

Prairie View A&M University

Digital Commons @PVAMU

PV Panther Newspapers

Publications

4-23-1997

Panther- April 1997 - Vol. LXXIV, No.4

Prairie View A&M University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.pvamu.edu/pv-panther-newspapers>

Recommended Citation

Prairie View A&M University. (1997). Panther- April 1997 - Vol. LXXIV, No.4., *Vol. LXXIV, No.4* Retrieved from <https://digitalcommons.pvamu.edu/pv-panther-newspapers/500>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Publications at Digital Commons @PVAMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in PV Panther Newspapers by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @PVAMU. For more information, please contact hvkoshy@pvamu.edu.

The Panther

April 23, 1997

Volume 74, No. 4

Bender wins Miss PV 1997-98



photo by Gitonga M'bijewe
Miss Prairie View A&M University 1997-98,
Chrystal Bender.

By KEISHA SMITH

With feelings of joy and excitement, Chrystal Bender accepted her crown as Miss Prairie View A&M 1997-1998. The 28th annual Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship pageant was held Friday, April 18, 1997 at the William "Billy" Nicks Feildhouse.

After winning the title (and shedding a few tears), Bender said she felt overwhelmed as she thought "What's next? I now have this big responsibility." Immediately she began thinking of plans, ideas, and ways she and her court would serve Prairie View. The contenders for the title were La Toshia Tanner, who was first runner up, second runner up was Shauntrina Wyvette, SaKinna Thomas, Charlena Mitchell, and Tiffany Edwards.

Bender is a Junior accounting major from Smyrna, Georgia. Her hobbies include reading, sewing, watching great movies, and dance. She started dancing when she was very young and she found a new love and passion for dancing here at Prairie View. The dance

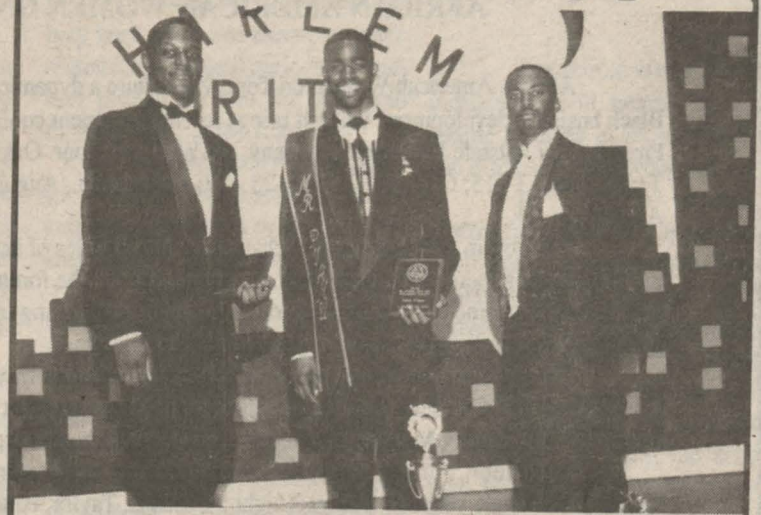
courses she has taken over the past semesters has paid off as she won the talent competition with a dance interpretation of Peace on Earth by Rachele Ferrell. Bender said she was inspired by the message in the song which focused on peace in the home. "I really felt what I was doing," Bender said, which was evident in her performance.

When asked how she became interested in pageantry, she said it started her Freshman year when she worked with the Miss Prairie View pageant as the assistant choreographer. She also worked with the pageant her sophomore year as the head choreographer for the contestants' opening number in the pageant. It was at that time she thought she might want to be in a pageant one day. "My first pageant was Miss Black and Gold. My father was an Alpha so I figured this would be a good place to start." After Bender passed on the reign of Miss Black and gold she set her sights on the Miss Prairie View title.

Getting prepared for the pageant, Bender and the other contestants spent a lot of time together. "We had various seminars including make up and public speaking... We really got to know each other." The ladies worked very hard for eight weeks. Bender said, "All the hard work really paid off." She was both nervous and excited throughout the evening. "You don't know what to expect...it all went by so fast and it's nothing like rehearsal." All of the ladies put their best foot forward on pageant night.

As Miss Prairie View, Bender has several ideas on ways to enhance campus life and the student body. "Primarily I want to educate the students on P.V.'s history" mentioned Bender as she spoke of future plans. Other plans included were: to promote school spirit, making the Memorial Student Center handicap accessible, big brother and sister programs, and seminars to uplift the student body; this is just to name a few. Bender said "I want to work for the student body" and "I want students to feel they can approach me." She plans to serve as a voice for her fellow classmates dealing with any issues and concerns that may arise. Bender said if there was one message she could relay to the student body at Prairie View it would be "To remember that we all serve a purpose, to work towards our goals, and never forget our community."

Slade wins 1997-98 Mr. PV pageant



by Gitonga M'bijewe
Winners of the 1997 Mr. PV Pageant were (l to r) Otis Reginald Egins, Alzo Slade and Phillip Oneal.

By KEISHA SMITH

On March 26, 1997, Alzo Slade won the title of Mr. Prairie View at the 11th annual Mr. Prairie View Collegiate Scholarship pageant.

This year's theme was "A Night at the Harlem Ritz", which celebrated and reflected the Harlem Renaissance.

The six contestants, including Slade, were Phillip Oneal (first runner up), Reginald Egins (second runner up), Jasmond Anderson, Kyron Bowman, and Maurice Perkins. The contestants opened with a jazzy performance which set the stage for the sports-wear, talent, impromptu questioning, and formal wear competitions.

Slade is a 20-year old communications major from Tallahassee, Fla. Originally it was the engineering program that brought him to Prairie View, but an interest in film led him to the university's communication department. Upon graduating Slade would like to produce Black historical documentaries and film. "There are plenty of books to educate us but the initial step to read them seems difficult. It is easier to pick up a remote control than a book," said Slade who also stated, "I want to take information out of books and put it on film... we need to know more of our rich heritage."

Along with a love for the

media and film industry, Slade enjoys other activities such as reading books about Black history.

He was a 1997-98 Prairie View mascot, he has hosted various talent shows on campus and has a love for comedy. Slade said he has a natural sense of humor which he gets from his parents. Not only has he humored students and faculty at Prairie View, but Slade has also performed for audiences in several comedy clubs in Houston. These establishments include: Just Joking Comedy Club, Hip Hop Comedy Stop, Mr. A's and Grammys. When asked if he ever has stage fright, Slade's response was "Not really, you get nervous but then you turn it around it keeps you on your toes."

It was this type of confidence that allowed Slade to captivate the talent competition. He performed an original impersonation of the ideology and racism that exists in Corporate America. When he found out that he was running for Mr. Prairie View, Slade said that most people assumed he was going to do comedy or clown around. "That was never the plan," said Slade. He wanted to do something more thought provoking. He said he knew a lot of his peers would attend the pageant and when trying to get a point across to students the message is "...more

see PAGEANT on page 6

1997 SGA officers inaugurated

By HOPE ALLEN

The Student Government Association Inauguration Ceremony inducted its officers for the 1997-1998 school year on April 15, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the S.G.A. offices located in the Memorial Student Center.

These students were President David Walden, Vice President Clifford Meeks,

Executive Secretary Sonya Simmons, and Comptroller Sakinna Thomas. The presiding officer for the ceremony was Craig Nicholas.

The invocation was given by Political Science major Eric Guess who recently ran for the position of vice president in the 1997-1998 S.G.A. elections. The occasion was delivered by Prairie View alum L.K. Lewis.

Interim Director of Student

Activities Brian Dickens administered the Oath of Office to each officer. After being sworn in, each officer made short inaugural speeches.

Prairie View graduate school student Adrian Collins presented a letter of commendation from Senator Rodney Ellis of District 13 to the new president and vice president. Afterwards there was a brief reception.

When asked what were his goals see SGA on page

Briefly

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ON TOUR

African American Women on Tour will feature a dynamic forum on the principles of Black business development, when it brings its empowerment conference to five cities this year. Presented by Allstate Insurance Company, AAWOT will tour Oakland, Calif., April 4 - 6; Dallas, Texas, June 13 - 15; Chicago, Ill., July 25 - 27; Atlanta, Ga., August 14 - 16 and Philadelphia, Pa., August 22 - 24.

The forum will examine the challenges and realities of small business research and start-up, to budgeting, personnel, marketing and management. The forum will take an in-depth look at such issues as business plans, pricing, raising capital, franchising options, human resources, packaging and innovative ways of bringing ideas to fruition.

The entrepreneur forum will be moderated by nationally recognized financial consultant Glinda Bridgforth, president of Bridgforth Financial Management Group in Oakland, Calif. and author of "The Money Mastery Workbook: A 12 Month Program for Basic Money Management."

In addition, African American Women on Tour will feature a powerful lineup of keynote speakers to include vocalist, Gladys Knight; Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of *Essence* magazine; talk show host Bertice Berry; author J. California Cooper and poet Nikki Giovanni.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Houston International Festival, renowned for bringing the cultures of the world to downtown Houston, announces plans for its 26th salute to the international community with a special Asian Tribute Spotlighting Chinese culture. Dates for the 1997 Festival are April 19 - 20 and April 26 - 27 with Shell Free Weeday Lunchtime Concerts April 21 - 25.

Encompassing 20 blocks of downtown Houston, the Festival will feature six themed entertainment zones each celebrating the heritage of various cultures from around the world including an American Zone, African Zone, Asian Zone, Latin Zone, Kids' Zone and Texas Zone.

In addition, the International Plaza will return with entertainment from many different countries and Houston's sister cities participating with exhibits and demonstrations.

UNIVERSITY CHOIR TRAVELS TO LAS VEGAS FOR COMPETITION

By GWYNITA LEGGINGTON

The Prairie View A & M University choir made a lasting impact in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the first-ever Vocal Extravaganza "in Black" competition.

Thirty choir students represented our school in this event which was held at the University of Nevada from March 23-27. Choirs from 17 of America's historically black colleges and universities across the United States also participated in this competition. The 17 choirs performed before an audience and a panel of eight judges. Prairie View's choir made it to the semi-finals and placed 4th out of 6. There were also three soloists to perform from our school. One of the three made it to the semi-finals and the finals. A. Jan Taylor is the director for the choir, and Dr. Vicki A. Sheldon serves as the pianist.

Marilyn Gubler acted as event chairman for this first-ever competition, which will now be held annually. The purpose of the Vocal Extravaganza "in Black" was to raise funds for KCEP, a black public radio station operated by EOB (the Economic Opportunity Board) of Clark County.

"It was a nice experience for Prairie View and a great accomplishment for our school," said university choir member Anna Solomon. Solomon added, "We are looking forward to going back next year and coming back with first place."

The University choir is always active on and off campus. They recently enlightened the audience at the Honors Convocation with heart touching music and will be performing at the Commencement ceremony in May. They make other vocal appearances that you will not want to miss. Congratulations to Prairie View's choir for their outstanding performances.

EXTENSION RECEIVES GRANT

The Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A & M University recently received a \$400,000 grant from the Houston Enhanced Enterprise Zone. The Extension Program will serve as the lead agency along with Community Revitalization Corporation, a local community-based group in using the money to conduct leadership activities for inner-city Houston.

The young people will participate in Extension events such as the Career Awareness and Youth Leadership Laboratory held on PVA & M's campus; the H.S. Estelle 4-H & Youth Camp located in Huntsville, Texas and the Teen Health Symposium held annually in Houston.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF POETRY

Poetry enters the 21st century with a new Internet poetry contest, www.poetry.com! All poets, published or unpublished, are encouraged to submit their poems for a chance to win more than \$48,000 in cash and prizes. The deadline for the new North American Open Amateur Poetry contest is April 30, 1997.

The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE. Beginners are especially encouraged to compete for over 250 prizes. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, go to www.poetry.com or mail ONE original poem, no more than 20 lines, any subject and any style to: The National Library, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 19811, Owings Mills, Md. 21117-6282.

The poet's name and street address should appear. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 1997. A new contest opens May 1, 1997.

THE PANTHER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Interim Editor-In-Chief-Zharmer Hardimon

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Eric-Chamel Gaither-Sports Keisha Pearson-News

STAFF

Bridgett McGowen Latoshia White
Keisha Smith Mark Herndon
Jo-Carolyn Goode Brian Kehinde
Tiffani Dabney Hope Allen
Tranisha D. Wallace Ann Harvey

K. Chamaine Henderson

ADVERTISING STAFF

James Adams-Manager Tiffany Ockletree
Sherrell Postell Warren Brandon Allen

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Gitonga M'nbijewe Eric-Chamel Gaither

ADVISER

Maurice Hope-Thompson

Editorial Policy

The Panther is a bi-weekly publication supported through advertising and student activities fees. Views expressed in The Panther are not those of PVAMU or the TAMUS Board of Regents. Inquiries Hilliard Hall Room 208 News & Advertising: (409) 857-2132 The Panther, PVAMU, P.O. Box 2876 Prairie View, Texas 77446.

Department News

Students and faculty members of sociology and social work dept. attend annual SSSA meeting in New Orleans

By TIFFANI DABNEY

Students and faculty members of the sociology and social work department of Prairie View A&M attended the annual Southwestern Social Science Association meeting held on March 26-29 in New Orleans, La.

Attending and presenting papers were undergraduates Tiffany Dabney, Julie Morgan and Efrion Smith.

Dabney participated in the "Sociology of Gender" session. She presented her research paper on African-American attitudes towards bisexuality. Morgan presented a paper on the effects of marijuana use



Prairie View sociology and social work attendees at the SSSA meeting in New Orleans include:(from back,standing) Dr. Cornelius Perry, Dr. Henry Vandenburg, Melinda Washington, Efrion Smith, Victoria Kelly, Tiffani Dabney and Karen Douglas.

as perceived by African-American college students in the "Race and Ethnicity" session and Smith discussed at-risk youth and drug intervention techniques in the "Psychiatric Sociology".

Sociology and social work department head and secretary of the Southwestern Social Science Association Executive Council Sarah Williams presented a paper and served as a panel member on an "African-American Issues" session.

Other faculty presentations were provided by Karen Douglas who presented her research on the Edwards Aquifer debates and Henry Vandenburg presented research findings relating session to psychiatric admission diagnoses.

Also in attendance from the Social Work and Sociology Department were Cornelius Perry and Sociology Club members, Melinda Washington and Victoria Kelly.

The three-day annual meeting is the region's forum for presenting research as well as staying abreast of the latest findings in the social sciences. Included in the region are Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, and Arkansas.

In addition to sociology, other areas represented in SSSA include social work, political science, economics, history, international studies and woman's caucuses.

SGA continued from page 1

for the 1997-1998 Student Government Association, Vice President Meeks said that communications between the students, administration, and faculty should be improved and increased.

"If students know what's

going on and realize they have a voice, they can do more and have more input", said Meeks.

Meeks plans on improving communications on campus by implementing a S.G.A. newsletter and holding S.G.A. night-out open forums that will possibly take place in a dorm.

Other changes at Prairie View A&M that Meeks wanted to make included having a more effective registration process, better interaction between the student body and the S.G.A., and to create a more positive atmosphere on-campus.

Health News

RELIEF FOR BACK PAIN PREVENTING INDIGESTION AND HEARTBURN

Preventive measures can help back pain. For example, when seated for prolonged periods, sit with hips pushed back in the chair and thighs parallel to the floor.

At work, use a firm, straight-back chair with armrests and padded support for the lower back. Your feet should rest on the floor or on a footrest.

These and other tips are in a free booklet available from Houston's Baylor College of Medicine.

To obtain a copy in the U.S., send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: "Back Pain", Room 176B, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030.

For people who suffer from indigestion and heartburn, a few simple changes in lifestyle and diet can often solve the problems.

Dr. Atilla Ertan, a gastroenterologist at Baylor College of Medicine, recommends minimizing consumption of tobacco, alcohol, coffee and cola, including decaffeinated brands and avoiding foods that have upset your stomach in the past.

If heartburn is a recurring problem, try elevating the head of your bed to minimize the reflux of stomach acid into the esophagus. Also, avoid tight-fitting clothes, lose weight and do not eat during the three hours before bedtime. If the reflux of stomach acid persists, treatment may require medication or surgery.

BE CAREFUL OF ENCEPHALITIS WHILE TRAVELING IN EAST

When traveling to the Far East, the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia, Japanese encephalitis can be a problem.

"In temperate zones, this virus is usually transmitted during the summer and early fall," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In tropical areas, transmission is generally in the rainy season or the early dry season.

"When the virus attacks, there are frequently no symptoms other than a possible mild flu-like illness with headache, fever and gastrointestinal problems," Riley said.

While there is no effective drug treatment for Japanese encephalitis, a physician can provide supportive medical treatment.

AVOID FLYING WITH HEAD CONGESTION

If you have an upper-respiratory infection plus fever and/or sinus-pressure pain, you may want to postpone trips by air, especially if you have high fever or sinus pain. Changes in cabin pressure can increase the severity of the infection in the sinuses and ears.

"If the flight must be made, decongestants and/or nasal sprays can be used before takeoff and landing for short trips," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

For longer flights, also take oral decongestant medications for comfort during the flight.

This Week

April 23th-26

- April 23: 8:00 a.m. Early Registration for Fall '97
Dept. of Social Work & Sociology
7:00 p.m. AKA 2nd Annual Dorm Step Off
ΓΣΣ-Final Examination Preparation
- April 24: 8:00 a.m. Early Registration for Fall '97
Last day to withdraw from any course
Music & Drama Percussion Ensemble Concert
10:00 p.m. ΑΛΘ Prayer Meeting
- April 25: 8:00 p.m. Early Registration for Fall '97
Graduation Candidates Final Exams
7:00 p.m. ΘΨΦ "Real Men Never Die"
Graduation Candidates Final Exam
- April 26:
7:00 a.m. ΚΑΨ Walk-A-Thon
7:00 p.m. University Choir Concert
9:00 p.m. CAB Party

CHEVROLET "Where Service Comes First" BUICK

CADILLAC LAROCHE PONTIAC

Oldsmobile BRENHAM, TEXAS 409-836-6666 GMC

GM Goodwrench Service

Poetry

mankind

A man's action sometimes lies
 A man's color, first dies
 A man's force is in his sight
 A man's ignorance is shown when he fights
 A man's strength is when he thinks
 A man's horror is when he sinks

A man is not controlled by money
 A man loves the sweetness of honey
 A man doesn't love easy
 A man loves one time
 A man can be as bitter as lime
 A man hates when he is hated

Men love to control
 Men hate one another
 Men even hate their brother
 Men play tricks
 Men will kill the sick

A man runs with men when he is in a man's world

-Michael Pope 1993



Problems

Life is filled with problems,
 And we dread everyone.
 But what would life be like
 If the trials were none?
 There would be zero excitement,
 No hint of spice.
 We'd have no experience
 That we'd want to have twice.
 Without any trials
 Life would be dull.
 We must feel the empty
 To appreciate full.
 I didn't know true happiness
 Before I had seen sad.
 I avoided these feelings,
 But I'm glad that I had them.
 So when you're faced with troubles,
 Or feeling some pain,
 Put a smile on your face.
 You'll be happy, again
 If you endure 'til the end.

-Avery Taylor

Homecoming

I'm blind to the future, yet I feel visions like braille
 Day to day we pass away, fascinated by thoughts of heaven and hell
 Surely that day will come,
 When all feelings and emotions become numb
 Set it out, it's your homecoming
 Hearts filled with love got the devil running
 The bright light is in a state of advancement
 The joy you feel is better than any herbal enhancement
 God took your pain away
 Hope you took the time to pray
 May you rest in peace they say
 As your remains harden like clay

Steve James Jr.

Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine

The UAG, located in the second most important city in Mexico, is the largest and oldest private university in the country. Our institution provides 52 undergraduate programs and 49 postgraduate programs, which include: specialties, masters degrees and doctorates

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

With more than three decades graduating U.S. physicians, offers:

- Two entering classes per year: January and August
- Rolling admissions policy
- Direct clinical experience with patients beginning first semester
- Bilingual education during the first two years (School of Medicine only)
- On-site medical education complex with two teaching hospitals
- Intensive fourth semester USMLE step 1 review
- Fourth year rotations at UAG-affiliated U.S. teaching hospitals
- Physicians graduates are bilingual and bicultural
- Tuition remains level throughout course study
- Federal Family Education Loan Program available
- New York State Education Department approval

For more information, please call our toll-free number

800-531-5494

Office in the U.S.A.:

• 8801 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78230 • (210) 366-1611 • lep@tdirect.net • www.gdluag.mx •

Entertainment

20 Questions

1. Who's faster: Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Johnson or University Village construction workers?
2. Why in 1997 are there people who still say "I hate to read!"?
3. Where the hell is the editor-in-chief of *The Panther*?
4. Now that The Notorious B.I.G. is dead who will be the next king of hip hop?
5. Speaking of Biggie, why can't some people realize that he and Tupac were more than just slain "gangsta rappers", but lyrical geniuses whose lives were ended too soon?
6. Why is it that you can't help but laugh when you hear "Just My Baby's Daddy" by B. Rock and Da Bizz?
7. Don't those construction workers get tired of standing in the trench by L.O. Evans?
8. Don't you hate those professors who believe their opinions are always right?
9. Is this campus the unofficial pound of the Waller County area?
10. Why did the Spring '97 line of ΓΣΣ think they could "get over" on *The Panther* before they "went over" by submitting anonymous ridiculous letters to Dear Jaquita?
11. Now that Tiger Woods is about to get paid for his historic win at the Masters don't we all wish we could really say "I am Tiger Woods"?
12. Why did Ms. Bobbie, the Marriot employee, become even more upset when her "glowing" personality was recognized campuswide?
13. Now that *Martin* has been officially cancelled by FOX will Mr. Lawrence turn to movies or holding up women at gunpoint while sexually harrassing them?
14. Wasn't it gratifying to see Larenz Tate and Nia Long portray real Black love in *Love Jones*?
15. Why do some students complain about what they think is wrong with this University but never attend a S.G.A. or Town Hall meeting?
16. Why doesn't the campus police patrol the parking lots all night instead of waiting until after cars have been burglarized?
17. Don't you hate professors that think they're teaching you something when all they're really doing is reading out the book verbatim?
18. Is it just in our nature to wait until the last minute to do something that was assigned to us months ago?
19. Why does 97.9 The Box insist on airing Willie D's ignorant Reality Check radio show?
20. What do you think?

The Panther would like to hear some of your questions. Please submit any question you may have to Hilliard Hall room 207. Or call at ext. 2132

PHAT DIME

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Hypnotize..... | Notorious B.I.G. |
| 2. Don't Wanna Be A Player..... | Joe |
| 3. Just My Baby's Daddy..... | B. Rock & Da Bizz |
| 4. Love Is All We Need..... | Mary J. Blige |
| 5. Get Out..... | Changing Faces |
| 6. Return Of The Mack..... | Mark Morrison |
| 7. The Sweetest Thing..... | Lauryn Hill |
| 8. Don't Leave Me..... | BLACKstreet |
| 9. 4 Page Letter..... | Aaliyah |
| 10. In My Bed(So So Def Remix)...Dru Hill f/ Da Brat & Dup | |

Communications students produce *Chocolate City*, TV show for and about the PVAMU campus

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

Brandon Allen and Alzo Slade are quite the magicians. Who other than these two ambitious communications students could have succeeded at the messy job of squeezing an entire city - a chocolate one at that - into the tiny cables of several dormitories and buildings on the campus of Prairie View A&M University?

Chocolate City is a 30-minute video, shout-out, movie clip, interview extravaganza that brings the entertainment world to Prairie View, just when vermin or construction workers have knocked the last of the cable entertainment out of commission.

Initiated during the 1996 Fall semester, *Chocolate City* has now made its way to Wednesday evening movie nights, being shown during intermission.

"It has improved because we have made it a lighter show; it looked like a hard show, like a news show... now we know how to relax and go with the flow," said Allen.

"I plan on going to business school to get my MBA and Alzo plans to go to film school; we come back together and start DBP — Dough Boy Productions," he continued.

By making predominantly African-American movies, Slade and Allen say that they will be able to tell the true side of how media has misrepresented people of African descent.

In addition to Slade and Allen, cameraman Troy Robinson, production assistant Dakota Price, and executive producer and Communications instructor Carol Means, who was instrumental in bringing new broadcasting equipment, have contributed to making *Chocolate City* a success.



Brandon Allen and Alzo Slade
 photo by ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

Academy

PART-TIME & FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE ACADEMY DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN KATY IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES: BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, ABLE TO LIFT UP TO 60 LB CASES REPETITIVELY, AND ABLE TO PASS BASIC MATH TEST, PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME SHIFTS AVAILABLE. PART-TIME MONDAY - THURSDAY 4:00PM - 10:00PM PART-TIME MONDAY - THURSDAY 5:00PM - 10:00PM FULL-TIME MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00AM-4:00PM & MONDAY - THURSDAY 11:00AM - 10:00PM. (FULL-TIME INCLUDES SOME OVERTIME, INCLUDING SATURDAYS.) ACADEMY IS A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT. APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:00AM - 5:00PM @ 1800 N. MASON ROAD, KATY TX 77449. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Campus News

Famed pastor, Lawson, of Wheeler Baptist Church to speak at Spring commencement

News Release

May 10, is a magical date for many prospective Spring graduates at Prairie View A&M University because it is Commencement Day on the Hill. Graduation exercises will begin at 10:30 AM, in the Billy Nicks Complex (Fieldhouse). And, the President's Office has announced that the commencement speaker will be the Rev. William Alexander Lawson Jr.

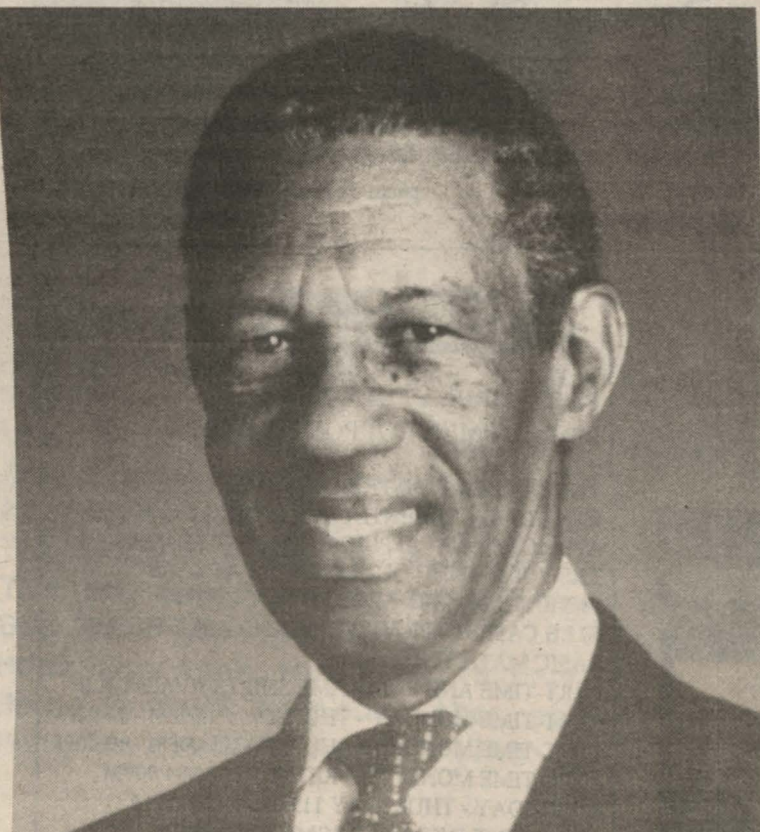
Lawson, the pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church (Houston) is noted for work within the fields of civil affairs and civil rights. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Lawson was called to the ministry of the Lord's Gospel in his senior year in high school. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology at Tennessee A&I State University, Nashville, where he was also active in religious organizations and served as student government president.

Following graduation from TAISU, Lawson accepted the pastorate of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, in Pittsburgh, Kansas, earning both the Bachelor of Divinity and a Master of Theology degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, in Kansas City. In 1954, he married Audrey Ann Hoffman and the Fall of 1955, he moved to Houston, becoming director of the Baptist Student Union at Texas Southern University. While BSU director at TSU, he received a fellowship to study at the University of Chicago, where... for a year... he concentrated on ethics and society, a dialogic field between sociology and theology. During this year, he was drawn to the concept of a "community church" and shortly after his return to Houston, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church was formed.

Lawson helped establish Upward Bound at Texas Southern

University and the Black Studies Program at the University of Houston Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. More recently, Lawson has worked with the Houston Council on Human Relations, Operation Crackdown: Houston mayor's Commission on Drugs, the Advisory Board of the Texas Commerce Bank-Houston, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He was also appointed to the board of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation by then Governor Ann Richards. His community commitment has lead him to create several community development corporations to revitalize the inner city through housing and economic development.

Lawson has been honored by such diverse groups as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Young Mens Christian Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the United Negro College Fund; Texas Southern University, the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Houston Symphony, the American Leadership Forum and the Anti-Defamation League. He also received the "Silver Beaver Award" from the Boy Scouts and received honorary doctorates from Howard Payne University and the University of Houston.



The Reverend William A. Lawson, Jr. is scheduled to be the Spring Commencement Day speaker at Prairie View A&M University on May 10, 1997. Graduation exercises will begin at 10:30 AM in the Billy Nicks Complex (Fieldhouse).

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS.... DON'T FORGET TO STUDY

PAGEANT continued from page 1

effective coming from a 20-year old fellow student...they're more prone to listen."

Holding the title of Mr. Prairie View is not only an honor, but as Slade stated, "It's a serious position, you're representing a school of over 6,000 students." As Mr. Prairie View, Slade wants to work closely with student government and also plans to work with various programs such as the Just A Sister Away (J.A.S.A.) program and the victim assistance program here on campus.

The executive director of

the pageant was Dean Charles Lewter. Slade said, "Dean Lewter was totally in charge. His intent was to form a brotherhood with six prominent young African American males." When commenting on the pageant Lewter said that there was lots of work and preparation, but he was glad to have the responsibility of working with the program. The hard work of Dean Lewter and the pageant contestants paid off as the "Night of the Harlem Ritz" proved to be a night to remember.

Prairie View A.C.E.I. makes makes acclaimed presentation at national conference in Oregon

News Release

Seven members of the Prairie View A&M University Branch of the Association for Childhood Education (A.C.E.I.) presented a session at the A.C.E.I. International Study Conference in Portland, Oregon, April 10-13, 1997.

The response to their session, entitled "Developmentally Appropriate Emergent Literacy Activities for Young Children", was overwhelming. Everyone was amazed at the quantity and quality of student-

made materials demonstrated and that the presentation was made without referring to any notes.

Prairie View had the largest representation of university students from Texas in attendance at the conference. Not only did the students present, they also served as facilitators for many of the other sessions at the conference. Students attending were: LaShunda Franklin, Melanie Freeman, Shandrea Harris, Kim Lee, Stephanie McNeil, Yalisha Reed, and Elizabeth Warren. The students were

see A.C.E.I. page 7

Here's to the NUPE in my life
CONGRATULATIONS
TO KERMIT E. THOMAS JR.

on becoming a member of
KAPPA ALPHA PSI.
Fraternity, Inc.



YOU GO BOY !!!

LOVE,
BETH

Campus News

How to file a grievance against a professor

By JO-CAROLYN GOODE

The semester is almost over and you're still having problems. You have done all that you're suppose to as a student. You have done your work, been on time, respectful, and followed all classroom rules. For some reason the teacher and you seem to have a bad relationship, but you don't know why. You can't take much more of this. Your grades are suffering. You're stressed out. You can't see a way out. You decide you want to file a complaint. There's one problem, you don't know how. Listen up.

The first and most important step is to thoroughly talk about the problem with your professor. Find out why he/she has this attitude towards you. It could be something as simple as a misunderstanding or an

even bigger situation. Hopefully the professor and you can come to a solution or at least compromise like reasonable adults.

Still having problems? It's time to take it to a higher level of



authority, your professor's supervisor. Talk to the department head. Give him/her an overview of the situation. Tell him/her that you have already spoken with your professor. They, in turn, will talk with the professor to try to help the situation. If nothing happens, proceed to the next step.

Next on the chain of action is to have a meeting with the dean of the particular college. Tell him/her the exact same thing you told the department head. Also tell that you have had a conference with the department head. He/She will have a conference with the professor and department head to resolve the problem.

This is your last result, if all else fails, contact the people at academic affairs. They are located in Evans Hall on the third floor, phone number #2314. They will set up an appointment for you to meet with either the vice-president or associate vice-president of student affairs. You tell him/her the precise story that you told the department head and dean. Mention that you have talked to them as well as the professor already. What happens next? After reviewing your

A.C.E.I. continued from page 6

accompanied by their PVAMU from infancy through early adolescence. Members of the PVAMU student branch are preservice teachers majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education.

case carefully, an investigation will take place. The academic affairs office will decide what to do to solve the situation. This process will take a matter of time. The consequences could be minor or severe.

If you have a legitimate problem with a professor there are ways to help you properly. Save your temper and harsh words. Always try to be rational and try every possible thing to help the situation before resorting to such extreme measures as mentioned above. For more information contact academic affairs.

The Panther staff wishes all 1997 graduates the best of luck in all you do!

Take it from Wayne – solar and mental energy isn't all you'll need to win Sunrayce '97. It takes the help of dedicated partners – including the EDS team.

Sunrayce 97



10 days, 1,200 miles. Intense competition. And the only available fuels are the power of mind and sun. So how can Sunrayce '97 hopefuls gain a winning advantage? By tapping into the knowledge of Wayne Watson and the rest of the EDS team. A former champion himself, Wayne advises, "Know the capabilities and limitations of your vehicle. And your team. Then achieve your objectives by working together." If you're interested in winning Sunrayce '97, check out the official website at: www.sunrayce.com. You'll have the opportunity to access our online vehicle aerodynamic analysis and superior design software – free.

Then if you're interested in a winning career, race over to our website at www.eds.com and check out the advanced technological opportunities at EDS, or mail, Fax or E-mail your resume to: EDS Staffing, Dept. 72-6287 5400 Legacy Dr., 114-GB-35, Plano, TX 75024. Fax: (800) 562-6241. E-mail: staffing@eds.com. Good luck to all Sunrayce '97 participants from the team at EDS.

► A more productive way of working

EDS and the EDS logo are registered marks of Electronic Data Systems Corporation. All trademarks are the property of their respective owners. EDS is an equal opportunity employer, m/f/d/h.



Sports

Prairie View senior could be the future of U.S. women's triple jumping

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

She's definitely an All-American track athlete, still most people call her French: Yvette French.

Senior Prairie View triple jumper Yvette French literally distanced herself from the rest of the field when she leaped a phenomenal 44 feet in the triple jump, at the 68th annual Prairie View Relays, where she set a new school, meet, and stadium record.

"When I jumped 44 feet, I wasn't that excited because I had gone beyond 44 feet before; the jumps just weren't legal," French went on to say, "had I a coach, I feel I would have achieved that long ago."

The closest conference competitor is more than six feet trailing, as is the closest NAIA competitor, who has only jumped 38 feet, 1 inch. Of all the collegiate women jumpers in the SWAC (Southwestern Athletic Conference), French is the only to have jumped further than 40 feet.

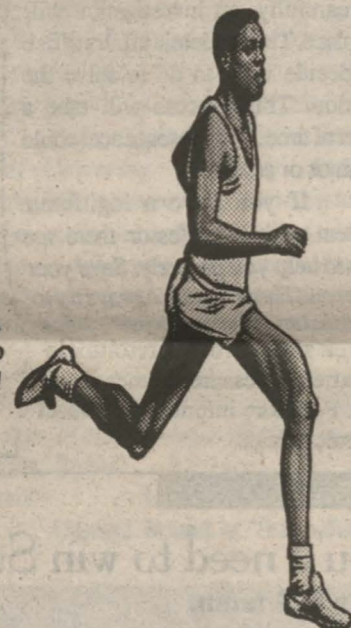
"I don't look at the other competitors as being my competition, I only look at myself; I can only beat me...it's a battle against myself."

As the reigning conference triple jump and 400-meter intermediate hurdles champion and NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate

Athletics) triple jump champion, it would be easy to lose sight, having arrived at a level many others dared to dream.

"I'm looking forward to shattering that record," says French of the 42 feet, 8-inch record she set at the NAIA championships, held summer '96 at Life College, in Marietta, Ga.

The young Biology/Chemis-



and participates in sports.

In addition to her records, French is bestowed the unofficial honor of being the first SWAC woman triple jumper to have qualified to attend and participate in the qualification rounds of the triple jump, in its debut at the '96 Olympic trials, which were held in Atlanta.

Due to an Achilles' injury, shortly after breaking the NAIA record on her first jump, she was not able to attend the trials.

After her senior/ freshman - high school to college - transition, French improved nearly four feet, moving from 37 feet, 10 inches to just over 41 feet, while under the direction of Jimmy Washington.

But is it really surprising that a car accident, broken arm, Achilles' injury, torn triple jump shoes and no coach midway through the sophomore season, have not held this Marshall, Texas, native unproductive?

Assuming that such a well-rounded young lady could not spell and had no knowledge of the word quit, it wouldn't be amazing.

Taken into consideration that quit was a word and notion embedded into the systems of nearly every child with a finger in the fire, and hand on a tear, it is both amazing and wonderful to behold the rising of, French, the phoenix from the flames.

try major is preoccupied with the notion that she "hasn't done enough," an idea most people would differ, seeing how she balances a B grade average

tolerance policy for those players who choose not to comply with the rules and workout regimen that has been established," said defensive end, Quentin Young. "Any player that's not in full cooperation with coach, simply will not be playing."

Young says Johnson is giving all of the veteran players from the team a chance to maintain their positions before the arrival of the new recruits, but this is dependent upon their off-season performance.

Young, also says some of the main focuses of Coach Johnson and his staff, are to make the team more physically agile while at the same time building body strength. Young said, quoting the coach, "each player in every position must pick-up weight and strength, or they will not play . . . whatever percentage a player drops on the bench-press, will be the same

amount deducted from his scholarship."

Coach Greg Johnson and his staff emphasize and enforce academic progress and achievement. Each athlete is required to attend a daily study hall session. The consequences of not complying with this are too great for a player to risk. A player is able to miss up to three of these sessions, any after that will result in a dismissal from the team.

The team feels certain that with Coach Johnson they will win a game, with an ultimate goal of winning the SWAC.

The players are intent on mending the broken promises of last season. With the effective leadership of a good coach, the Panthers will vindicate themselves and show whether or not winning SWAC is a feasible goal.

Students steal title away from faculty and staff in Springfest hoop game

By MICHAEL SMITH

In a grueling match and overtime battle Student Team beat the Faculty Staff players in the annual Spring Fest Faculty/ Staff- Students Basketball game.

After winning the 1996 game, the Faculty earned a year of bragging rights and took advantage by wearing full basketball uniforms. The rivalry instantly heated up as the Student team chose to use the hip hop group Westside Connection's song *Bow Down* as their introduction music.

The Student team jumped out to an early 10-point lead and the game seemed in danger of being a blowout. However, just before the half, the Faculty team staged a stunning comeback behind their center, Kerrick Arrington. The half ended with the faculty down by only two points.

During halftime, the crowd was treated to fierce competition in the 3-point shoot-out and slam-dunk contest. The winners of the 3-point shoot-out by slim margins were Shica Bowen and Reginald Trudbone, both from Houston. The slam dunk winner, Keith Mowbray won by executing

his "over-the stack" dunk. The dunk earned him final scores of 50, 50 and 49 from the judges (one judge gave the 49 because he saw a shoelace touch the rack).

The second half began with the Faculty team scoring a flurry of points and the student team fell behind 12 points. The Students played as if they were stunned for a while, but recovered, keeping the score close for the rest of the game.

Controversy struck as Student player Marquis Patton was seemingly forced out of bounds by a Faculty player. Student coaches Marcus Lane and Michael Smith called a time-out to argue the play with the Faculty coach and the referees. The referee's call put the ball back in the Faculty's hands with only eight seconds left to play. The game resumed and the Student forces rallied to bring the game into overtime.

Young, fresh legs took over the game in overtime as the students took the lead and held off the last surge from the faculty team to win 83-78. The Students banded together to have the whole team named as Most Valuable Player.

GOLDEN PAGODA

CHINESE RESTAURANT

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

Mon.-Fri.: 11:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M., Sat.: 5:00-9:00 P.M.

Sun. 11:30 A.M.-9:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SPECIAL!

DINNER BUFFET

FREE ICE TEA

STUDENTS ONLY

MONDAY - THURSDAY

31315 FM 2920
Waller Village Shopping Center
Waller, Texas 77484
(409) 372-2211

Sports

Some people are far-fetched and way out in the woods

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER

Now that it seems Tiger Woods is the theme of the day, swinging serious blows at everybody (pun intended), taking all the masters to the bank, and making Thaddeus Stevens keep good on that 40-acre and a mule promise, some people in the media want to go and paint the brother every-thing but black.

See, what's really going on is that a brother is finally collecting on past dues, and some members of the media swear that this can't really be one of those full-black people, so we'll just call him Afro-Asian?

O.K., then, when I win the Pulitzer for newswriting do I get the "honor" of being Afro-Indo-Hispanic solely for the purpose of saying my accomplishment was other than what people of African descent have been doing for years: Being productive!

Tiger Woods is handling business and all respect is due, but some of these television broadcasts, radio stations, and newspapers need to take a breather, away from the neo-nom production line. In '87 it was African-American; putt-putt a decade ahead and, according to unreliable sources, there's a whole new ethnic group of people who were African-American, or black, at least a year ago.

What are the media really trying to say?

See, when you catch the football and run, Earl Campbell, you're just an exceptionally fast African-American (darker-skinned) running back. But let Troy Aikman put on a quarterback clinic, and Troy - I'm with that Dallas thing, the nylon jacket with the fake, fuzzy stuff in the hood from when I was four years old - but you know this is true, the commentators go crazy with the "I've never seen such a spectacularly tacticized play in the history of this sport, folks, you have just witnessed history in the making."

Become the second man to legally triple jump further than 59 feet, Kenny Harrison, still you're just a powerful and explosive African-American (darker-skinned), who has a third phase like no other man in the history of the event, but let Jonathan Edwards (white,

British) come onto the scene, credited he did break the world record, both columnists and commentators go crazy. They say, Edwards is "swift, smooth and not collapsing in his phases," in addition to "a spiritual man, the son of an Anglican preacher, who - at one point - wouldn't compete in major meets on Sundays."

What are the athletes of African descent, thoughtless, physical animals?

Injustice is done to women of African descent, too.

Ice skater Surya Bonaly, the sister from France, performs flips that no woman has ever attempted to grace, and they refer to her as technically sloppy but, physically in-tact, very strong.

Nancy Kerrigan is America's favorite girl though, her story transcends cultures, she's mentally strong.

Yeah, right, whatever!

Dominique Dawes gets down for hers on the floor exercises at the Olympic Games, but Porkopayava from Russia tumbles out of the boundaries twice, I say twice, and she finishes ahead of Mahogany Dime Dawes.

Tye Babylonia, excuse the spelling, was the serious ice skater, and woman of African descent, but the media wanted to focus on the "multi-ethnic aspect" to kind of - how should we say - break the ice between Tye and the members of the Black community.

Some of us might be dark, but we ain't in the dark.

Everything from South Pacific to South Plains runs through the blood of most people African descent, not to mention the Caribbean and, yes I do know the names of West Indian tribes as they correspond to islands and coastal towns.

So, media friends, if you're reading this, it's time to cease with the divide and conquer; you've taken this tiger too far into the woods.

And Tiger Woods, iron em out Black man!



photo courtesy of Golf Journal
Pro golfer Tiger Woods is the first African -American to win the Masters

Think You Can Manage...

\$5,000,000?

That's the average annual sales of a Walgreens store. If you've ever thought of managing a business, Walgreens is a great place to start. The #1 pharmacy retailer in the country is averaging almost five new stores a week. That means opportunity for ambitious forward-thinking graduates. You could be running a \$5 million business within 2-5 years.

MANAGEMENT CANDIDATES

At Walgreens, our commitment to your professional growth is crucial to our continued success. Combine our comprehensive training program and promotional opportunity with your drive and commitment and the possibilities are infinite. We are the ideal company to develop the business skills you'll need to be a leader.

- An excellent starting salary, mid 20s plus paid overtime
- Comprehensive benefits
- Promotion opportunities fueled by over 230 new stores per year
- 22 straight years of record profitability
- \$50, \$60, \$70... thousand per year, your potential as a store manager is unlimited

Take your career to the top in the fast lane. If you're ready to manage, send your resume to one of our district offices listed below, indicating Walgreens District Office, Dept-C on the envelope, or on the cover letter for faxes.

Austin

111 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 217-D
Austin, TX 78752-1118 • Fax: 512-459-0398

Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex

350 Phelps Ct., Suite 310
Irving, TX 75038 • Fax: 972-717-5269

El Paso

2112 Tramwood, Suite B9 • El Paso, TX 79935 • Fax: 915-594-9741

Houston Area & East Texas

8110 Kempwood Drive • Houston, TX
77055-1095 • Fax: 713-973-5859

San Antonio

2411 NE Loop 410, Suite 126
San Antonio, TX 78217 • Fax: 210-590-0276

Walgreens
The Pharmacy America Trusts
Equal Opportunity Employer
www.walgreens.com

Three ways to beat the high cost of college.

1. The Montgomery GI Bill
2. Student loan repayment
3. Part-time income

The Army Reserve Alternate Training Program is a smart way to pay for college.

First, if you qualify, the Montgomery GI Bill can provide you with up to \$7,124 for current college expenses or approved vo/tech training.

Second, if you have—or obtain—a qualified student loan not in default, you may get it paid off at the rate of 15% per year or \$500, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Selected military skills can double that maximum.

Third, you can earn part-time money in college, and here's how it works: One summer you take Basic Training, and the next summer you receive skill training at an Army school. You'll earn over \$1,500 for Basic and even more for skill training. Then you'll attend monthly meetings at an Army Reserve unit near your college, usually one weekend a month plus two weeks a year. You'll be paid over \$107 a weekend to start. It's worth thinking about. Give us a call:

(409) 830-5324
(281) 955-7903

BE ALL YOU CAN BE!
ARMY RESERVE

PANTHER CLASSIFIEDS (409) 857-2132

Celebrate Black History

Celebrate Black History

FASHION AFRIQUE
FASHION AFRIQUE

Authentic African Outfits
for
Males, Females and Children
Made With a Variety of Fabrics
Exquisite Embroidery Design

Hattie
(713) 733-4182

History Month Celebrate Black

HELP WANTED

\$200 - \$500 WEEKLY
Mailing phone cards. No experience necessary. For more information send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Global Communications, P.O. Box 5679, Hollywood, FL 33083

HELP WANTED

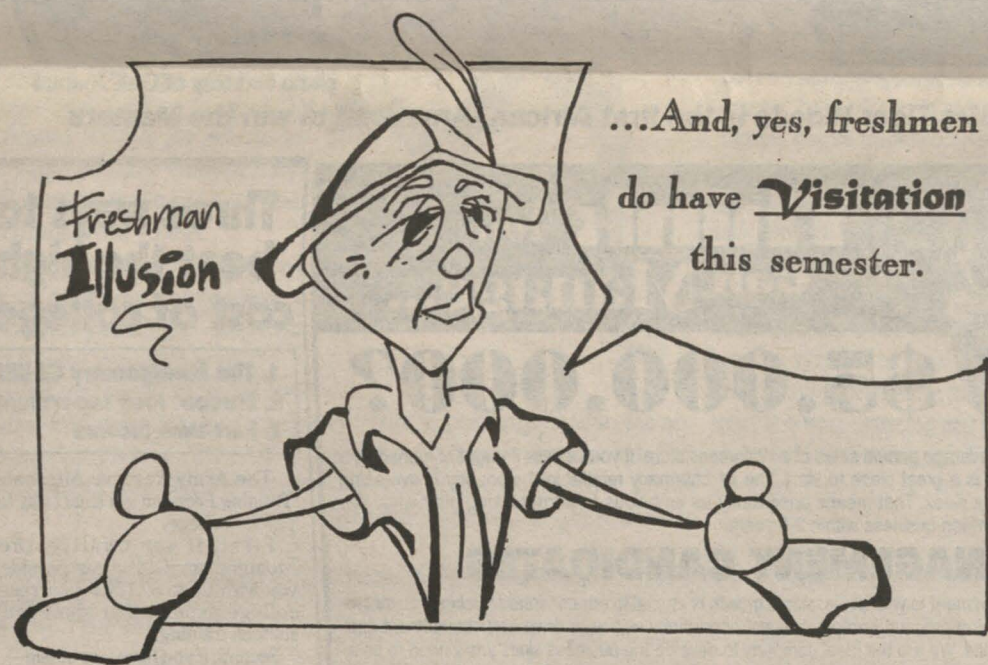
SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS, Administration Staff, Nurses and Lifeguards needed for Girl Scout resident camps near Athens, Texas and on Lake Texoma; For more information, call 1-800-442-2260 or (214) 823-1342. EOE

FUND RAISER

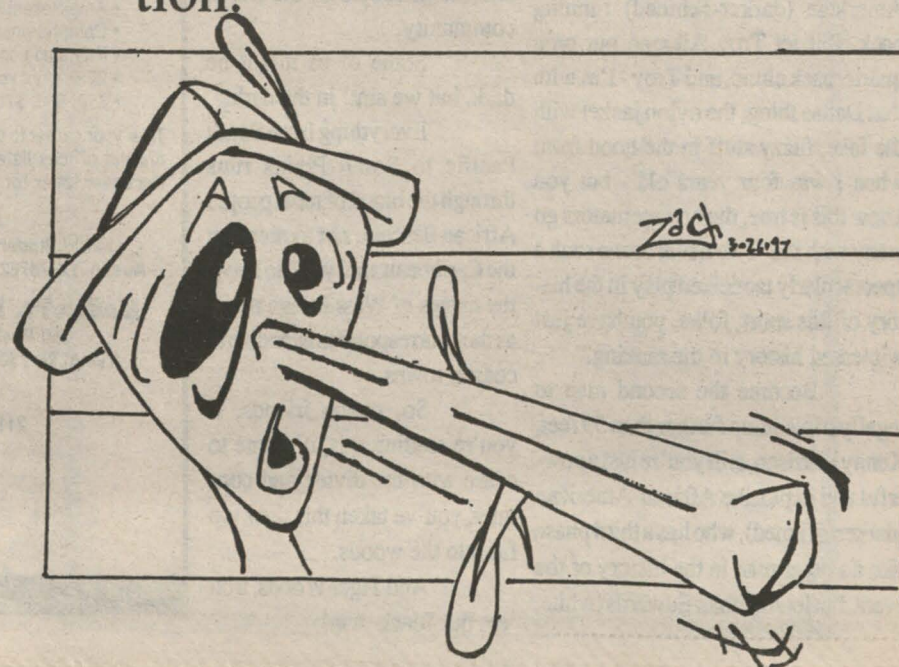
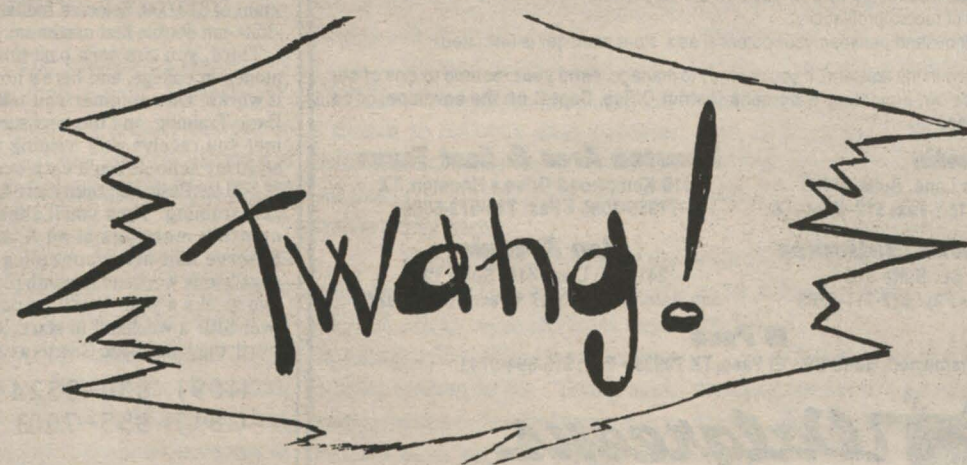
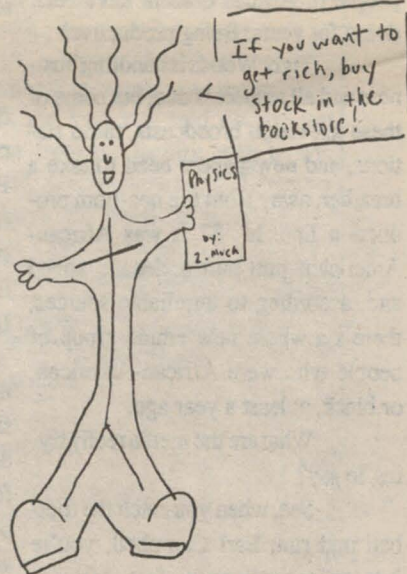
MOTIVATED GROUPS NEEDED to earn 500+ promoting AT&T, Discover, Gas, and Retail cards. Plan now for the next semester to get priority for the best dates. Call Gina at 1-800-592-2121 ext. 110. Free CD to qualified callers

PANTHER -- **PRINT WITH POWER.**

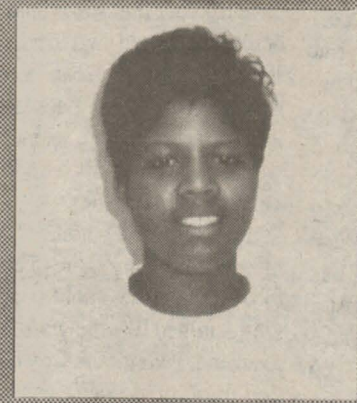
PANTHER COMICS



If you are an artist and would like to be published, come by room 216 Hillard or call 2132 for more information.



SPEAK OUT! SPEAK OUT! SPEAK OUT!



Destiny Evans
major: Biology
City, State: Dallas, TX

I enjoyed the health fair. I participated in the "human fly", "the boxing, and some other activities. It was extremely fun. It should definitely be continued because it's a great way to get exercise and have fun.

DID YOU ENJOY THE HEALTH FAIR?



LaFayette Collins
Major: Chemical Engineering
City, State: Houston, TX

I felt the health fair was very successful. I participated in most of the events and had a wonderful time.

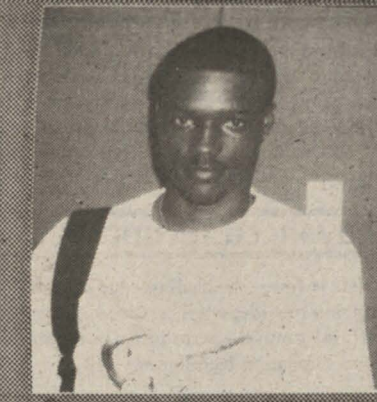


Yashica Ntozake Gebrazic
major: Pre-Nursing
City, State: Houston, TX

The health fair was GREAT! I support the continuation of the fair because it was a educational and free event that gave the students the opportunity to relax from stress filled school activities.

Steve James
Major: Psychology
City, State: Dallas, TX

I did not have the opportunity to participate in the health fair, but I feel it should continue, for the simple fact that it is educational and enjoyable.



INSTANT CREDIT

Guaranteed Credit Cards With Credit Limits
Up To \$10,000 Within Days!

No CREDIT, NO JOB, NO PARENT-SIGNER, NO SECURITY DEPOSIT!
no credit • bad credit • no income?



You Can Qualify To Receive
Two Of The Most Widely Used
Credit Cards In The World Today!



Want VISA & MasterCard Credit Cards?

ORDER FORM

YES!

I want Credit Cards immediately. **100% GUARANTEED!**
CREDITMAX, PO BOX 468432, ATLANTA, GA 31146

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____
Signature _____

Guaranteed \$10,000 In Credit!



**Unfortunately the only organization with
more advanced technology than
Northrop Grumman
isn't hiring at the moment.**

Want to begin your career with immediate exposure to advanced technology? There is no better place to look than Northrop Grumman right now. From our work on the E2C Airborne Early Warning System to the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) to the Vehicular Intercommunications System (VIS), Northrop Grumman's Electronics Systems Division continues to prove that the impossible is indeed possible.

At our Electronics Systems Division facility in suburban Chicago you'll find one of the world's most capable and experienced designers and manufacturers of highly specialized electronic systems. Our product technologies include Radio Frequency (RF) electronic systems and electro-optic/Infrared systems. These products have continuing near and long-term business opportunity. In fact, at Northrop Grumman our strategic thrust into defense electronics is estimated to exceed \$10 billion by the year 2000. Current areas of opportunity include:

MMIC/ASIC

Northrop Grumman Electronics Systems continues to be an industry leader in the development and use of monolithic microwave integrated circuit and analog and digital application-specific integrated circuit technology. Through this technology, complex circuits have been dramatically simplified, resulting in 70% fewer parts, a 10:1 reduction in weight and volume, and increased performance and reliability, compared to conventional implementations. A dramatic example of maximizing miniaturization can be found in the microwave power module, the smallest power transmitter ever designed and constructed.

Advanced Technology

Here is where the leading edge of today's electronic countermeasures technology is created. The Advanced Technology section provides engineers with an applied research environment to simulate state-of-the-art advances in analog, digital, RF, microwave, electro-optic/Infrared, and electron tube technologies along with the attendant computer aided modeling and simulation techniques.

EO/IR

ES-RM infrared jamming systems provide military aircraft with protection against a vast array of heat seeker missile threats and are compatible with virtually all modern military and commercial aircraft and armaments. All electro-optical/Infrared countermeasures systems provide stand-alone protection against surface-to-air, air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles providing the flexibility to program specific countermeasure technology against varying threats. These high-powered efficient jammers are capable of protection against multiple infrared homing missiles.

Embedded Software

Northrop Grumman is at the leading-edge of mission planning and system software development, with expertise gained from working on Attack Missile Mission Planning Software (MPS), as well as state-of-the-art next generation "smart" weapons system software. A joint government/industry team, using the maturity scales has rated Northrop Grumman among the top high technology software development companies in the industry.

JOIN US !

At our Electronics Systems Division you'll find exposure to advanced technology and tremendous career opportunity. In addition, our location offers high quality housing, education facilities and the excitement of Chicago's sports, entertainment and cultural activities. To find out more, send your resume as ASCII text to resumes@eiws.esid.northgrum.com. Or you can mail or fax your resume to: Attn: Professional Employment, Advanced Technology, Northrop Grumman, 600 Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Fax: 847/590-3189. An equal opportunity employer M/F/D/V.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Farewell Dear Prairie View

By JAI WALLACE

They call it the "Black college experience". I find it a bit ironic that four years of studying, sleeping, laughing, crying, working, playing, dancing, eating, and learning can be reduced to an "experience". My matriculation at Prairie View A&M University has resembled a roller coaster ride more than an experience. From Banks Hall to University Village, from Freshman Comp I to Senior Colloquium II, semester after semester, the ride never stopped.

It's been exactly

three years, seven months, two weeks, and six days since I first set foot on the Hill. At the time I was a shy 17-year old high school graduate

armed with a bottle of Pine Sol and a suitcase full of memories. I was scared to death. Strange faces surrounded me—some friendly and some not so friendly. There were unknown buildings with unfamiliar names. This was college and yes, it was a different world.

As I reflect back, many of my freshman fears seem somewhat irrational. I was afraid I would flunk out during the first semester, afraid I would never make any new friends, afraid my roommates would be ex-convicts, afraid my classes were incapable of being located. Perhaps I was just experiencing a fear of the unknown. Beginning college is like starting a journey and I could see so far ahead.

That 17-year old never would have guessed that one day she would travel

to Atlanta with the Baptist Student Movement Choir or that she would graduate with honors. You could not have told her that she would flunk a test or that she would switch career paths her senior year. Three years, seven months, two weeks, and six days ago, I had no idea a place that once seemed so abstract would become home. Yes, Prairie View, Texas was my home.

However, home was not always pleasant. I did my share of complaining, too. For instance, I could not understand why it rained like the world was coming to an end. I wondered why it seemed that two-thirds of my week was spent waiting in line. I could not fathom why the post office was so far away and I did not have a car. Then there was registration...well, that speaks for itself.

Nevertheless, I came to realize that college life—and life in general—is what you make of it. You know the saying:

"One percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration"? Prairie View is no exception. I found out that I had to work to make my education successful. I even had to work to make my relationships successful. Many lessons were learned the hard way, but none were easily forgotten.

Now, it seems my time is coming to an end. As I write, graduation is 24 days away. Am I excited? Definitely. Will I miss Prairie View? Terribly. I will miss staying up until 3:00 a.m. with Guyla and Twania and Joyette and Kristle. I will miss the fountain, the food fights in Alumni, and the Marching Storm. I will miss the Psychology department, my professors, and six piece hot wing dinners from PV Grocery. Most of all, I will miss those people who added humor, frustration, and purpose to my four year trek. College is so much more than big buildings and colorful catalogs. It is compromised of individuals with distinct lives, personalities, and goals.

On May 10th, 10:30 a.m., my "Black college experience" will be complete. I will be a less-shy 21-year old college graduate armed with a diploma and suitcase full of memories. I am confident about the future. True, there will be unknown buildings and strange faces in graduate school, but I am not worried. God will guide me through this journey just as He did the last. Yeah, I will probably cry a little, but that is okay, too. Memories surpass state lines and no one can steal what I hold in my heart.

