale' the movie

By KEISHA EDANA PEARSON
Panther Staff

bashing movie.

On Dec. 22, 1995 hundreds of people both near and far rushed to theaters and purchased a ticket to see the movie, "Waiting to Exhale."

Terry McMillan's *Waiting to Exhale* is the story of Savannah, Gloria, Robin and Bernadine; four African American women looking for someone to share their life.

This film which was directed by Forest Whitaker, who was also the executive producer of the soundtrack, showed how these women interacted with men as well as each other. These sisters were able to be honest with each other about what they wanted in a relationship and what they should or should not do in one, but they often lied to themselves. They settled for less than what they felt they deserved.

Each of these women represented a friend, relative, co-worker or someone that we can see in the mirror everyday while brushing our teeth. They were strong, meek, weak and brave.

Advertisements of the film implied that it was a feminist, male

"It was male bashing to all decent men and it made women look desperate," said junior electrical engineering major John Dilligard.

Some people prepared for the movie by reading the book. "The movie was funny, but the book was better. The title "Waiting to Exhale" describes the feeling that the women will have once they find their special mate" said Kendra Green, an electrical engineering major.

"It was alright, but the film took too much of the major parts from the book, although the movie reflected life" said electrical engineering major Richard Pryor.

To some the movie was all about choice. "Gloria was the only sensible woman and Savannah's arrogance lead her to make a bad decision" said junior biology major Donnell Price Jr.

"Waiting to Exhale" was simply about relationships and what happens in them. The women acted upon pure human emotion. When they were happy, they celebrated; when they were depressed, they wallowed in misery and when they were angry, they got even.

23rd Annual 'American Music Awards'

The 23rd annual "AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS" special will be telecast "live" on the ABC Television Network from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, on Monday, January 29, 8-11 P.M. Eastern and Pacific Time (7-10 PM Central). Sinbad and Jeff Foxworthy will host the telecast.

Nominations for the "AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS" are in seven categories. In the Pop/

Rock, Country and Soul/Rhythm & Blues categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Male and Female Vocalist, Favorite Group, Favorite Album, and Favorite New Artist. In the Rap/Hip Hop, Heavy Metal/Hard Rock, Adult Contemporary and Alternative Music categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Artist. Awards will also be presented for Favorite Soundtrack see AWARDS on page 10

Turner, Charles Gilpin Players take part in Theatre Fest '96 in Houston

By JAMILA ANDERSON
Panther Staff

The Charles Gilpin Players will be participating in "Theatrefest '96" presented by the Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, January 31 through February 4, 1996.

This convention is designed to allow high school and college students and instructors, among others, to learn about the different aspects of theatre, from costumes, to stage combat, and acting techniques. Along with a variety of seminars and contests offered, full length plays are also featured for the participants' enjoyment.

This year, not only were the Gilpins one of the colleges selected to perform, but they are the first to be asked to present a play celebrating Black History Month!

They will perform the Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. In addition to the Black History Month Show, the Gilpins will be presenting a series of Late Night Cabarets, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights of the convention at 11 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. respectively.

At last year's convention, C. Lee Turner, the Gilpins' sponsor, held a workshop on Diverse Casting in which some of his current and former students of diverse nationalities and sexes demonstrated the effectiveness of diverse casting by performing a scene intended for Caucasian males. The workshop was a success, and Turner was overwhelmed with the requests to hold the seminar this year — needless

to say, he accepted.

Turner has a few other duties as well. He will attend board meetings as a member of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) advisory panel, serve as a participant in a workshop for Critic Judges on Thursday, and serve on a special panel in a workshop addressing issues for High School One-Act play directors. The Gilpins are also scheduled to perform several Black History Month shows at elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, churches, and civic and fraternal organizations throughout the state of Texas.

By SAMANTHA R. THOMAS
Panther Staff

The Campus Activity Board (CAB) has big plans for this semester. CAB is located on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) and is made up of creative students who have a strong interest in what goes on at Prairie View A & M University.

Davion Smith, director of travel and leisure, says that he and all of the CAB staff are very excited about this semester. They plan to make each event that they sponsor geared toward Panther Pride. They are looking for the support of students, faculty, and administrators.

There have already been scheduled events to take place see CAB on page 10

TOP 10 JAMZ

10. Sittin' Up In My Room.....Brandy
9. Diggin'.....TLC
8. Love U 4 Life.....Jodeci
7. Not Gon' Cry.....Mary J. Blige
6. Baby,Baby,Baby.....R. Kelly
5. Twenty Four Play.....Janet Jackson
4. Hey Lover.....L.L. Cool
3. Always Be My Baby.....Mariah Carey
2. No one Else.....Total
1. Things Your Man Won't Do.....JOE

Sagittarius

Horoscopes

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *Good things are happening. Enjoy all the wonderful things now but prepare for a big disappointment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Keep a positive attitude about your endeavors everything will work out as planned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful. Someone close to you is going to need your help. Do the right thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Think before you react. Irrational decisions may ruin your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Concentrate on you. It is time that you treat yourself to some luxuries, you've worked hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Time to buckle down and get into the swing of things. Many obstacles will come your way but remember what you want and don't give up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Love is in the air. Someone you have loved for a long time finally shares the same feelings.

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19) Studying away from your room, it will allow you to get more accomplished. Don't hang out too much.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You feel calm but don't get too relaxed. Stay in tune with your priorities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Hold on to your dreams. You control the people around you. Everyone wants to be in your circle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Keep good spirits even in time of sorrow. You have to be strong for the people around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is the time to put your creativity to work. Bright ideas will become inventions.

THIS IS IT

damn it's kinda cold where can i be
 i can't feel the blood running through me
 my skin's getting dark, but there's no sunlight
 i'm steady trying to get up with all of my might
 I wanna thank whomever for the tight fade
 i remember being stinky, but now i feel bathed
 the last thing i recall was playing b-ball
 i heard a pop, then i started to fall
 i guess the outcome was my bad day
 in a puddle of blood was where i'd lay
 i can't hack it, and it's getting kinda drastic
 now these people are sizing me for a casket

-diggadydell

I WOULD RATHER JUST SLEEP

As I lay in my bed
 And cannot get to sleep
 I can't help but think
 Is this world mine to keep

Too many years, I see in my life
 How everything is so wrong
 And how nothing is all right
 I must wonder if I belong

Dad is not here to show me
 Mom is doing all she can
 It is so damn hard
 Trying to become a man

They're preaching of a heaven
 I can't see nothing but a hell
 And yet they ask me why
 I feel the way I feel

So now the millennium is near
 And some say our time is up
 Though I hold this world dear,
 Life is not worth living in a world so corrupt

And if this world is mine
 It will be mine to keep
 But if it is not mine
 I would just rather sleep

MY DEAR CHILD

THE LOVE WITHIN MY HEART
 IS ONLY A TOUCH AWAY
 SO PLEASE LISTEN TO ME MY DEAR CHILD
 AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE WORDS THAT I SAY.
 YOUR PRECIOUS CRIES
 ARE HEARD WITHIN THE NIGHT,
 AND MY PROMISE TO YOU MY DEAR CHILD
 IS THAT I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU
 EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM GLOOMY AND BLUE
 I'LL TRY ME BEST TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH.
 THERE'S NOT ENOUGH WORDS IN THE WORLD
 TO EXPRESS HOW I REALLY FEEL
 BECAUSE WHEN I GAZE INTO YOUR EYES
 I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH LOVE BETWEEN A
 PARENT AND CHILD
 COULD BE SO REAL.
 THE TEARS WITHIN YOUR EYES
 ARE LIKE RAIN DROPS FROM UP ABOVE
 AND WHEN YOU BEGIN TO CRY MY DEAR CHILD
 I KNOW IN MY HEART WHO YOU'RE THINKING OF.

MELVIN DOUGLAS McCLAIN JR.

I'm Sorry

I know you're facing problems
 Of which I can only dream,
 And the attitude I'm giving you
 Just makes you want to scream!

I want to say, "I'm sorry!",
 And make it all go away,
 But tomorrow I will still be here
 With other problems of the day.

I'm trying my best to understand
 Emotions that you feel.
 I want to give you joy, right now;
 A pleasure that is real.

Maybe I'm going overboard
 By saying "Forget the doe!"
 I've never had to pay a bill.
 I guess, I just don't know.

Please, take a good look through my
 eyes,
 At the much overworked mother,

From whom I try to take one problem,
 When she picks up another.

I know I can't get in your shoes,
 But I want to improve their fit.
 Arguing defeat my cause.
 No more of that you'll get.

I fuss because I love you.
 I want you to put your burdens down.
 I tried to give your face a smile,
 Instead, I made you frown.

I won't fight like this, anymore.
 About that you have no worry.
 Let me start over and take it back,
 But first I'll say, "I'm sorry!"

I have to tell her anyway,
 If she doesn't know.
 I'll open my mouth, and I'll say it
 Oh, well. Here I go!

By Avery Taylor

Registration

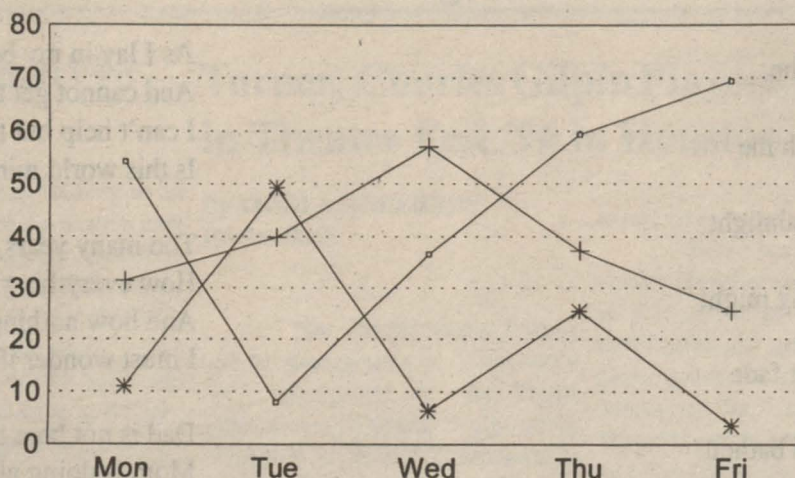
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would alter their TASP scores before they had reached the last holds station. This action caused problems for students as well as administrators in the long run.

A survey that was given at pre-registration, which implemented the same procedures as regular registration, showed favorable responses by the students, says Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford says this semester's registration has been the one of the best he has seen and he is constantly looking for new and better procedures that will eventually lead to a problem-free registration.

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| Average + | 31.4 | 39.86 | 57.04 | 37.29 | 25.44 |
| Poor * | 11 | 49.28 | 6.34 | 25.44 | 3.51 |

Blizzard

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felt there was something I should've done to make my mother and little sisters feel a bit more safe," said Maryland.

Yonkers, New York native Henry Paris mourned the loss of his godmother during the winter break. He believes that she could have overcome her fight with pneumonia if there was no blizzard.

"The streets were so dangerous that no one was allowed to travel—even in a case of emergency! Cops were making it impossible for people to get to their desired destinations. I would've done anything to get her to a hospital," said Paris.

The city of Chicago had to endure 30 inches of snow and the possibility of no help from the state. Chicago native Amanda Florence told of a choice she made because of the blizzard of '96.

"This storm is one reason I will not live in Illinois for the rest of my

life. I may visit from time to time.....but I am a Texan now!"

And speaking of the Lone Star state, Texas was also affected by the wintry weather.

Sophomores Joseph Blackwell and Cynthia Edwards reside in Dallas and said that it did snow, but there was no damage or dangers in their neighborhoods.

"It snowed long enough to make it look and feel like winter," Blackwell said. "The news reported a few traffic jams because of slippery roads, but that's to be expected," said Edwards.

Houstonians lucked out this time around and received no more than a small drop in the temperature and rain for a couple of days.

This was not the best winter break most of us have experienced, however, a very memorable one. Staying positive is the only way to keep from staying angry with the Mother Nature. Like they say, everything happens for a reason.

Scholars

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Show and Rodeo scholarships. "Many of these young men and women are majoring in some specific area of agriculture or related science that is of special interest to USDA," said Parks. "The USDA/1890 Scholarship Committee members wanted to express their appreciation to the students for the high standards they are setting for themselves and the university.

Dr. Charles A. Hines, president of Prairie View A&M University, told the scholars to sacrifice and continue to forward anyway, despite the obstacles and pressures they may be facing.

Each of the scholarship recipients received a Certificate of Achievement for their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the following students: Brain Coleman, Cherista Loller, Astra Zeno, Patrick Hervey, Sonya Scroggins, Rodney Cook, Danielle Skinner, Menkiti Rice, Monique Derricote, Timothy Jones, Rishawn Sneed, Craig Nicholas, Leslie Chandler, Ganesa O'Neal, Floyd Nauls, Jr., and Shelia Brown.

CAB

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throughout the semester. One major event includes a trip to Astroworld on Saturday, March 23. The cost is \$20, which pays for transportation and one ticket into the theme park. Payment deadline for Astroworld is Feb. 24, and all students are invited.

CAB will also be sponsoring movie nights throughout the semester. The first movie night will be taking students to see "Dusk to Dawn" for \$5.75. That pays for transportation and a ticket. Everyone who is planning to attend should be prepared to leave from the MSC parking lot at 7 p.m. for the Willowbrook AMC. All those interested may sign in the CAB office.

A mall excursion is planned for Saturday, Jan. 27. The cost will be \$2 for transportation. CAB plans to leave the MSC parking lot at 10 a.m. and arrive back in time for the basketball game against Texas Southern University that evening.

For a listing of other events, contact the CAB office at 857-4443 or 2018, and watch for bulletins of upcoming activities.

Volunteers

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Robert McDonald III, led the group of students as they visited individual rooms for those residents who were unable to attend the Christmas program. ACEI Sponsors, Dr. Martha L. Bailey and Dr. Ollie J. Davis, accompanied the group of students.

For information, contact Dr. Ollie J. Davis (409) 857-4420 or Dr. Martha L. Bailey (409) 857-2256.

Awards

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and the Favorite Overall Artist. Twenty-one awards will be presented.

The "Award of Merit" will be presented to an artist for his "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." Previous recipients of this award have been Berry Gordy, Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston, James Brown and Prince.

Among the performers scheduled to appear on the special are Brandy, Garth Brooks, Mariah Carey, LL Cool J, Reba McEntire, and Luther Vandross.

Among those scheduled to present awards are Paula Abdul, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Boyz II Men, Brownstone, Coolio, Hootie and the Blowfish, Jodeci, Gerald Levert, Meat Loaf, Monica, The Notorious B.I.G., Seal, Jon Secada, Silk, and Barry White.

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Sports

Track team successful at McNeese Invitational

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER
Panther Staff

It was business as usual, as the Panther track team opened its indoor track season Jan. 20, 1996, at the McNeese Invitation in Baton Rouge, La.

The Panthers placed fourth of 17 teams. Some freshmen produced quality times and marks.

Derrick Lewis finished fifth in the shot put, while Eric McLemore won his heat in the 400 meters and finished sixth overall with a 51.83 second posting.

Former Brenham star Ed Ray tshowedan incredible consistency in the horizontal and vertical leaps witnessed by finishing second in the triple jump at 49 ft and fourth in the long jump at 22 ft 6 in.

Panther Dominique Henderson leaped 6 ft 6 inches in the high jump, placing fifth.

Expertise came out to play when Kevin Garner heaved 46 ft 9 in for a third place finish in the shot put.

Larry McClaim traded in his football cleats for track spikes posting

the second place time of one minute 58.10 seconds in the 800 meters. 'Sonny' Dick finished seventh with a run of two minutes one second.

Sprinter Maurice Garrett boosted the jets on a fifth place 51.77 second posting in the 400 meters.

But when the atmosphere cleared two tenths of a second separated first from second and the Panthers were definitely in that mix.

McClain, McLemore and Garret ran excellent 1-2-3 legs, diminishing the distance on Southwestern Louisiana. McClain ran a gutsy first leg before passing to freshman McLemore.

Then Garrett ruled in the competition with his famous smooth and rapid cadence, before passing to Dakari Jahi.

The Panthers finished with a time of three minutes 22.36 seconds, placing a close second behind the leader's time of three minutes 22.16 seconds.

Panther track action will continue on Jan. 26-27 at the Louisiana State University Open in Baton Rouge, La.

1995 Basketball Schedule

Jan.

Sat. 27 Texas Southern Univ Home 7:30

Feb.

Sat. 3 Alabama State Univ. Home 7:30

Mon. 5 Jackson State Univ. Home 7:30

Sat. 10 Mississippi Valley State Univ. Away 7:30

Mon. 12 Grambling State Univ. Away 7:30

Sat. 17 Alcorn State Univ Home 7:30

Mon. 19 Southern Univ. Home 7:30

Sat. 24 Texas Southern Univ Away 7:30

March

Fri-Sat. 7-8 SWAC Tournament Montgomery, Al TBA

Loyalty could keep Oilers in Houston

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER
Panther Staff

Money is not the root of all evil, but it is a branch that could support a Houston Oiler move to Tennessee.

Houston Mayor Bob Lanier has two years to plead and muster for city support, or the Oilers will hear the banjo melodies of Nashville.

The mighty dollar situation is nothing new, and the city of Houston may have a difficult time digesting the Oilers move, since a Nashville McDonald's went as far as sponsoring promotions for the Oilers.

So, what happened to fan loyalty? Nothing. Don't blame the players, the big players, blame the big wigs.

Athletes have families to feed too. The best advice offered: Pull out the dead presidents, and flash a little more green for your home team.

Instead of pointing fingers, Houston is going to have to organize in a pro oilers movement, and clinch a hand full of dollars for the cause.

It is time to make the formula strictly empirical.

The same elements that brought the Oilers to existence, need to be re-applied to the current composition, because it is evident that decomposüre could shift the physical appearance to a Tennessee thing.

As said by OL D.B. of the Wu-Tang Clan, "Get down for your crown."

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Viewpoints

Goodbye to old and in with new habits



Ann Harvey
Editor-in-Chief

The new year is here and now it's time to say goodbye to all our old bad habits and practice new good habits.

1995 was a starting point for some and the mid-point for others, but wherever you fall in the college mix remember to try and to stay focused.

Having a game plan or

goal is very important while your in college. Eventually you'll be close to graduating and have no idea what you want to do with your future. Yes, there are people with degrees who are jobless and homeless, believe it or not. When you were growing up you probably dreamed of becoming a doctor a lawyer or an astronaut, hold on to those dreams. Don't become a panhandler on the street with the cardboard sign that says 'Will work for food'.

As the new year wears on, we all become a little older and a little wiser about our lives and what's to become of them.

Consider making and having relationships (not necessarily romantic ones) with people who in some way resemble the type of person you aspire to

become.

For example, if your a criminal justice major, don't hang around people who are on their way to becoming apart of the federal correctional system. Choose your friends as carefully as you would a tattoo: it's something you'll have for the rest of your life.

Reflect on this past year and do something different this year that you didn't do in 1995. Some examples call your parents more, party less, study more, drink less.

These are just some suggestions that may prove to make this year better and more productive for you. Happy New Year.

Michael Jackson's media career is HIStory



Michael Jackson

By **BURL HARRIS**
Managing Editor

After all the hell the self-proclaimed "King of Pop" and his soon to be ex-wife Lisa-Marie Presley raised about their marriage not being a publicity stunt, was it really that shocking to know that they are getting a divorce?

Even through all of the controversy and accusations of child-molestation, the marriage of one of the most wealthy women in the world, and continual ailments, Jackson's career as a media-mogul is deteriorating.

Some may get defensive because they grew up listening to his albums, watching him moonwalk, and watching his skin turn a few shades lighter, but I believe that Michael Jackson is doing all that he can to stay in the media and save his reputation of being the biggest superstar in history. Which seems to be working well in every country except the United States. Worth more than \$200 million, MJ really needs to take a break and figure out more ways to invest his money rather than be too concerned about his career.

The man has done so much that he has finally run out of things to do: the biggest selling albums of all time, multiple Grammy and American Music Awards, benevolent offerings to numerous charities and causes, and an amusement park in his own front yard. This is not a bad thing, but it gives him an opportunity to reflect and be content with all of the records he has broken.

Besides his many accomplishments, the "King of Pop's" reign is destined to be overthrown by Mariah Carey, the "Billboard chartbustin' Queen of Pop," and the "Four Horsemen",

Boyz II Men.

The time has come for Jackson to settle down and develop as an artist and not just an entertainer. His attempts to select top selling contemporary producers such as R. Kelly, Jam & Lewis, and Dallas Austin have guaranteed multi-platinum sales. But these sales are no comparison to the sales he made with long-time cohort, Quincy Jones in the 1980s.

If Jackson really wants to work at amazing his audiences again, why doesn't he attempt to write and produce a song on his own without running to the top producers, songwriters, and performers for contributions. After the success of "Scream" (penned by Jam, Lewis, and sister Janet) and "You Are Not Alone" (penned by R. Kelly), his latest single "Earth Song", which he wrote and produced, has failed to make that much of a spark on the U.S. charts.

If Jackson continues to depend solely on the media to support his record sales, the only records that will be left for him to break will be all of the unsold copies of his albums.

Dear Jaquita



Jaquita

Dear Confused One,

First you should set your priorities. It seems you want to get on te balla and find out exactly what you need to have money for school .

Talk with your financial aid counselor and try and make some arrangements to try and pay your tuition. If necessary get a job. It's hard, but you must use every resource you can to get back in school.

Mother nature is known to play tricks from time to time. Stress could be the cause of your period being late. Go see a doctor. Don't automatically assume the worse. Be sure before you place a child in your already growing pool of problems.

Pray and take it one day at a time, and don't give up.

Dear Jaquita,

When I returned to register I discovered my financial aid had been taken away. Unfortunately, I don't have any money to pay my fees. On top of that, I missed my period this month and the responsible party is screaming "I'm not the one".

I haven't told anyone about my situation. I'm afraid to tell my parents. I'm too ashamed to tell my friends. I want to be in school b ut I definitely don't want to be a mother. What should I do?

THE PROBLEM

If you are a student who has participated with the dining services before Spring 1994, then you are aware of the tremendous changes that have occurred since Marriott Food Services took over as the dining facilitator. The food tastes better, a pizza line has been installed, hot and cold meals to go has been implemented, and the customer services' attitude is excellent.

Although Marriott Services have made great strides to improve their services, a problem remains. This problem is the students' lack of concern regarding the taking of their trays to the utility window. Marriott Services has attempted to combat the problem by implementing various programs. Although they have had minimum successes, it has not been good enough because the problem remains.

What solution do you suggest?

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