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Bender wins 1996 Miss Black and Gold Pageant

By LaDAWN HYMES and SAMANTHA R. THOMAS
Panther Staff



by PGC&M
Miss Black and Gold 1996-97 Chrystal Bender and first runner-up Lisa Rosborough are all smiles after participating in the 1996 Miss Black and Gold Pageant, held Jan. 25 in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

Sophomore, Chrystal Bender was crowned Miss Black and Gold 1996 in the 13th annual pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall Jan. 25. First runner-up was Lisa Rosborough.

After being crowned, Bender said, "I am very excited. Practice paid off and I am looking forward to what my year as Miss Black and Gold holds." Her talent was a dramatic dance interpretation to Nikki Giovanni's 'Ego Trippin'.

Rosborough, who won best talent, received a standing ovation for her dance interpretation of Michael and Janet Jackson's 'Scream'.

"This was my first pageant. I didn't expect to place as high as I did," Rosborough said. "I look forward to competing in state and I really enjoyed performing on stage for an audience who appreciated my performance."

Second runner-up and winner of most ads sold was Natasha Gransberry. The Miss Congeniality award was given to Filis Walton.

The pageant showcased six talented young ladies: Bender, a sophomore accounting major, Gransberry, a sophomore double majoring in mechanical engineering

and communications, Rosborough, a communications major, Danielle Simon, a social work major, Jenerica

see GOLD on page 14.

Groundbreaking ceremonies set for new PV dormitories

By TIFFANI DABNEY
Panther Staff

Groundbreaking ceremonies were set for today for the construction of residence halls which are expected to usher in a new era in student life at Prairie View A&M University.

At meetings with students and faculty since arriving on campus in the spring of 1994, PV president, Dr. Charles Hines, has voiced strong displeasure with the dilapidated housing conditions on the 119-year-old university, and vowed that changing those conditions would be a primary goal of his administration.

"I am pleased to announce that the Board of Regents, Texas A&M University System and Dr. Barry Thompson, TAMU System Chancellor, have approved construction of new residence halls at PVAMU," Hines announced in a Jan. 30 memorandum to the university community.

"I am extremely proud of everyone who worked so hard to realize this dream, particularly Mr. Al Aldridge, Mr. Robby Dewitt, and Dean Vivian Smith," said Hines.

Construction, he said, will begin this month and the project is expected to be ready in time for Fall



Dr. Charles A. Hines

1996.

(Aldridge is director of housing, Dewitt is assistant vice president for fiscal and administrative services, and Smith is interim vice president for student affairs.)

The residential complex will contain nine apartment-style buildings and one common building. The residential buildings will consist of 168 four-bedroom units that will accommodate 672 students. Each of 34 of the units will have a kitchenette equipped with a refrigerator and microwave. The units will share a common living room area.

According to the PVAMU

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Madam C. J. Walker: From washwoman to millionaire

By BRIDGETT MCGOWEN
Black History Page Editor

land once again; the cotton crop failed. There was nothing in Louisiana for the

See WALKER on page 7.

Born in a one-room cabin two years after the Civil War, Madam C. J. Walker is listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the first American woman to become a millionaire solely by her own endeavors.

Born as Sarah Breedlove to the deep south fields of Louisiana, she labored in those fields as a child and was not afforded the opportunity to learn to read until she could hire tutors to teach her.

By the time she was seven, her sharecropper parents succumbed to yellow fever. During their lifetimes the child had worked in the garden; now she and her older sister did laundry. Yellow fever attacked the



by Gitonga M'bijewe

A Prairie View -Style Blizzard: These ladies are all smiles as they pose in snow flurries.

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Briefly

Art Institutes Presents KUUMBA

In celebration of Black History Month in February, The Art Institute presents KUUMBA, an exhibition of the work of seven Houston area African-American artists from Feb. 5 to March 2. KUUMBA is a Swahili African word which means Creativity. The exhibition includes creative and colorful artwork by James Bettison, Marsha Dorsey-Outlaw, Keith Hollingsworth, David McGee, Willie (Moe) Moore, Floyd Newsum, and Prof. Clarence Talley, Jr.

The show will hang in The Gallery at The Art Institute of Houston at 19000 Yorktown in the Galleria area. Gallery hours are Monday through Thurs. 9 am to 8 pm, Fri. 9 am to 5 pm, and Sat. 9 am to 2 pm. The Gallery is free and open to the public.

The reception for the show is Thurs. Feb. 15 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

1996 Summer Test Prep Program

Preparation for the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT or GRE is now available. An intensive residential summer program preparing rising HBCU seniors for professional and graduate school admissions tests. The MCAT classes will be held July 1-Aug. 2 (5 weeks); LSAT, GMAT & GRE classes will be held July 1-July 26 (4 weeks). The classes will be held at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD; North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC; Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN; and Texas Southern in Houston, TX. The total cost for instruction and room and board for the MCAT is \$981 while the cost for the LSAT, GMAT, and GRE is \$792. A \$50 application fee will be credited to total cost, refundable if the application is not accepted. Partial scholarships may be available.

The test program is sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund in cooperation with the participating universities. The Deadline for applications is March 1. For more information and applications contact Dr. Doris Price in Rm. 302 Evans Hall at (409) 857-2693 or 857-2694.

American Guild of Organists

The American Guild of Organists, Houston Chapter, will sponsor a Spring Symposium on Sat., March 9 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church (2450 River Oaks Blvd). Music directors, organists, composers, and handbell leaders will benefit from the various symposium sessions. The cost of the Spring Symposium is \$25 per person. For more information, contact event coordinator, Ann Ables at 468-8356.

Key Dates

Emerging Leaders

February 12

Valentine's Day

February 14

SWAC Championships (M-Track)

February 16-18

Mr. Prairie View A&M Pageant

February 23

Health News

Racing heart may be genetic

A faulty protein may make some people's heart race. Mitral Valve Prolapse dysautonomia, or floppy valve syndrome, may be the result of a defective gene that appears to make some people more sensitive to adrenaline in the blood.

MVP's symptoms include rapid heart beat, fatigue, light-headedness, headache, chest pain, anxiety and nausea. The disease is prevalent in tall, thin people, particularly in women.

"In our studies, we examined how the adrenaline system works and pinpointed certain proteins that increase heart rates," said Dr. Al Davies of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Chief among them was the G-protein that causes MVP patients' hearts to overreact to adrenaline and adrenaline-like hormones.

Current therapy involves minimizing stressful situations that may trigger the excess adrenaline action, moderate exercise and salt tablets combined with a hormone to decrease adrenaline flow.

New drug may help with AIDS blindness

A new drug, MSI-109, is being tested to see if it can increase the amount of time between occurrences of cytomegalovirus retinitis, a major cause of blindness among people with AIDS.

The drug uses human CMV-specific monoclonal antibody to target an outside receptor on the virus, making it more difficult for the virus to attach itself to cells. Once attached, the virus is nourished, allowing it to reproduce.

MSI-109 is produced by Protein Design Laboratories and is under evaluation in a multi-center program sponsored by the Studies of the Ocular Complications of AIDS Research Group.

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Department News

Extension Specialist Receives Appointment to ECOP Program

The Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) recently appointed Dr. Nathaniel Keys, program specialist with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M, to serve a four-year term on its Program Leadership Committee (PLC).

"One primary function of PLC is to develop and recommend a national program review process to assist ECOP and its standing committees to set program priorities and improve Extension programs," said Dr. Keys.

ECOP is a standing committee created by the Extension Section of the Division of Agriculture of the National Association of the State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. ECOP represents the 57 state, territory and District of Columbia Extension Systems in policy decisions and provides nationwide program and organizational leadership.

Dr. Keys has been with the Cooperation Extension Program for seven years and holds a B.S. degree in biology, Master's degree in agronomy, and a Ph.D. in horticulture with a minor in entomology. He previously served as assistant professor and coordinator of Plant Services in the College of Agriculture at Prairie View A&M. Contact the Cooperative Extension Program at (409) 857-3812 for more information.

Employee Relations Seminars Being Held At PVAMU

"How to Handle Conflict and Manage Anger" was the title of the employee relations seminar held recently on campus.

Gail Long, program specialist-staff development with the Cooperative Extension Program was the guest speaker. "These seminars are being held to build human relations skills and to improve morale in the workplace resulting in a more harmonious working environment," Long said.

The seminar focused on using constructive confrontation steps that are best applied to conflicts that are spontaneous, emotionally charged and demand quick solutions. The behavior modification techniques focused on active listening and an empathizing, non-critical attitude. It helps to draw out and remove objections in the employee leading the way to conflict resolution and changes in behavior.

Long also stressed the importance of using certain principles in resolving conflict that includes preserving dignity and respect, listening with empathy, not expecting others to change their behavioral style and expressing your independent prospective.

University employees also participated in interactive discussions and group exercises. The seminars are being held monthly at PVAMU. For more information contact Florence Cavil at (409) 847-4496 or Albert Gee at (409) 857-3828.

New Books

The Black man in America. For too many people, that phrase conjures images of violent early deaths, drug-plagued ghettos, and overcrowded jail cells. Or in a few instances, the image is one of anomalous celebrity, fame and money and is dismissed as beyond the ordinary Black male experience.

Yet, between these two cultural extremes is the Black man that is neither dead at age 20 nor anointed the front-runner for President of the United States.

Until now, as editor Don Belton notes, the voices of ordinary Black men have been largely silent, with representations left to expert "journalists, sociologists, undertakers, policemen and politicians."

In **Speak My Name: Black Men on Masculinity and the American Dream**, we hear the voices of Black men that we rarely hear on the news or in the daily paper.

John Edgar Wideman, Randall Kenan, Walter Mosley and many more of our most well-known authors confound current stereotypes—superathlete, superentertainer, or supercriminal. The stories, essays, and narratives collected here (many are original contributions) trace a journey: from coming to terms with stereotypes and vested notions of masculinity to pieces about relationships—gay and straight—and pieces about broader connections with the community, and, finally to images of love and hope.

Speak My Name has received outstanding endorsements from Charles Johnson, Marita Golden, Terry McMillan and Gloria Naylor, who commented, "I can't think of a book that is more needed at this time in the country." At a time when the Black man in America is more often represented as caricature than human being, **Speak My Name** brings life to that experience, and in doing so, offers stories that ultimately belong to all of us.

Beyond The Hill

President backs funding

President Clinton reiterated his goals of protecting students and keeping tuition costs down in a speech last Tues. before the American Council on Education in San Francisco.

Clinton pledged to make college more affordable and accessible for all students.

"The fight for education is the fight for the American dream," Clinton told the 1,200 college presidents. "It is the fight for the American middle class."

The speech raised awareness about the student aid problem nationally. Clinton has repeatedly scorned Republican leaders for proposals to cut funding for low-income students, instead of outlining a plan to make college more affordable. Administration proposals will include tax deductions for families

with children in college, and public service programs to repay loans.

Budget fights escalate

As battles over the reduction of the government budget continue, Congress is committed to fulfilling its promise to reduce spending for programs in education and community service.

The 1995 federal budget cut 13 programs from the Department of Education, according to *Education Weekly*, and the department is among three cabinet level positions that are being considered for elimination entirely.

Rebuking suggestions that the Department of Education should be dismantled altogether, Clinton pointed out that his administration has successfully downsized the Education Department since taking office.

Assault policy at Madison University

After battling administrators at James Madison University in Virginia last year, students recently succeeded in implementing a new sexual assault policy for their campus.

The Student Coalition against Rape (SCAR) began as a group of students who conducted a study on how the university community handles rape.

"After months of attempting to negotiate with an unresponsive administration, students became angry with the lack of attention to SCAR's proposal," said Candy Rayman, a SCAR member.

Administrators agreed to bargain with the student organizers after SCAR threatened to disrupt JMU's Special Visitation Day, which brings 700 prospective students and

Students change their diets

Recent research indicates that students are leading the national trend toward vegetarianism.

The National Restaurant Association has found that 15 percent of the 15 million American college students eat vegetarian meals each day. That figure hovers close to six percent for the general population according to the NRA study.

Wisconsin students wage Sit-In

Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison held a sit-in protest and speakout last week, condemning the administration for putting grates over heat ducts to disperse homeless people from campus.

Activities deemed the protest a success after University Chancellor David Ward demanded that the grates be removed. Ward issued his decision after meeting with some 150 students

who sat for three hours in the administration building.

Activist had gathered more than 4,000 postcards in support of local homeless people, according to Michelle Diggles, a member of the Student Campaign for the Defense of Madison's Homeless and an Associated Students of Madison representative.

Black college radio convention

If you are fascinated by radio, television and cable broadcasting and want to explore career and internship opportunities in these fields, you'll want to join representatives from more than 100 black colleges and universities at this year's convention.

The convention is April 5-6 in Atlanta, GA at the Renaissance Hotel. Pre-registration is \$75, which includes meals; after March 1 it is \$90. For more information call (404) 523-6136.

Newsweek

Prairie View's finest named in Who's Who

The 1996 editor of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 67 students from Prairie View A&M University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from PVAMU are: Nakeisha Allison, Tangala Ash, Ursula Bates, Maureen Bell, LaBryant Benjamin, Carolyn Bettis, Clifford Blackwell III, Sharon Brantley, Monica Burke, Felecia Carrington, Brian Coleman, Marie Coleman, Eric Dukes, Willa Elzey, Joyce Franklin, Leena George, Alex Gray, Yvette Gulley, Genia Harris, Monika Harris, Lawanda Howard, Tamiaka Jackson, DeKeisha Jeffrey, LaTisha Jennings, Adrienne Jordan,

Kimberly Law, Lee Levells, Sonya Lewis, Vanessa Linder, Samuel London, Prender Lyle, Lawanna Malone, Elva Martin, Lorraine May, Tonya McKnight, Corbi Milligan, Angela Mitchell, Angy Mitchell, Teshanna Murray, Kenric Narcisse, Patrece Nelson, Craig Nicholas, Monifa O'Neal, Kyra Patterson, Rahsaan Patterson, Marilyn Perry, Shannon Pier, Nonetta M. Pierre, Ricque Pokorny, Tonica Pool, Chastity Pope, LaResa Ridge, JoRuetta Roberson, Bishop Silmon, Tracy Snell, Velma Spears, Tiffany Taylor, Kevin S. Thibodeaux, Keyna Tyler, LeKeiah Whitmire, Jennifer Williams, Kristle Williams, Laura Williams, Melvin Wrightsil.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than

Student service fee allocation hearings scheduled for Feb. 19, 20 in library

The Student Service Fee Allocation Committee will hold its 1996-97 budget hearings on Monday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Public Events Room of the John B. Coleman Library.

The hearing is an opportunity for campus organizations that qualify for student fee support to present their budget requests for such funding.

According to a memorandum to the Student Service

Fee Allocation Committee from the Student Government Association, a one-page summary of how funds were used to support the organization's activities should be submitted along with a record of the organization's budget for the 1995-96 year.

Student organizations that have submitted a timely budget by Friday, Feb. 9 are reminded to call the SGA office at extension 2220 to schedule the most convenient time to make a presentation.

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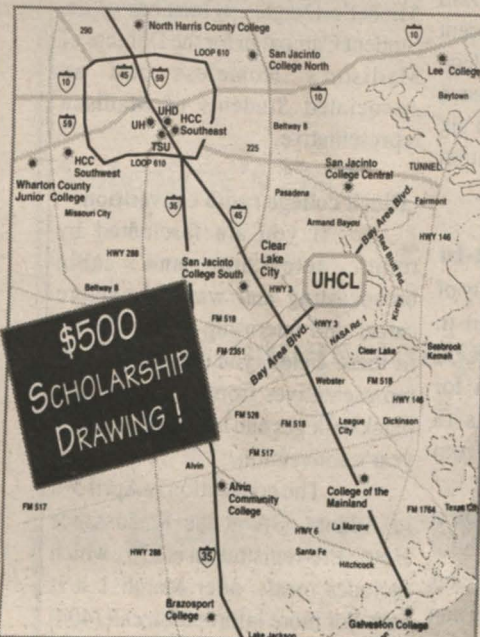
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University of Houston Clear Lake



Snow-capped



A deep freeze hit the south Texas areas from Thursday, Feb. 1 through Monday, Feb. 5. This vehicle on PV campus shows evidence of the path of the cold front.

by Gitonga M'mbijewe

PV receives funding worth \$650,000

The Houston Endowment has once again shown its commitment to higher education at Prairie View A&M University with the announcement of \$650,000 in funds dedicated to a series of scholarships endowed at the 119-year-old university. University officials are delighted that the total amount of the endowment will be matched by the State of Texas bringing the total to \$1.3 million.

The Houston Endowment has authorized a grant of \$150,000 to PVAMU to establish the A. Jeannette Jones Endowed Scholarships in Nursing.

A scholarship is being developed in the name of Dr. Emery Owens for \$150,000 as a permanent endowment which will be available on-line in Spring of 1997. Owens was a longtime health director at PVAMU.

On campus, the Owens-Franklin Dr. Alfred Poindexter. The Dr. Alfred Health Care Center bears his name. Poindexter Endowed Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the Spring of 1997.

Two-hundred thousand dollars is being given by the Houston Endowment in order to augment the previously established Jesse H. Jones and Mary Gibbs Endowment Scholarship Program.

A permanent endowment has been erected for \$150,000 honoring Dr. Alfred Poindexter, assistant professor of animal science in the Department of Agriculture and Human Sciences, has given more than 50 years of service to PVAMU and the Waller County community.

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First Bank Waller promotes ACCESS at PVAMU

Mr. E.L. Overby, the president of the Waller Branch of First Bank, is a man who knows his dollars and cents and who understands dividends and investing. He brought all of this knowledge to the table last week when the Waller Branch of First Bank donated \$1000 to a new Prairie View A&M University program called ACCESS (The Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success).

Access is an innovative program designed to improve students academic performance and assist in the transition from high school to college. ACCESS begins in the summer with an intensive academic eight-week residential course which will utilize non-traditional teaching strategies to improve students' performance in math, English, reading and critical thinking skills.

Those participants who



by Tom Godwin

First Bank Branch president, E.L. Overby presents a check for \$1,000 to Prairie View A&M President Dr. Charles A. Hines, to sponsor participation fees for ten students from a new university program called ACCESS (The Academy For Collegiate Excellence and Student Success)

remain at PVAMU for their freshman year will participate in a follow-up component offering tutoring, counseling, and mentorship. The ACCESS selectees must be Texas residents, 1996 high school or GED graduates, have a minimum 2.0 GPA and have the motivation and desire to succeed. Those accepted for the program must pay a \$100 participation fee.

The donation by First Bank will pay the participation fee for 10 ACCESS students. Overby stated,

"We didn't want anyone to be left out of ACCESS for lack of the participation fee. We wanted to make sure that anyone selected for the program would have the opportunity to attend."

Overby has used his dollars and cents to invest in our town's and state's most valuable asset, our youth. First Bank knows that the bank and our community will reap the dividends of their generous donation.

At emergency meeting

Hines announces athletic scholarships, blasts campus bookstore as 'crooked'

By CHAMAINE HENDERSON
Panther Staff

In an emergency meeting with the students, university president Charles A. Hines announced the restoration of 15 athletic scholarships for the fall. Hines also announced at the Jan. 30 meeting that construction crews will "turn the dirt" for the new privatized housing complex this month and that the new laundry center should be ready for student use Feb. 15.

The athletic scholarship program will return to Prairie View in the fall with fifteen scholarships in men's and women's basketball, track, golf, tennis, football and volleyball. Hines said the university will have \$5 million for athletic scholarships with 25 percent (\$200,000) coming from student fees. "A losing team conveys the image of a losing school," Hines said. He also said that PV is the "number one generator of African American medical students" in the country.

"We're going to have the biggest dirt turning ceremony they've ever seen," Hines said about the housing project. The \$12 million complex will have nine buildings, including a common recreation and study area, volleyball and basketball

microwave oven. Hines plans to increase enrollment to 15,000 students by 2001 "and we need the housing to do that," Hines said. The complex is being called "University Village" until a better name can be decided upon Hines said.

The new laundry center will have 150 new machines, new bathrooms and lower washers, dryers and counter space for the mobility impaired. It is located in Farrell Hall and will be open 7 am until 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. New hours will be posted for the weekends. Students are welcome to walk through and tour the new facility.

Hines apologized to students for the condition of the student bookstore. "It's just crooked," Hines said. He told an applauding audience that he would close the bookstore and shuttle students to the Texas A&M main campus if the prices and exchange rate for books and employee attitudes toward students do not change.

Two hundred twenty thousand dollars has been set aside for summer maintenance of dorms in use during the summer sessions.

Hines said he wants to reduce student jailings. "My security is not a Gestapo," he said in response to professors who call campus police to

The Panther Staff would like wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

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PV junior killed in car accident

By CHAMAINE HENDERSON
Panther Staff

Friends and sorority sisters said goodbye Jan. 30 to junior political science major Tracie Yvonne Dixon who died in a car accident Jan. 15.

Dixon was a native of Dallas, Texas and graduated from Wilmer-Hutchins high school in 1992. She attended Jarvis Christian College until the fall of 1993 when she transferred to Prairie View. Here she joined the Ladies of Integrity Sorority (formerly

Phyettes).

Wake services were held in her honor in Dallas on Jan. 24 and her funeral was Jan. 25 at Macedonia Church in Dallas.

A campus memorial service was sponsored by the Ladies of Integrity in All-Faiths Chapel on Jan. 30.

"She was my roommate for a year before she became my sister," said L.O.I. Vanita Lewis. "I'm going to miss her a lot."

Friend Averie Wiley said

"We used to have good conversations. I teased her about her different short hairstyles."

Dixon leaves behind mother Joyce McCarther and step-father Leonard McCarther, father, three brothers one sister, two step-sisters, three step brothers, grandparents, two neices, seven nephews and a host of friends and loved ones.

The Ladies of Integrity, Alpha Phi Omega, and Gamma Sigma Sigma would like to thank the university and friends for their support in their time of mourning.

Meeting

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remove students asking about grades.

Hines also stated his five year plan for improvement of the quality of life of the students. "I will not spend another cent to renovate Suarez-Collins," he said. Hines said that when the "University Village" goes up, Suarez-Collins will come down. Hines also spoke of later plans to close Alexander Hall and renovate Buccanan Hall and plans to build a

better Memorial Student Center including a bowling alley.

Hines passed out a student referendum proposing to raise fees for better campus health care. "You can't buy good health care for \$25," Hines said. Hines proposed to raise to student health fee from \$25 to \$50 per fall and spring semester and from \$12.50 to \$25 per summer session. He said he wanted a new life support ambulance

that would be able to reach medical emergencies anywhere on campus in two minutes.

Hines prescribed a self-help program to help the university reach its goals. He said 22,500 letters are being sent to alumni to ask for financial support. Hines said alumni had not been asked for support in such a mass plea before.

NPR president, wife donate scholarship

National Public Radio president Delano Lewis and his wife Gayle have donated \$1,000 to establish an internship scholarship at KPVM-FM, a division of the communication department at PV.

The purpose of the scholarship, to be called the H.T. Jones News Internship, is to provide stipends to students who report local news on KPVM, an NPR affiliate, said Dr. Lori Gray, KPVM general manager.

"This internship is an excellent opportunity for students to develop reporting and broadcasting skills and get compensated," said Gray.

"It will also allow the station to provide better coverage of local news, which has been a longtime goal," she said.

The Lewis's gift will be matched by donations from the Chase Manhattan Foundation and the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

As president of NPR, Delano Lewis oversees some 500 NPR affiliates across the country. His wife's mother, Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis, lives in Prairie View and the family wanted to honor H.T. Jones, a longtime area educator for whom the middle school adjacent to the PV campus is also named, said Gray.

Health care scholarships at PVAMU

A check for \$25,000 was presented by Harriet Kahn, Michelle Lonergan and Ruben Lopez, M.D., to Prairie View A&M University recently to establish the Rose Ann Waindel Endowed Memorial Scholarship. The endowed scholarship will receive state matching funds which bring the total funded amount to \$50,000.

The endowed scholarship is dedicated to assisting students who have an interest in emergency or critical health care service delivery.

Plans are for a student to be chosen to receive the Waindel Scholarship for up to four years. Funds have been set aside by the donors to provide equipment such as microscopes, stethoscopes, etc.

The Waindel Endowed Memorial Scholarship will be administered by the University Scholarship Office of the Office of Student Affairs, in Evans Hall. For more information concerning the endowed scholarship, call Charles McClelland 857-2694.

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Kappa Kappa Psi honors Hines

By GWYNITA LEGGINTON
Panther Staff

President Charles A. Hines was recently made an honorary member of Prairie View's chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. A ceremony in Hobart Taylor was held in honor of this occasion.

"We chose Hines because of his support for the music department and to the marching band," said assistant music professor and fraternity sponsor, Mark Phillips. "He's one of the first people to really give the band support, so we wanted to give something back to him."

The fraternity was founded in 1919 by 10 members of the Oklahoma State University Band led by the director of bands and music department head, Bohumil Makovsky, and William A Scroggs.

It is a fraternal society honoring outstanding bandmen who have proven leadership and an appreciation of music. PV's members have met these standards.

Kappa Kappa Psi is located in over 110 of the nations colleges and universities. It continues to focus on musical attentions on these campuses.

Phillips, along with other members, gladly welcomes Hines to participate in any activity that they will sponsor.

On Feb. 10, Kappa Kappa Psi along with Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority hosted an area workshop for local schools. The workshop was given prior to district convention.

Along with being named an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Hines is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

BLACK HISTORY MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

Harlem Diary: Nine Voices of Resilience

These are just a few extraordinary life snapshots captured in Discovery's Channel's Harlem's Diary: Nine Voices of Resilience, a film in which nine young people living in New York City's Harlem use video cameras to personally record their struggles and successes over several months' time. Despite incredible challenges and negative influences around them, the youth of *Harlem Diary* have managed to keep themselves focused and moving toward goals that include college, career, home ownership and better lives for their children.

Harlem Diary is divided into segments, with one young person telling his or her story in each. The film incorporates black-and-white footage from the personal video diaries

of each of the young people, ages from 12 to 26, as well as verite' documentary scenes directed by award-winning filmmaker Jonathan Stack.

Harlem Diary will be released as a home video, offered via an 800 number in on-air spots that will air during the program.

Also airing in commemoration of Black History Month, the acclaimed Discovery Channel original mini-series, *The Promised Land*, will encore the week before *Harlem Diary*. This five-part mini-series, which won critical acclaim for its world premiere on Discovery in February 1995, details the migration of millions of African Americans from the deep South to the industrial North between 1942 and 1970, and its effect on United States culture and politics.



Madam C. J. Walker

Walker

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two sisters causing them to migrate across the Mississippi to Vicksburg were appraised as having either "good" or "bad" hair. "Good" generally meant See WALKER on page 8.

and the city's washtubs.

Her sister married a man who was cruel to Sarah Breedlove forcing her to get out of the situation. She did this by marrying at the age of 14. She gave birth to a baby girl. At the age of 20 she became a widow.

She and her child went up the river to St. Louis after hearing there were good jobs there. The two lived in rooming houses and she spent more than fifteen years doing white folks' laundry.

By the age of 35, the washwoman and sometimes cook began to experience bald patches on her scalp and broken hair strands.

There were reasons for this. In Africa women's hair spoke of origin, status, and allegiances. The styling of their hair was given great attention. In America the hard days of slavery left little time for grooming or care. Black women had generally unhealthful diets and their hair reflected it.

From infancy on females

straight, like that common to the white population. "Bad" usually meant drawn-up or nappy.

Braiding, yanking, wrapping and twisting took place to make "bad" hair look "good." Part of this process sometimes included using harshly brutal, destructive products at times.

"Should the black woman set out to modify the hair she was born with so as to emulate that of whites?"

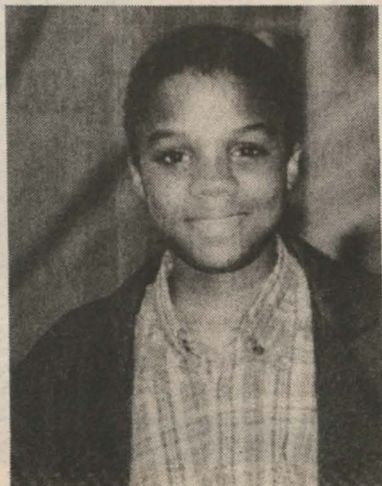
This question suggested itself to Breedlove. She proceeded to create healthy products that would strengthen the African-American woman's hair.

She explained, "...a big black man appeared and told me what to mix up for my hair."

She and her third husband, Charles Joseph Walker, sold Wonderful Hair Grower and Vegetable Shampoo and a "hot comb" to friends and acquaintances. Their enterprise's original capital investment was \$1.50. The Walkers eventually worked their way up to making \$10 a week.



Daughter of a Greek father and an African American mother, 17-year-old Christina Head speaks of apprehension about racism. "Growing up, I never noticed the problems my society had. I never saw the racism around me, until I got to an age to notice it. I always thought everything and everyone around me would be all right, but then that changed."



Amir Williams-Foster, a 12-year-old star on ABC's soap opera, *All My Children*, is a student at the Harlem School of the Arts. He gives his insights on the world. "The world is OK, but nobody really thinks deep about anything anymore. That's really the problem. Everything is so quick and easy that people are lazy."

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Some important dates in Black history

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| <p>1909
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) founded by W.E.B. DuBois and other influential blacks and whites; organization is incorporated in 1910</p> <p>1910
National Urban League founded by influential blacks and whites to help Southern blacks newly arrived in Northern cities</p> <p>1917
Ten thousand blacks march down Fifth Avenue in New York City to protest racial discrimination</p> <p>1936
December 8: NAACP attorneys file first suit in campaign for equal pay for black teachers</p> <p>1942
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) founded by James Farmer and others in Chicago</p> <p>1945
August 14: World War II ends</p> <p>1946
June 3: U.S. Supreme Court bans segregation on interstate buses
December 5: President Truman creates Committee on Civil Rights</p> <p>1948
July 26: President Truman issues Executive Order 9981 mandating equality of opportunity in the armed forces, effectively integrating troop units</p> <p>1951
NAACP begins attack on "separate but equal" education</p> | <p>1954
May 17: U.S. Supreme Court in <i>Brown v. Topeka Board of Education</i> rules that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional</p> <p>1955
December 1: Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man; the Montgomery Bus Boycott begins</p> <p>1956
November 13: U.S. Supreme Court upholds a lower-court decision banning segregation on Montgomery, Alabama, city buses; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other boycott leaders call off the boycott a month later after gaining concessions from the bus company</p> <p>1957
February 14: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) organized, with Dr. King as president
May 17: Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.; King gives his first speech to a national audience
August 29: Congress passes the first civil rights act since Reconstruction
September 24: President Eisenhower orders federal troops to Little Rock, Ark. to prevent interference with school integration</p> <p>1960
February 1: Students in Greensboro from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University sit in at Woolworth lunch counter; by Feb. 10 the movement has spread to five other southern cities</p> |
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Walker

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Her husband believed that the income was enough for anyone, but she did not agree and the two parted.

Her name, Madam C. J. Walker, derived from her husband, was used because she did not want to have a public first name. She knew that no matter how much she earned nor what she did, the whites would automatically address her by her first name. All of her products were titled Madam C. J. Walker's this and Madam C. J. Walker's that.

For a year and a half, she went on the road recruiting a sales force and teaching women how to demonstrate and sell. Her daughter, Lelia, was in charge of the home office and responded to the mail order business. Madam Walker was making four hundred dollars a month by 1908.

Centrally located Indianapolis became the new locale for her operations. There she also set up a string of schools to show women how to run hair-culturist salons in their kitchens.

"I want to say to every Negro woman, don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come," Madam Walker said. "Get up and make them!"

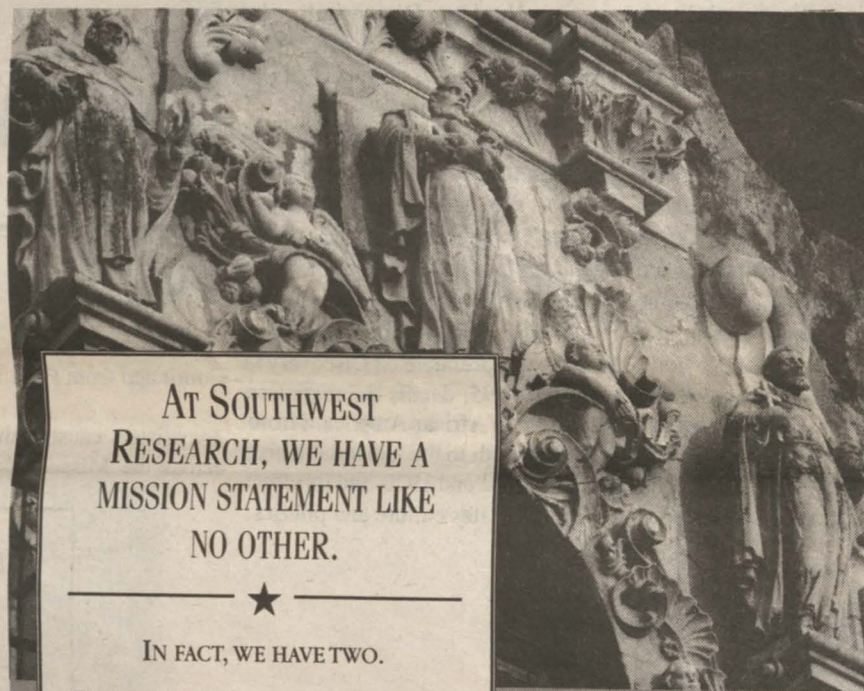
In time 20,000 people were selling and working with the goods

produced by the Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company.

In 1917 *Literary Digest* estimated Madam Walker's yearly income at a quarter of a million dollars. She gave generously to black schools, orphanages, churches and the civil rights cause.

Madam Walker remained a stranger to most of the white world. On the rare occasions when she was mentioned in a white paper, she was referred to as the purveyor of "anti-kink tonic for Negroes."

In 1919 at the age of 51 Madam Walker died a victim to high blood pressure. Her company was lost without her and eventually failed.



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it icing the tops of your sundae.

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M&Ms have tried to perpetrate it.

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nor in your hand.
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nor can it be machine spun.
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affection can this chocolate come.

So have bananas on your splits
or peanut butter on your parfait,
but you ain't had a good thing til
you've had real chocolate on your
sundae.

James Milam



Heartbroken

You and I were together, in love
For what I thought
Would be forever, But only fools
Fall in love and I guess I
wasn't so clever, I've
always been afraid to let myself
go, but deep down inside I
loved you so,
You were my Black Queen and I
was your King and yet I treated
you as my equal, despite the lies
of how I've tried not to
listen to other people,
I loved you and so I set you
free, but in return you only
brought me pain and misery,
When I laughed you cried,
When I told the truth, Damn....
You lied, and I can still hear
the echoes of my heartbreak
inside, My crystal heart is shattered
and my love is bleeding, no
one else can fill this void it's
you that I'm weeding, but I
know this will never be true,
so only in dreams and fantasies
can I dedicate my life to loving
you,
I'll go my way, and you can go
yours my umbrella is broken and
*I can't stand the rain anymore
so we'll part with no last kiss,
hug, or good-byes, just memories
trapped inside a tear from happier
days of me and you and I.*
Heartbroken.

De La Ghetto.

Tease

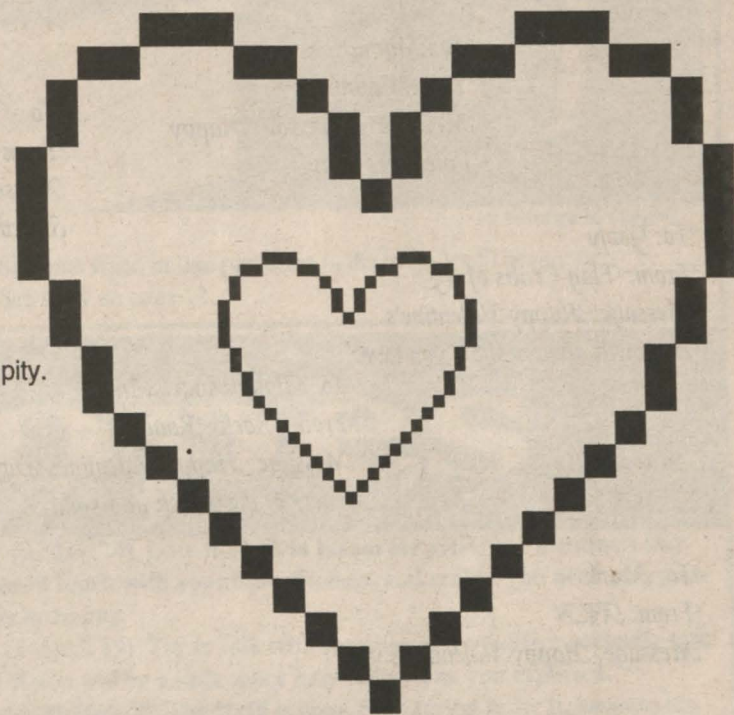
Look at us,
Tipsy with no one to call our own.
Yeah, we sing together,
But still no one jumps our feathers.
We seem silly to laugh at one another's self pity.

But,
Girls night out,
Brings us all about.

Feels like no worries,
No lies being told,
Or wondering who did he hold.
Just having fun,
Talking 'bout what keeps men, men,
And what makes little boys, boys.

It may be girls night out,
But we are all precious pearls of the sea,
Now it's our turn to play the TEASE.

Shandra Jackson



To: Brain Walker
From: Tarsha McQueen
Message: With Love, Happy Valentine's Day!

Love Dedications



To: Kenneth Echols
From: Kim Scott
Message: Happy Valentines Day
Babe, I got much love for ya!



To: Maurice 'Penny' Hunter
From: Alvia-n-Tia
Message: Happy Valentines Day.
Fathier we love you.

To: Wisconsin Sleepers
From: Goldie
Message: Happy Valentines Day!

To: Sean King
From: Tiffany
Message: Happy Valentines Day, stay sweet love ya!

To: Angie
From: Sam
Message: Happy Valentines Day, my sexy 'Beaumont queen.

To: Valkeith
From: Shagitta
Message: With all my love, hugs, and kisses!

To: Sisters of Wisconsin Sleepers
From: Your Brother Sarge
Message: Happy V-Day



To: The Ladies of Rho Chi Psi
From: The Brothers of Rho Chi Psi
Message: We love you, Happy V-Day!
Due to the freeze we couldn't get you roses.

To: Cutie Pies
From: Jacquie
Message: I Love y'all man!

To: Big Hustlers of the World
From: Don
Message: Pimp or Die!

To: The Ladies Of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
From: Lori
Message: Happy Valentines Day Sorors!

To: Jereld
From: Lori
Message: Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart. I am so Happy to have you in my life.

To: Celena Anderson
From: Patrick Scott
Message: You will always be in my heart. I love You

To: Sonny
From: Ann
Message: Happy Valentines Day; our love will always endure! I Love You!

To: Leslee Horton
From: Tobe Oliphant
Message: I hope you have a sweet and happy Valentine's Day.



To: Rodney Conner
From: Tia Vaughan
Message: Happy Valentine's Day I Love You very much!!

To: Kellye
From: Marcus
Message: Happy Valentines Day!

To: Christopher
From: Lee
Message: Forever and Always! Happy Valentine's Day baby!

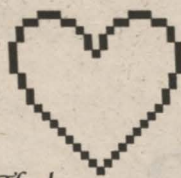
To: My Grandma
From: Ann
Message: I love and miss you

To: The 4 "B's"
From: Grouchy B
Message: The years have been wild, I love you 'B's! Stay real!

To: The 4th Floor Posse
From: "Dalmation"
Message: Sticking together through thick and thin, with much love. Happy Valentines Day.

To: Brain Walker
From: Tarsha McQueen
Message: With Love, Happy Valentines Day!

To: Mama
From: Catina
Message: I love you, Happy Valentines Day.



To: Thad
From: Catina
Message: Happy Valentines Day Sweetheart, I love you.

To: KC
From: Maria
Message: It took long enough, Happy Valentines Day.

To: Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha
From: Alpha Angels, Inc. (#10,21)
Message: Happy Valentines Day, Thanks for the help, much Black and Gold.

To: Goofy
From: Flag Crabs of 95
Message: Happy Valentine's Day, will always show you love.

To: Alpha Angels, Inc.
From: Rocky Road
Message: Happy Valentines Day sisters of the Black and Gold.

To: Che-Che
From: Ben
Message: I'll take you to the buffet

To: Dale
From: Jill
Message: Happy Valentines Day. All of my love, forever and always!

To: Mark
From: ARN
Message: Happy Valentine's

To: James
From: Bridgett
Message: I love you!

To: Howard Green, Jr.
From: Your Sister, Holley Cherry
Message: Love Ya!

To: Ken Anderson
From: Lisa Anderson
Message: Happy Valentines Day. I love you with all my heart.

To: The Panther Staff
From: Ann
Message: Love ya!

To: Keith (Pooky)
From: Kimberlee
Message: Happy Valentines Day, much love baby, and no chocolate!

To: Kia
From: Mont (Mook-B)
Message: I'll miss you. Happy Valentines Day.

Lifestyles

6 Naval ROTC students receive honors



Pictured l to r MIDN Thompson, MIDN Nash, Capt. King (PNS), IDN Lanning and Sgt. Hinojosa. Not pictured, MIDN Branch and MIDN McNeil.

physical fitness awards, sailing awards, commendation awards and drill team awards to recognize their outstanding contributions to the Naval ROTC program.

Full scholarships are available to students who meet Naval ROTC qualifications. Contact the ROTC unit at 2310 or 2311 for additional information.

The Naval Science department honored several Naval ROTC students (midshipmen) with academic, leadership and physical fitness awards.

The highlight of the presentation centered on six midshipmen receiving the prestigious Distinguished Midshipmen Star and All Around Performance awards. These awards recognize students who have achieved a minimum semester GPA of 3.5, a minimum leadership score of 3.75, and an outstanding on the physical readiness test. The award winners included Angela Branch nursing major, Antonio Hinojosa accounting major, Ryan Lanning mechanical engineering major, Reginald McNeil II, mechanical engineering major, Leader Nash political science major, and Gary Thompson political science major.

Other midshipmen were presented with leadership awards,

Film festival comes to Houston

The first Houston Pan-Cultural Film Festival opens Monday, Feb. 19. Ancestral Films in association with The Museum of Fine Arts of Houston, and Southwest Alternate Media Project will host a reception for the forefather of African cinema, Ousmane Sembene (oz May ny zem BEN e) at the Museum of Fine Arts at 6 p.m. Local dignitaries and the Senegalese consul will be in attendance to greet festival attendees and to open the festivities.

Following the reception Sembene will introduce his most recent, powerful and charismatic

film, Guelwaar (GHOUL wahr) Tickets for the opening night reception and film are \$30 which includes a one-year membership to Ancestral Films.

Mohammed Kamara, festival director said, "The first Houston Pan-Cultural Film Festival is an international showcase of cross cultural films created by some of the world's most distinguished filmmakers.

This is an exceptional Film Festival in Houston, and it was created to bring together a diverse group of artists and scholars from different countries and geographic backgrounds for the purpose of addressing universal cultural concerns as well as filmmaking techniques."

Thanks to Texas Bus Lines for their help to the Panther Track Team.

Perkins, Echols bring new sound to KPVO's 6 pm - 10 pm slot

New voices at Prairie View A&M University are taking over the airwaves on 91.3 KPVO. Lisa and Maurice are a male/female dynamic duo with "Flava."

Sophomore RATV communication majors Maurice Perkins, 25, from Houston and Lisa Echols, 23, from Ft. Worth are the new DJ's at KPVO, Monday-Friday, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Their show is called "Panther Nights." They play "Hits In" '96, the best in urban music. The show features a Top Eight at 8.

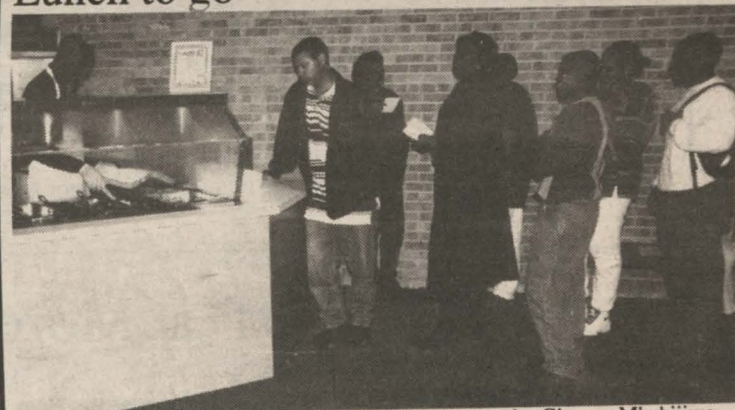
Listeners call in and vote for the No. 1 song. When the countdown is played, the number one song is announced, and the eighth caller with the correct countdown can win CD's, cassettes, posters, stickers, t-shirts, and many other prizes.

One can also win prizes by answering trivia questions on "Panther Nights" including questions about the Panthers and Pantherettes basketball games, history, news, and anything else that may come to mind. You don't want to miss "Panther Nights" from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the

slow jam hour, where Maurice and Lisa play the best slow jams. Dedications can also be made between the hours of 9 p.m.- 10 p.m. Friday is "Old School Friday" where they give you the best in "old school" music.

So call in and put in your request, or vote for the Top Eight at Eight Countdown at 857-4511.

Lunch to go



by Gitonga M'bijjwe

Students stand in line partaking in the to-go lunch program. See story on page 12.

Aquarius Horoscopes

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * Things are looking up for you in terms of your love life. This Valentine's Day proves to be in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Pray that you and your bad attitude improves with in the next couple of days. You need a serious reality check.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Is it that important to be popular? Stop being something and someone you're not. The real you is easier to deal with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your work ethics no longer exist. Having someone else do your homework will only hurt you in the long run. Study for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Read in between the lines. That person is trying to tell you something you refuse to see. Those closest to you can hurt you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Watch what you say. People listen to your advice closely and may blame you for their mishaps.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Love is NOT in bloom for you this Valentine's Day. You will be more in touch with your inner feelings and realize you need only your peace of mind to be happy.

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19) Try to talk with someone you wouldn't normally talk to. What they tell you will be a little more interesting than you expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The thrill is gone. Stop trying to fix it, because it's broken. Focus on the other thing you neglected .

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Use your hands this weekend. Draw or make something. Your creative side is at its peak.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Relax, relate, release. Don't worry, you will get it all together over the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your social activity is about to increase. Prepare for attention and much opposition.

What's the Flava?

by George Spillman, Jr.

"Don't Be A Menace..." The Soundtrack

Artists: Various
Executive Producer: Hiram Hicks
Label: Island Records

"Don't Be A Menace to Society while Drinking your Juice in the Hood" is a movie I regret being in a rush to see, but once the video cassette drops I'll definitely be on it. As far as the soundtrack, be prepared for a large variety of artists spanning from the Isley Brothers to Mob Deep.

Joe speaks his mind on a "touchy" subject which happened to be the first single released from this soundtrack -- "All The Things Your Man Won't Do." "Winter Warz" is another deployment from the Wu-Tang camp featuring Ghostface Killer, U-God, Masta Killa, Raekwon and Cappadonna. The Lost Boyz came real with "Renee", a jam about a ghetto love affair that ended with a tragic death.

Jodeci makes a familiar request on the funky but sexy song "Give It Up", which speaks of a female having trouble making up her mind about "bumping uglies." The illest, most abstract track on this project sits on Shock G's "We Got More", which features the Luniz; the track has a horn loop that has to be straight out of a Indiana Jones movie.

"Live Wires Connect" is a perfect example of what happens when you force the wrong artists to perform on the same song. U.G.K., Keith Murray and Lord Jamar rapping on the same song is like the colors orange, purple, and silver being in the same outfit, they just do not mix.

My favorite cut on this soundtrack was done by the "King of Bump and Grind".

R. Kelly's "Tempo Slow" is dangerously smooth and the perfect song to play on Valentine's Day, if you know what I mean.

Overall, this soundtrack gets a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The above par slow grooves carry most of the quality weight that was not expected because the movie is hardly a love story. Nevertheless, the good out weighs the bad (or I would not have

Enthusiasm for take-out meals

By BRIAN REEVES
Panther Staff

Students have even more options this semester now that Marriott services offers hot take-out meals.

Take-out meals started last semester as a trial for students who requested a to-go menu and to give students a choice if their schedule did not permit them time to sit down and eat in the dining area.

The success of these cold take-out meals for 600-700 students

served daily brought about the hot take-outs this semester.

A new facility has been built to serve the students faster and more conveniently. The service hours for take-outs are now 10:45 am to 1:45 pm and 3:45 pm to 7:15 pm.

The meals consist of a meat or starch product, two vegetables, a choice of white or wheat roll, cookies, and juice or bottled water.

Mr. Larry Jones, production

manager for Alumni Hall, plans the menu and selects the food according to the popularity of the meal and also how fast the food can be served.

Coming soon for students will be a trio salad which will give students the option of tuna, chicken, or macaroni salad on a lettuce leaf.

All of these changes come about by students responses to the questionnaires in the dining hall.

"Marriott will continuously improve and will change as the needs of students change," said Jones.

Prairie View's art coordinator's works showcased



Clarence Talley

By DEREK BOYD
Panther Staff

Prairie View's Alumni-Silsbee Chapter sponsored and hosted the opening reception of "Melting The Ice," on Sunday, Feb. 4. The Silsbee's Black History Exhibition honored and featured the art of Clarence Talley Sr., coordinator

of Prairie View A&M University's art department.

Talley's art career had its beginning in Louisiana where he culminated his terminal degree with a master's degree in fine arts.

His career as an artist/teacher includes creating art in a variety of media as well as publishing over a half dozen professional articles and participating in more than 20 publications ranging from *Jet Magazine* to *Art in America*.

Talley's work has been exhibited close to 300 times, including over 30 one-man shows across the nation, from Washington to Maryland, and overseas.

Some of his honors include the following: Outstanding Young Men of America, Men of Achievements, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who

in Black America, and numerous other awards.

His works are found in public as well as private collections.

The president of the Prairie View's Alumni-Silsbee Chapter, Clint Wright, acknowledged the number of Silsbees who have attended Prairie View and have been inspired by Talley.

The exhibition celebrating Silsbee's Black History Exhibition will be on display at the Ice House Museum at Ernest & 4th St. in Silsbee during February and will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays.

For more information please contact Kim C. Allen at (409) 755-6184 or the Ice House Museum at (409) 385-2444.

The suicide of a Morehouse 'success'

By V'NESSAH WARE
Panther Staff

Only once in a decade will an exceptional man be born. Who is to decide when he has emerged? For 18-year-old Daryl Collins, the decision may have come too late.

Around 1 p.m. on Labor Day 1995, Nell Cooper, owner of the Floral Park Motel, heard a shot. She found Daryl in his bed with a pillow over his head. He had shot himself in the head with his father's .38 caliber pistol. On September 4, 1995, Collins ended his life. Why had this promising over-achiever decided to end his life?

This year, Collins would have entered his second semester as a sophomore at prestigious Morehouse College in Atlanta. But, as a freshman, his grades dropped too low to maintain his full tuition-

and-board scholarship. He withdrew from Morehouse in the middle of his second semester, came home to his parents in Spring, Texas and was diagnosed with clinical depression. Although the definite reasons for Collins' suicide will never be clear, he had a long bout with depression. Above all, his poor performance at Morehouse was a downfall that was visibly difficult for him to recover from.

Collins was a former Boys Nation president, Klien High School scholar, founder of an African American studies group and National Junior Olympic medalist. When he arrived at Morehouse his freshman year, he was faced with making a difficult transition. Back at home, he was praised and known for his accomplishments. Now, he was at the bottom again, working his way back up. This was a window that Collins could never seem to see through.

Collins' death has opened minds to a very delicate, crucial fact: suicide among young Black men is on a rise. The number of deaths is increasing more rapidly than with any other group.

The challenge of becoming distinguished and prosperous is an expectation that is very compelling among Black men.

"Gifted children are so often at the top of their game, and they rarely get the chance to learn how to make a mistake," said Felice Kaufmann, a Bethesda, MD based educational psychologist who specializes in gifted children. "When gifted children create their identity around their intelligence and achievements, they're vulnerable to crisis when they are no longer getting rewarded."

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TOP 10 JAMZ

- 10. *Sittin' Up In My Room*.....Brandy
- 9. *Why Does It Hurt So Bad*.....Whitney Houston
- 8. *Love U 4 Life*.....Jodeci
- 7. *Not Gon' Cry*.....Mary J. Blige
- 6. *Crusin'*.....D'Angelo
- 5. *Tonight*.....Kris Kross
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no longer getting rewarded and recognized for that behavior." She said that Collins' case fits the profile of someone who had lost his sense of identity in the transition to college.

We are facing a consistently growing epidemic that is putting a halt on the success and progress of the Black community. How will we ever meet the exceptional man of the decade if all of our promising men are lost in the transition from high school honor student to an average intelligent brother on a college campus? Pressures and expectations encourage many students and makes them stronger, but

a few students breakdown and eventually succumb to stress or depression.

The future suffered a severe loss in the death of Daryl Collins. Houston minister, Dr. Joe Ratliff, a Morehouse graduate, presided over Collins' funeral services. He told the mourners, "Don't dwell on the dates of Daryl's life, 1976-1995, but consider the hyphen between them. It was just a short line, but this young man had quite a hyphen." And still, we are left feeling compelled to search for justification in this untimely loss. Daryl Collins, an exceptional man who fell from success.

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Wilson a mechanical engineering major, and Walton a child psychology major. The contestants competed in swimsuit, evening gown, and talent competitions and faced an on-stage interview.

Entertainment included songs by Faye Nash, Carlena Lewis and Andre Pitre of Rapor. A special guest of the pageant was Miss Black Texas Teen 1995-1996 Lashunda Turner.

Bender and Rosborough will be competing in state competition on Feb. 17 in Irving, Texas. Bender will represent the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rosborough will represent the Epsilon Tau Lambda Graduate Chapter.

Lachelle Holland, Miss Black and Gold 1995, said "I was very excited, I think everyone did

real well and the pageant went smoothly." Holland would like to thank the Alphas again for a wonderful year.

Coordinators of the pageant were Kofi Burney, Brushard Higgins, Keith Marshall, Keisha Conway, Shanette Johnson, and production coordinator Samantha R. Thomas. Master and mistress of the ceremony were Kevin Johnson and Conway.

The Alphas would like to send special thanks to Conway, Holland and Johnson for helping to coordinate the pageant. They also want to thank Thomas for the production choreography, Richard Johnson for the backdrop scenery, and Darryl Kemp for the sound and a special appreciation to the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities.

Dorms

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hoped that this new project will promote, "...freedom of choice, exploration, self-direction, development and university residential life responsibility.

"Amenities contained within the project will include perimeter fencing with pedestrian card access, a sand volleyball court, a basketball court, and picnic areas with barbecue grills. The commons building will consist of TV/social lounges, management offices, maintenance shop, and an optional room that may be used for a study room, fitness center, vending area or manager's apartment," said Hines.

Hines says the project will be discussed during the general assembly on Feb. 12, 1996. "I am forming a committee to decide the occupancy profile of the new housing complex." Plans are for a ground breaking ceremony to be held the same day.

Said Alldridge: "When I came on board five years ago, I recognized an urgent need to improve student living conditions and I made it my business to be involved with improving student housing in spite of budgetary constraints or other obstacles. And I am going to continue to work hard to improve the living conditions for our students at our great

university."

The privatized housing committee was formed in 1994 with a goal of opening new student housing by the Fall semester of 1996. The overall goal of Prairie View A&M University is to increase the quality of living and learning while providing more space and less stress for students.

The process is designed to increase student retention, to support a student population which is culturally and ethnically diverse, and to enhance the university image while providing an environment for students which is conducive for overall growth.



by Joe Vericker

Harlem Diary : Nine Voices of Resilience introduces nine young people who live in New York City's Harlem and who, despite incredible challenges, manage to keep themselves focused moving stable goals. Pictured (standing, left to right): Kahil Hicks, Terry Williams, Barr Elliot, Christina Head, Akida Baoley, Amir Williams-Foster, Rasheem Swindell. Pictured (kneeling, left to right): Jermanie Ashwood, Damon Williams. Not pictured: Nikki Matos.

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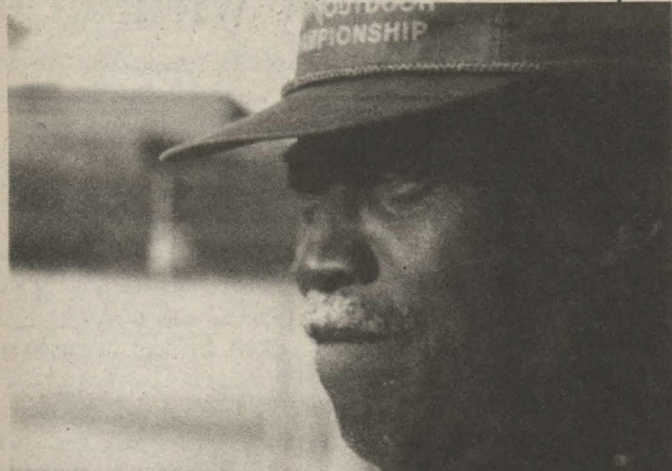


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Sports

Panthers and Lady Panthers Prepare For Track Season



by Eric-Chamel Gaither

World renowned track and field coach Hoover J. Wright in a practice.

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER
Panther Staff

Several major indoor meets are on tap for the Panther and Lady Panther track squads.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) indoor championships are all around the corner.

Indoor and outdoor conference and national championships will produce some

drastically separate times and distances, for both the men's and women's teams.

On the women's side, there are several surprises and a few early presents.

Sharicka 'socks' Jones looks to be a top contender in the middle to upper distance races, while Kasana Reeves will provide some assistance in the shorter distances.

Of course, the horizontal jumps should be dominated by Yvette French, at the conference and NAIA meet; this could also be her year in the No. 1 position at the NCAA indoor

track championship.

Men's squad talent is running extremely deep.

Sprinters, distance runners, and jumpers could lead the Panthers to their first championship titles - SWAC and NAIA - in 25 years.

Quarter-miler Maurice Garrett and half-milers Shelly Dick and Larry McClain will be making power moves in the foot races, while returning high jumper Dominique Henderson could make a serious move on the indoor conference title.

And then there are the hidden factors.

Speedy freshmen, title-hungry sophomores, or new and eligible transfers?

Which-if not all-of these factors could contribute most to the Panthers in their quest for a conference or national title?

Only Fort Worth will tell.

When the final distances and times have been recorded, and a new page permanently inked, will the Panthers stand victorious in their purple and gold.

Through the ominous smoke of the starter's gun a new king from 'The Hill' could emerge, for the first time in more than two decades.



by Eric-Chamel Gaither

Yvette French in a class of her own.

Jumping Class: Three Phases and French

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER
Panther Staff

Yvette French was one of the elite jumpers invited to participate in the Cougar indoor track and field invitational, held Jan. 20, 1995, at the University of Oklahoma. Finishing second with a leap of 40 ft. 4 in. was not satisfactory for French, who said: "It was the first meet of the season, and I didn't get as much practice in as I would have liked to; as a result, I fell short of my goal (42 ft.) at that particular meet.

French was the '95 NAIA indoor triple jump champion, and received All-America status at the NCAA indoor championships, placing among the top 10 in that event.

Under the direction of former

world-class triple/long jumper Jimmy Washington, French and Christine Gray have experienced success - individually and as a duo - that has been rivaled by no other female collegiate triple jumpers.

French (No.31) also appears in the January '96 Track and Field season that landed her a position on the United States 50-deep list. Prairie View was the only university to appear more than once on that list.

Conference and NAIA record holder Gray (No.12) was the other list entree.

French is looking forward to the Oklahoma Classic, to be held Feb. 9-10, in Oklahoma City, because she says "it will be more competitive than the UH meet."

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Viewpoints

Dear Jaquita



Brother X,

I applaud you for not following the crowd and making your own decisions.

The fact that you are considering your parents' opinions says a lot about your character. But, at the same time you must realize that you are your own person. Having your own thoughts and convictions is a part of being an individual.

Think hard about the organization and it's benefits. Then talk with your parents about it and explain your desire to be apart of this organization.

If you present to them all the facts, they can no longer question your motives because you've done your homework. I think they'll be behind you in the end, just give them some time to adjust..

Dear Jaquita,

I am interested in joining a non-Greek organization on campus but my parents, who are both members of Greek organizations, feel I shouldn't. If I choose to pursue this, I feel I will disrespect my parents and their tradition. What should I do? Will I hurt their feelings by being my own man? Please help.

Brother X

Good sense.. .don't leave home without it



Ann Harvey
Editor-in-chief

The fact that a cheap T-shirt can be the demise of your credit rating is a sad misfortune that we fall victim to every semester when "they" come with their card applications, clipboards and pens.

The promise that these strangers with "free" gifts make seem to be the best deal you've ever heard of, right? Sure, with those fake smiles "they" come and copy your social security number, (mind you, a very important piece of information

you freely give to a stranger) and promise you a thin T-shirt or some candy, for just applying for "their" card.

Oh, but wait, there's this special rate for students, and you don't pay until you use it, so your gettin' over on them, right? I think not.

For those of you who have jobs or loving parents who send you money on a regular basis this credit card thing is not an issue. But for the rest of us who are BROKE and faithfully go to Alumni for those "tasty" three squares everyday, a bill (with interest) is something you don't need.

Don't be fooled so easily. When I walk by and see twenty-five people filling out applications for a free T-shirt, I think ok, these must be some tight T-shirts that are just the bomb. Then I look and realize to my surprise there just the opposite.

As I proceed to partake in the wonderful vittles in Alumni I notice that

the voter registration tables are empty. What? Does this says something about the mind set of our student body?

Have we forgot that political power is the strongest power that black people have? Not only nationally but locally, here on Prairie View's campus. Having the power of the ballot behind us is crucial for change.

A freedom so important as voting, cannot be taken for granted. Free, is the one word that we always understand and always respond to. Voting is a right not a privilege and it's benefits are much more rewarding than a cheap T-shirt.

Take the time out to reevaluate your decision making when it comes to your involvement in your communities, locally and abroad.

Remember, all that glitters ain't gold. Don't be tricked, "they'll" get you every time.

'The Amusingly Ignorant Negro' on the next trash show

by **BURL HARRIS**
Managing Editor

The mature adult oriented shows are receiving a lot of competition from the wild antics of Ricki Lake, Richard Bey, and Jenny Jones. Blacks are becoming the targets of these shows. These shows present Blacks as fools in the kings' and queens' courts of talk-shows.

These talk shows of the 90s focus on petty topics such as "I Want My Boyfriend to Stop Sleeping With My Best Friend's Cousin". Some may find these shows entertaining. However, many hosts seem to be looking for Blacks to fit stereotypes instead of people that can shed light on important issues.

It may be easy for us to find this programming entertaining. But the people of other races may watch

this and continue to assume that all Black people come from unstable backgrounds and raise children in unstable atmospheres. Therefore, they will view Blacks as "amusingly ignorant Negros." I sample these programs from time to time and think "How can we present such images of ourselves on national television?"

The hosts of these programs appear to go out and find loudmouthed and defensive Blacks who are as soulful as an authentic Issac Hayes eight-track cassette.

It is embarrassing enough with the many negative portrayals and stereotypical presentations of Blacks in the media already. How many times a week do you turn on the television and view someone who seems to be incompetent at giving one of these hosts an intelligent account of what happened?

If Ricki, Richard, and Jenny are unconscious of how they make us appear they would benefit by taking notice of Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue and Sally Raphael. One will see exploitation on their shows on rare occasions. Oprah, Phil, and Sally usually broadcast shows that have strong emotional appeal. Their audiences and guests usually don't consist of men and women with audacious weaves, big mouths, and 12 teeth.

For those that would really like to see a change in the format of those shows, write letters to the shows and pose a threat to their ratings and let them know who the real fools are. For those that will continue to watch them regardless of my opinion I hope you will continue to enjoy them.

Dear Jaquita responds to the comments of members of the university by applying common sense, humor, and experience to all submissions. The column should not be regard as an "advice" column, but more as an opinion column, and readers who have serious emotional problems should seek help. Send questions for Jaquita to: The Panther, P.O. Box 158 Prairie View, Tx 77446.

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The Panther Staff would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Tracie Dixon who was killed in a auto accident while en route to PV's campus on Jan .15, 1996.