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THE PANTHER



The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

PALS '98: Building successful leaders through partnerships

By Gitonga M'Mbijewe
Special to the Panther

A student Leadership Institute established at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) in 1996 to cultivate personal leadership skills was found to be a successful program in helping new college students with their transitional process.

Now in its second year of operation, the Leadership Institute made great strides in accomplishing its goal as a base from which the leadership skills of PVAMU students could be harnessed and cultivated. The 1998 theme "Leadership: One Spirit, One Purpose, One Mission", embodied a holistic approach that was incorporated in pro-

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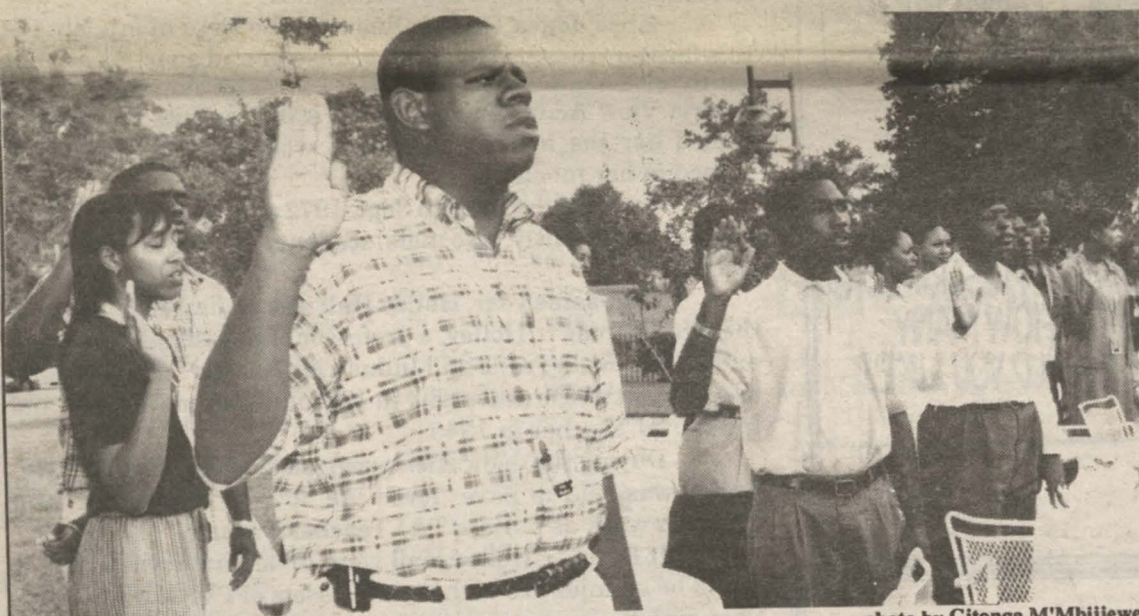


photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

At an event titled "Evening With the President," students take oaths toward student leadership before assuming duties as PALS.

S.G.A establishes 'power plan'

By Carlos C. Hopkins
News Editor

"An outline for the whole year," is how Vice President Cordy Meeks described "The power plan," a plan for the future that was presented at the first Student Government Association (SGA) meeting for the 1998-99 school year.

"The power plan" is a framework master plan that will allow the SGA at PVAMU to serve as an instrumental tool in the progress of the University. The nine-month plan is full of workshops and seminars to inform, educate, and encourage students throughout the school year and into the future.

According to the SGA office, the goal of the plan is to create an atmosphere for social and political awareness that will provide intellectual enthusiasm, student unification, economic development, community involvement, and faculty participation with a vision of a strong community of upwardly mobile students who are properly educated and equipped with the skills to accomplish their career goals.

"The first step to our

success is writing our goals down," said SGA President, Alzo Slade Jr. "Then, take action to follow through to make our goals into reality."

Slade also voiced his accomplishments and other future plans for the school year, including extended hours for the computer lab in Farrell Hall during midterm and finals, new computers for the John B. Coleman Library's computer lab; the development of a voter registration drive; and, remodeling of the weight room in the Billy J. Nicks Complex to make it a more safe environment.

Financial aid, student identification cards, and resident assistant compensation were some of the concerns students questioned the SGA.

SGA executive secretary, Natasha Robinson, described the first meeting of the year as a good turnout.

"We now have good communication and student involvement. SGA is giving the students something to be involved in," Robinson said.

Robinson went on to praise the Panther Advisory Leaders (PALS) for encouraging the new freshmen to be involved with SGA.

Housing brings in new look with new academic year

By Eunrekea Moore
Panther Staff

Students returning to Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) this year saw some changes in their living conditions.

The formerly all-female dormitory Drew Hall is now co-ed and Banks Hall is now called "The Place," an acronym for The Panther Learning and Academic Community Experience.

The changes in campus resident life started with the closing and renovating of Holly Hall in Spring 1998. Male students living in Holley Hall either moved into Fuller or Banks Hall.

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Phase III of University Village features story lounges, a fitness center and computer room among other luxuries

Photo by Cleophas Ingram

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VIEWPOINTS

What's in a name?

Historical buildings present window to cultural heritage

By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor in Chief

Our ancestors once slaved and toiled over the exact soil we walk to go to class. On what was once the land used for deprivation is now the grounds on which we are basing our continued education.

Immersed in the culture and history of our ancestors, one might ask how could we lose what took over a century to build?

Change a name here. Tear down a building there. Eventually the entire campus will look like University Village: modern housing that costs more than it's worth.

The quickest way to enslave a class is to deprive it of its culture, according to Dr. George R. Woolfolk. Culture is present on every sidewalk, bench, tree and building on this campus.

One day, walk through one of the campus tours offered to freshmen and incoming students. It will help you understand from whence this university has struggled and why its refinement must work to be preserved.

Names aren't simply titles given to people or places. Their purpose is to represent a specialized distinction from others; thus, Drew Hall will never be mistaken for Holley Hall. Their differences are not only evident in their names, but also in the people for which they are named.

Alice Jones Drew influenced the lives of students at this university as an educator, counselor and an inspiration to youth until her death in 1966. Her role as an avid supporter of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and its betterment gained her the honor of having a women's residential hall named in her memory.

Drew Hall opened in Sept. 1972 and continues to house female (and recently, also male) students gaining an education at PVAMU.

That same year, Holley Hall was dedicated in honor of the late Thomas L. Holley, a professor of Industrial Education and a state-wide Trade and Industrial Teacher. Holley began as a student at the university in 1906 and became a Trade and Industrial Teacher in 1945.

During the dedication program of Holley Hall in 1972, Holley was said to have "loved life, loved Prairie View, and loved his work as a State T&I Teacher Trainer."

If Drew or Holley Hall were to be torn down today, it would be an injustice to these two assets of PVAMU's history. Changing the name of a historical building would be an even greater wrong because its history is being replaced not simply ended.

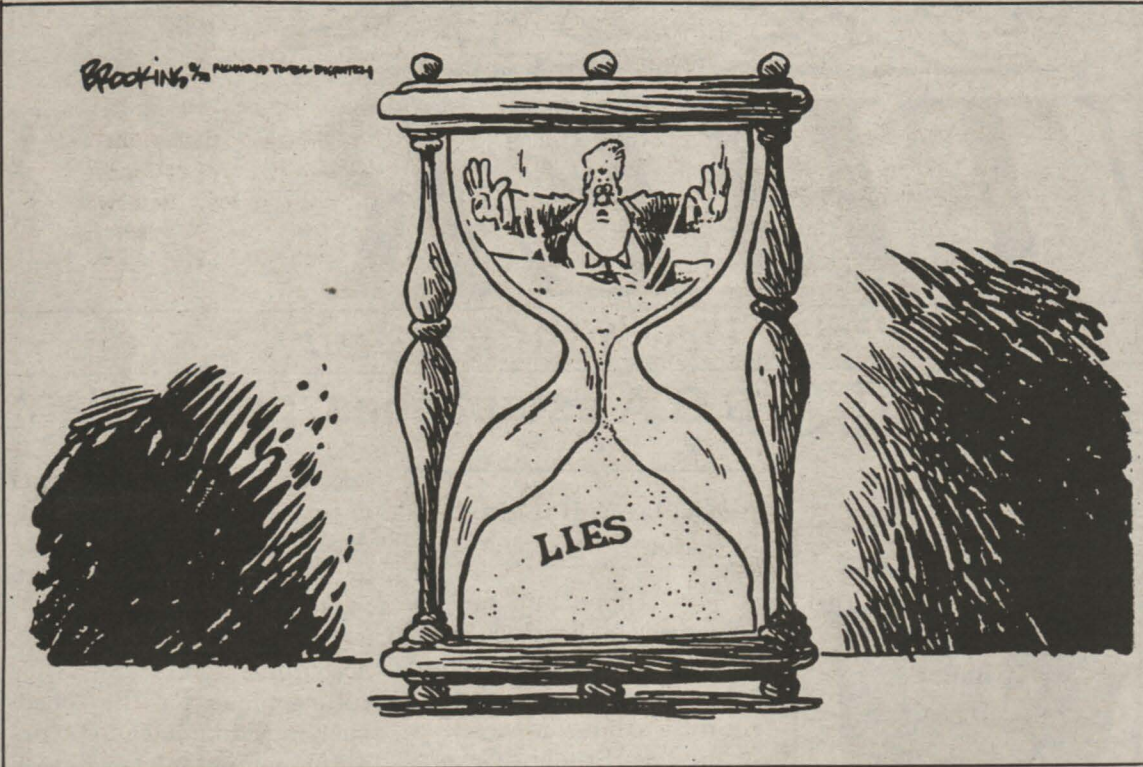
Today, we are allowing our culture to be whittled away with the planned destruction of Suarez-Collins and Buchanan Halls and the name change of Banks Hall. How much of our history will need to change for action to take place? There is no pride in living in a building titled "The Place."

The adjustments of making this dormitory more geared toward academics should be applauded. The Place now has mandatory quiet hours from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., on-site tutors, academic advisors, and a computer lab. There are more restrictions on the residents there and constant updates on class attendance and progress.

Yet, could all this have also been achieved within the namesake of Banks Hall? I can answer that question for you: yes!

It starts with only a few changes, but eventually our campus full of heritage and culture will look and sound exactly like a modern university with no connection to its past. The only way to stop it is to speak out as students.

We have a voice, now it is up to us to use it.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quality of student life hinges on level of community work

Student draws on African principle of collective work and responsibility



By Alzo Slade
President,
Student
Government
Association

"I Am Because We Are" is an old Asante proverb that was used to describe the responsibility that each individual tribe member had towards the community.

We are all individuals only because we are a group. The definitions of "group" and "individual" depend on each other.

Here at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), we have a responsibility to each other. We learn about ourselves from interacting with others.

If there were no students, there would be no faculty/staff. If there were no faculty/staff, there would be no administration. This trinity of power is to work together to produce upwardly mobile alumni who will support and spread the progress of our institution across the world.

The Student Government Association (SGA) at PVAMU plays an integral part in this progress. Every student is a part of SGA. The SGA is a vehicle to voice student concerns.

We have a strong circle of leadership that consists of a president, vice-presidents, senators, public relation representatives and more. These officers serve as the head of the student body.

If the head is not together then the body will not be together.

It is our responsibility as students to voice our concerns through the proper channels in order ensure progress for students.

No matter how much we have progressed, we can progress that much more.

It takes an effort from each and every one of us. It is easy to complain, but the challenge is to make an effort to bring about change to that which we are complaining about.

The SGA encourages all students to take this challenge. There are several ways to get involved with your student body.

We have a variety of events planned for this year. For more information, please come by the SGA office: Room 206 Memorial Student Center or call (409) 857-2220. "We Are Because You Are" and "You Are Because We Are".

We depend on each other to make our community work.

We look forward to working with all students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni for the betterment of this noble institution.

PVAMU president welcomes students



President, Dr. Charles A. Hines

Hines encourages students to seize every opportunity

ence and the center of our concerns.

As President and Chief Executive Officer, my primary obligation is creating and sustaining a safe and secure environment conducive to excellence in learning and living.

You must commit your time and energy to pursue excellence in all things, and avoid the non-productive pitfall of life.

To all new and returning Panthers:

Welcome to Prairie View A&M University and our living and learning community on the "Hill."

As many of you have heard me say, college attendance is a rare opportunity to grow personally, socially, and educationally as you prepare yourself for the life ahead of you and for the world of work.

Take your time and education here seriously by seizing every opportunity to grow, achieve, and serve. You are the reason for our exist-

ence and the center of our concerns.

We are in a state of continual change at Prairie View A&M as we posture this great university for the challenges ahead.

You are at the forefront of those changes. The student park is nearing completion; Phase III, University Village is open and fully occupied (planning for Phase IV is underway); construction on the \$28 million dollar science building should start this year; a new class attendance policy is in place; our zero tolerance policy on alcohol, other drugs, violence, and harass-

ment remains in tact; and numerous other academic and administrative actions are either planned or underway for this year and beyond.

Yes, we are changing - and growing as we change. You will hear more throughout the year.

Again, welcome back! Take your education seriously. I will be looking for you on campus, and will seek every opportunity to speak with you personally about your hopes and dreams, and how we can make our beautiful campus a better place to live, study, work, and succeed.

Enjoy the year, go to class, study and do your best to achieve excellence (average is not good enough anymore), support our Student Government Association and other student organizations, cheer for our athletic and academic teams, the "Marching Storm," and all other colleagues and activities, and take care of each other as all real Panther Men and Women do.

Have a Great Year!
Charles A. Hines
Charles A. Hines, Ph.D.
President

Independence comes with a price

Dr. Kimetris N. Baltrip
Asst. Professor, Communication
Advisor, Student Publications

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students who are first-time Panthers.

Like myself, many Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) alumni can attest that you have chosen a fine institution at a very important and critical time in your lives.

You will find many challenges here will not be simply related to the rigors of academic life, but many of the hurdles you will have to jump will concern independent living.

Perhaps for the first

time in your lives, you're faced with living away from the familiar comfort and security of the place you call home.

I encourage you to stay focused, patient and determined to reach the goals you have set for yourselves and use good judgment to ensure your safe enjoyment of campus life.

While you complete your studies at PVAMU, you should attend class regularly, work diligently, and socialize responsibly.

Furthermore, involvement in extracurricular activities on campus can prove to be a much needed outlet and a means through which you can enhance your education.

Take time to discover

what PVAMU has to offer beyond formal instruction.

Consider working with the Campus Activities Board or the Student Government Association.

Determine whether a professional or scholarly organization within your major area of study is a more desirable option for you.

Think about contributing to the radio station, student yearbook or student newspaper.

All of the resources on this campus exist for your benefit so you should take advantage of them.

I believe I speak for the entire campus community in saying that we are glad you are here.

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PVAMU student among 75 chosen for internship



Hope Allen, intern 1998 Exxon Summer Jobs Program

DALLAS

Hope Allen, a senior at Prairie View A&M University, was selected as one of 75 college students to participate in the 1998 Exxon Community Summer Jobs Program in Dallas. Exxon provided grants totaling more than \$175,000 to fund 75 full-time college students with an eight-week internship at a Dallas-area nonprofit organization.

Allen, of Dallas, interned as a marketing and development assistant at the Dallas Black Dance Theater.

While providing support to the executive and marketing directors, she was involved with fund-raising strategies, publicity campaigns and market research.

"This program introduces top college students, the next generation of leaders, to the importance of community involvement," said Tony Atkiss, vice president of public affairs, Exxon Corporation.

"Every summer, interns gain valuable on-the-job experience while providing meaningful assistance to many nonprofit organizations. Beyond these immediate benefits, the program's long-range value is that many of these talented students will remain involved with community-based organizations either as volunteers or as full-time employees."

Exxon, which founded the Community Summer Jobs Program 27 years ago, provides grants for interns' salaries and expenses of the program administrator, the Volunteer Center of Dallas County.

Since beginning the program in Dallas in 1991, Exxon has committed more than \$1 million to place 575 college students in internships.

SPECIAL:JOB SEARCH 1998

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Preparation

■ **Review** your self-assessment. Have short, direct answers ready for questions such as "Tell me about yourself?" "What are your strengths, weaknesses?" "How do you handle criticism?" "Are you a self-starter, self-learner?"

■ **Find out** as much as you can about the company before the interview. Use the meeting to see if you can succeed at the job. How is it structured? Funded? Does it lead easily to promotions? Is your boss hired?

■ **Bring** a dossier folder with copies of resume, references, information for completing job application.

Appearances

■ **Dress** appropriately. Be well-groomed. Avoid cologne, gum, sunglasses, cigarettes, any other distractions.

How to handle job interviews

The interview is an opportunity for you and the company to learn about each other and to test the "fit." How to use it to your best advantage:



SOURCE: Drake Bean Morin; research by PAT CARR

Attitude

■ **Project** energy and high interest in the job. Show you have "fire in the belly."

■ **Watch** your body language. Smile, make eye contact, shake hands firmly, sit up straight, avoid repetitive, nervous gestures.

■ **Avoid** being defensive. Don't "date" yourself.

Sophistication

■ **Use** the meeting to show what you know.

■ **Listen** carefully, answer the question, stop. Don't ramble, offer extra details.

■ **Write** thank you letter.

For more information:

Call a local job placement agency

Next week: Negotiating

The following are some of the companies scheduled to visit PVAMU for the 28th Annual Fall Career Festival, from Sept. 21-23:

- EDS
- Lucent Technologies
- Siemens Business
- IBM Corp.
- Beverly Enterprises
- Anderson Consulting, LLP
- Sprint Technology Services
- Hughes
- CIA
- U. S. Patent & Trademark
- Raytheon Systems Co.
- Hughes Space Com. Co.
- Beverly Enterprises
- TX Dept. of Transportation
- Abbott Laboratories
- Xerox
- Tellabs Operations, Inc.
- MO Dept. of Transportation
- British Petroleum
- AIM Management Group,

Corporations prepare to recruit for annual career festival

By Joyce Dixon
Panther staff

The student career center of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) will sponsor Career Awareness Week September 21-23.

The highlight of the week is the 28th Annual Fall Career Festival on September 21-23 which is estimated to reach approximately 2500 students, alumni, faculty and staff.

The Career Festival will begin on Sept. 21 with the Employer Forum, a new edition to the festival de-

signed to share information on the latest employment trends in different fields, new practices in hiring and what one can do to get the best job possible.

The career festival will include a two-day job fair. The Non-Technical Job Fair for majors in business, liberal arts, education, and agriculture will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the Technical Job Fair will be held for majors in engineering, architecture, and other technical majors will be held.

The job fairs will be

located in the University Fieldhouse with approximately 150 employers from across the United States representing business, industry, government, and education from across the United States.

According to Mr. J.E. Pennywell the career festival has been very successful on the campus of PVAMU.

Pennywell said within the last three to five years there has been a significant increase in the number of corporate employer participation.

He also said PVAMU has been involved with over

500 employers who together conduct over 3000 on-campus interviews annually.

Pennywell urged students not to wait too long in their career planning.

"Student career development is important and it starts the first day the freshman arrives," Pennywell contended.

Pennywell added that more than 1000 students have received fully paid trips to meet potential employers and 80% of the graduating classes for the

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CAMPUS NEWS

Reigning Miss Black Houston present in campus community

By Ta'Nitra L. Trimble
Panther staff

"A man's heart deviseth his way; but the LORD directh his steps."

This scripture derived from Proverbs 16:9 describes 21-year-old Shauntrina Alix as she was crowned Miss Black Houston in the 14th Annual Miss Black Houston Pageant on August 2, 1998 at Rice University.

Alix, a native of Houston, TX competed against seven other women in the personal interview, swim wear, evening gown, impromptu and on-stage interview categories.

Daily seminars including make-up, wardrobe, and walking were provided for the contestants to assist them in areas that would determine who will be crowned the new Miss Black Houston.

Other seminars included conversations about African-American

women and women's issues ranging from empowerment to personal care.

Contestants also had a chance to bond by participating in numerous activities like dining out and shopping for pageantry materials.

The young women were also responsible for seeking sponsors to help meet the costly expenses of the pageant.

"The family is very proud of her for running for the title of Miss Black Houston. We were happy to support her and help with the expenses . . . it was worth it," said Deborah White, Alix's mother.

"I decided to run for Miss Black Houston because I felt that I would be a good representative for the city of Houston and it's not every day that we hear something positive about young collegiate African-American

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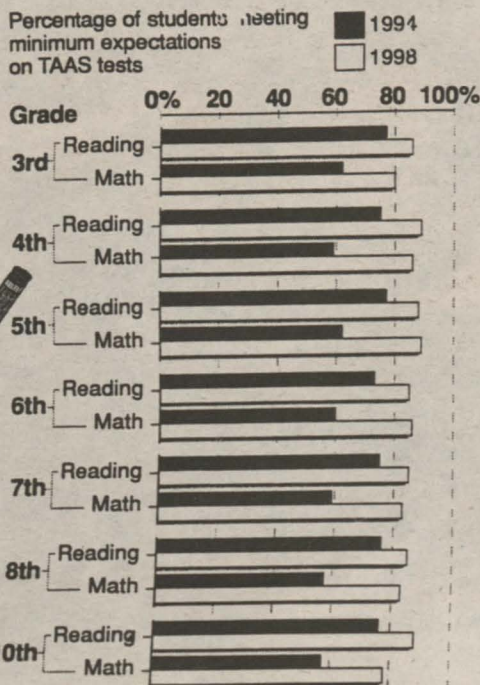
REGIONAL NEWS



Keeping an eye on Texas

More kids meet goal on TAAS

The percentage of students passing TAAS* tests increased significantly from 1994 to 1998. The tests, given each Spring, measure minimum expectations of each grade level.



Pass

NOTE: Scores do not include students in special education or year-round education.
* Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Education Agency.

Longterm learning improves with better study habits

A documented increase in the number of students who pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test is positive news for parents who may worry about their child's level of preparation for the state-wide examination.

Dr. Florence Eddins of Baylor College of Medicine offers advice for parents who are searching for a way to ensure better school progress in their child's educational future.

HOUSTON, TX

Getting children into a good homework routine during their earlier years can lay the foundation for a lifetime of good study habits.

"Parents can teach their children good homework habits by example," said Dr. Florence Eddins, a child psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Parents should sit near the child and do some work of their own.

This will give the child

an idea of how to do homework.

Flexibility is important.

Some children may like to do homework with music in the background or may need to play before sitting down to hit the books.

It is good to experiment for a while and see what works best for the child.

Homework success also depends on good communication between parent and teacher.

Learning what the teacher expects from the child will make it easier for the parents to help with homework.

Landowners Association rewards local small farmers

WALLER

The Landowners Association of Texas is an organization that was organized by small farmers losing their land due to one concern or another.

This organization conducts educational programs for producers, addressing problems and/or concerns that they have regarding how to make the land productive so they may be able to keep their land.

The organization also encourages producers to revere the "Family Farm" and holds educational programs and conferences to address this issue.

During the annual conference, small farmers are recognized each year for their achievements and are presented The Small Farmer of the Year Award.

The 1998 Annual Landowners Association Conference was held Aug. 21 and 22 in Waller County.

The theme for this year's conference was "Alternative Agriculture In The

Year 2000 and Beyond."

The Small Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Norman Williams and his son Dana for their work in their beef cattle and quarter horse operation.

Norman and his son accepted the award from the Landowners Association President, Mr. Ed Cline of Houston at the Alumni Hall in Prairie View on August 21, 1998.

Also receiving an award locally was Rev. Edwin Walker for winning the Weight Guessing Contest on a goat that weighed 114 pounds. Rev. Walker was the closest of everyone on the tour with a guess of 115 pounds.

Rev. Walker received an engraved plaque for his expertise.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperate with this effort.

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CAMPUSNEWS

University mail is available for on-campus students

PRAIRIE VIEW

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Eiland leaves Hilliard for retirement plans

By LaToya Moore
 Panther Staff

Millard F. Eiland, Ph.D. Professor and head of the department of communications retired August 31, 1998, after 30 years of service at Prairie View A&M University.

Eiland said he will relax and teach part-time during his retirement.

Eiland said he has seen the communications department grow in the last 15 years. Particularly in the establishment of the digital television labs and cable service on campus; growth and development of the off-campus internship programs which is one of the strongest of any small colleges in America, the increased status of KPVU-FM, and forensic competitions which have received numerous awards.

In January 1983, Eiland was asked to bring the program in speech communications into the department of communications and to become the departments head upon the resignation of Dr. Shirley Carter who had helped form the communications department and was its head until January 1983.

Eiland said, "I will miss the fellowship with the faculty and students at Prairie View".

A merger with the English and Communications departments sparked

mixed feelings for Eiland. He said that the merger will not be in the best interest in the English department nor the Communications department. He would like to see the communications department maintain direct contact

Eiland said that the faculty, "is one of the finest he has ever work with and very proud of how much the communications department has grown."

He added, "Nevertheless, without regard to my leadership or that of any other administrator on the campus, Prairie View A&M University will survive. It will grow and prosper. It has and always has had strong and dedicated faculty of which I have been proud to a part. My hopes and dreams are for a strong and viable university and it will

Sometimes because of its leaders and often, I suspect, despite the leaders. I leave Prairie View with great gratitude for the years of service and fellowship in this community of learning with a special and noble purpose. I leave with considerable sadness because I will not have the contact I have enjoyed with faculty and students. My thoughts will always be with Prairie View, and I wish our students and my colleagues all the best."

Oliver promoted in Panther Battalion

PRAIRIE VIEW

Cadet Irvin Oliver was recently chosen to command the Prairie View A&M Panther Battalion. Oliver was promoted to this position by LTC Mark K. Pearson, Professor of Military Science.

Oliver will command over 100 cadets in the battalion. He is a 1992 graduate of Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Oliver was a prior enlisted soldier for three years and loved it. However, he said, by joining Army ROTC, "I could get a college education and still stay in the Army." The position was offered to Oliver after completing a rigorous screening process including leadership potential, academic standings and Advanced Camp in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Cadet Oliver is a senior Political Science major from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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NATIONAL NEWS

PALS from page 1

gramming, speakers (both local and national), and experiential events that students were involved in from August 9-15.

Hosted by the Office of Student Activities, the Leadership Institute was a collaborative effort between the university and corporate sponsors whose contributions helped to make the program successful.

According to Student Activities Director Brian Dickens, corporate sponsorship was a key factor in the program's success.

"Without corporate sponsorship, invaluable events like "The Experience: Dining Out with Houston Professionals" sponsored by Sedexo-Marriott and Dow Chemical (a PVAMU cluster member), would not have been possible," Dickens said.

During this experience, the application of skills learned in an etiquette semi-

nar the previous day were brought to play as students interacted with professionals from Dupont, Shell Oil, Minute Maid, Darant, the USA Metroplex Pageant System, and various other corporate representatives.

The program as a whole focused on developing those skills in undergraduate students that oftentimes go undeveloped as a result of the rigors and demands they face today.

An underlying assumption of the Leadership Institute is that in each individual lies an untapped talent which can be brought to light through challenging and informational seminars.

Other methods through which leadership skills and accountability were fostered were team building exercises, conflict resolution seminars, and group facilitation techniques.

On completion, all of the student participants became Panther Advisory Leaders, or PALS, whose function

was primarily to serve the incoming freshmen class during new student orientation and various other university functions.

Skills the PALS developed during the institute were immediately put to use the day after their commencement exercise as they took on the challenges presented by orientation week and put everything they learned put to the test to meet the demands expected of them.

The PALS acted as first contact with new and incoming students thereby bridging a gap that has often hindered new students during their transition into collegiate life.

The roles and functions of PALS do not end with freshmen orientation week but span the rest of the academic year during which time they will further enhance their overall leadership, social, and career oriented skills through twelve weeks of activities, seminars, and group programs.

Housing from page 1

Since these changes The Place, Fuller and Drew Halls received new mattresses and chairs for student desks. Many rooms were also painted and the overall condition of the dormitories seems to be more livable and cleaner.

Keisha Holman, a director's assistant at The Place said, "The Place is the perfect environment for students and they're able to have a community experience with other students that live here."

Female students reside on the third and fourth floors of The Place and the males stay on the first and second. Two security guards also stand guard from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every night.

When PVAMU freshman Tawana Williams was asked about the living conditions, she responded, "It's cool, lavish, neat and most of all clean."

Another dormitory issue is Fuller Hall. Fuller Hall

Director, Freeman Fletcher said there is a forthcoming big screen television and new furniture for residents to enjoy.

Although there is a lot of talk about The Place, Phase III of the University Village has in one week gained a reputation as the "River Oaks" area of resident life.

University administrators have designated University Village Phase III as the residence for students on full academic scholarships with a grade point average of at least a 2.7.

Among the luxuries Phase III of the University Village showcases are apartments with full-size beds, full kitchen accessories, a computer room, and 24-hour staff supervision.

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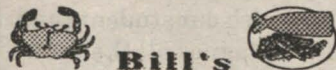
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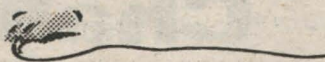
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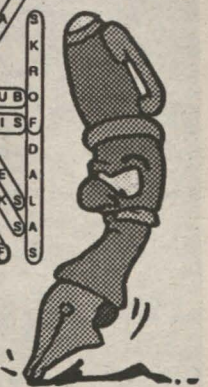
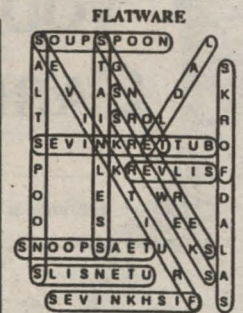
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BLACK HISTORY

Black activist during civil rights era remembered

By Kesha C. Jones
Panther Staff

H. Rap Brown, known for his fast-talking and sharp mind, was a stand out force in the Civil Rights Era of the 1960s.

Always seen as a controversial figure during that time and even a threat to those he opposed, Brown and his influence was definitely a force to be reckoned with.

Brown received notoriety during his younger years, when he and other college students became active in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) under Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This organization was known for staging sit-ins against segregation and encouraging voting and education among young African-Americans. The organization also opened up several health clinics.

Brown's interest in the movement continued and he later became an honorary officer of the Black Panther Party, becoming one of the first to coin the phrase "Black Power."

He became a public figure working with Stokely Carmichael with an aggressive approach towards civil rights.

In 1971, Brown was arrested for a gun battle with the New York City police. Af-

Political science professor earns distinguished service accolades

Jewel L. Prestage:
"A pioneer in the study of African-American and public policy"

- Paula D. McClain,
Minority Group Influence

By Eunrekea Moore
Panther Staff

Dr. Jewel Prestage, director of the University Scholars Program and professor of political science at Prairie View A&M University, has been selected to receive the Frank J. Goodnow Distinguished Service Award.

The award, given by the American Political Science Association (APSA), is named for the first president of the prestigious national association and honors the outstanding contributions of individu-

als, groups, and public and private organizations for both the development of the political science profession and the building of the APSA.

Dr. Prestage was the first African-American woman in the United States to receive a doctorate in political science from the University of Iowa in 1954 at the age of 22.

In 1956 Prestage moved to Southern University where she serve as professor and chair of the political science department. Southern University has become a leader in producing African-

American undergraduates receiving a doctorate in political science.

Paula D. Mc Clain, author of *Minority Group Influence*, dedicated her book to Dr. Prestage. She writes, "Jewel L. Prestage, a pioneer in the study of African-American and public policy, whose intellectual footprints are throughout this volume. We owe you a debt, both intellectually and personally."

Prestage also has extensive accolades as an author, teacher and mentor to her students.

Prestage has held directorships, memberships, and offices in major scholarly organizations, including vice president of the APSA and the Southwestern Social Science Association.

Her wit and initiative led to the founding of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in 1969, and she later served as its president. She has served on the

See Jewel on page 15

ter serving his time, Brown converted to the Muslim religion and changed his name to Jamil Abdullah Al - Amin.

He later married the South African singer Miriam Makebe in 1973, and both became citizens of Uganda.

By the time he became a fugitive from justice, the militant movement soon died down.

Al- Amin now resides in Atlanta, where he is a religious leader and entrepreneur.

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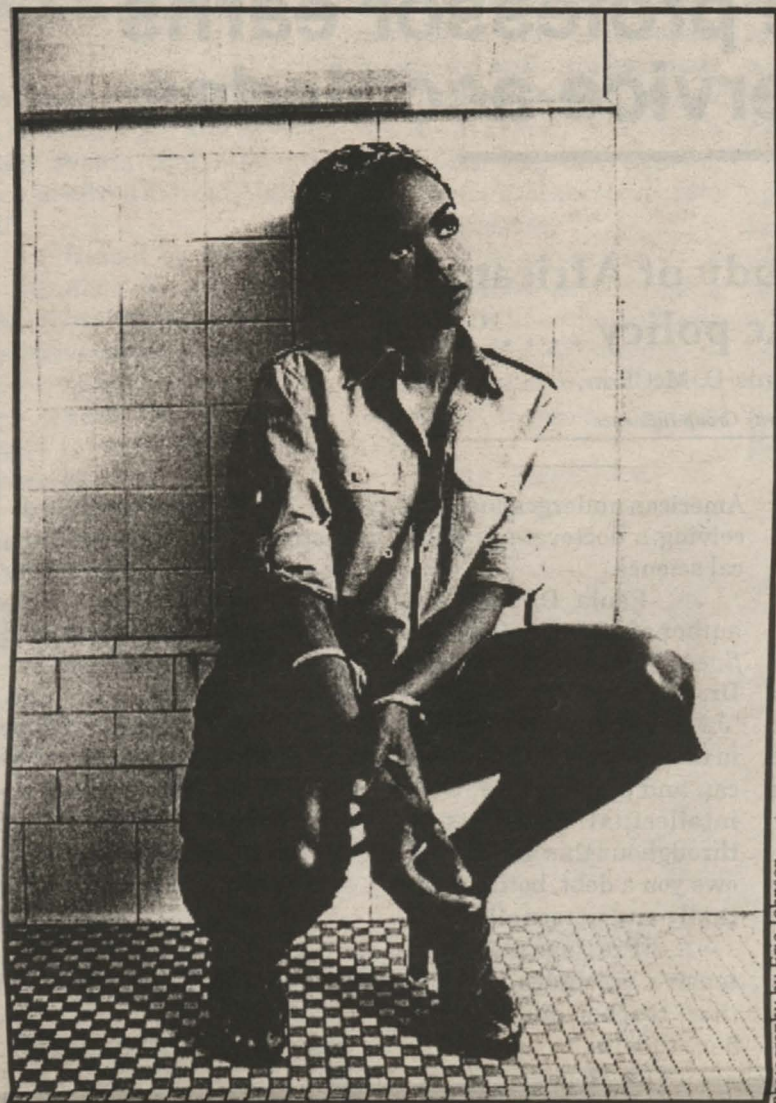


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Fugees' frontwoman Lauryn Hill educates the masses on new solo project



Columbia recording artist Lauryn Hill

Y'all know vocalist, activist, actress and lyricist Lauryn Hill of the multi-platinum selling hip-hop trio the Fugees. The one who had you bobbin' ya head to that melody of "La, La, La, La / That 's the way that we rock when we're doin' our thing" on the "Fugee-La" cut o f f t h e groundbreaking *The Score* album. The one who had everybody open with the lush "Sweetest Thing" from the *Love Jones* soundtrack. The one who you've been fiending for ever since you heard she was due to drop a solo project. Well, it's time to remedy your fix 'cause the joint has dropped and it is blazin' (pun intended).

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill is a well crafted, self-produced combination of gospel, rhythm and blues, jazz, reggae and hip-hop. Having penned 13 of *Miseducation's* songs herself, L-Boogie addresses everything from love and heartache to social awareness and faith.

The CD opens with the jumpin' "Lost Ones" where she raps "What you throw out comes

back to you, star / Never underestimate those who you scar / Cause karma, karma, karma comes back to you hard".

The album escalates with a powerful opus to her infant son "To Zion" which guests guitar player Carlos Santana, while the effusive and

clearly the most treasured jewel amid this chest of great music is "Nothing Even Matters," the sultry duet with R&B balladeer D'Angelo.

The two bellow lyrics that are smoother than Wilson's leather. L-Boogie moans "These buildings could drift out to sea / Some natural catastrophe / Still there's no place I'd rather be."

While D'Angelo responds, "Now my team could score / And make it to the Final Four / Just repossess my 4x4 / Cause nothing even matters no more."

Suprisingly, there is not much rap on one of the most highly-anticipated hip-hop albums of the year, but Hill proves the art of hip-hop comes in more than one language. *Miseducation* propels Hill high above the mediocre creativity of most female artists of today and as a result of this solo debut it is quite apparent that L-Boogie can only go higher.

"The Miseducation... is a well crafted, self-produced combination of gospel, rhythm and blues, jazz, reggae and hip-hop."

preachy "Doo Wop (That Thing)" comes hard through the speakers inducing immediate body rock.

She tickles the ear with the playful "Superstar" when she croons "Come on baby, light my fire / Everything you drop is so tired / Music is supposed to inspire / How come we ain't getting no higher?"

On "I Used To Love Him," which features the queen of hip-hop soul Mary J. Blige, the two alto voices share verses of NotGonCryism.

Hill also brings the noise on the throbbing "Everything is Everything" and the roaring "Final Hour," but

Zharmer Hardimon
Entertainment Editor

Pick-a-Flick



- Which actor played in the hit film *An American Werewolf in Paris*?
a.) Denzel Washington
b.) Tom Everett Scott
c.) Dolph Lundren
- Which of these three actors stars in the thriller *Playing God*?
a.) Timothy Hutton
b.) Jackie Chan
c.) Chris Tucker
- What acclaimed filmmaker directed *BlackJack*?
a.) Spike Lee
b.) Steven Spielberg
c.) John Woo
- The star of *An American Werewolf in Paris* is currently in which movie?
a.) Blade
b.) Dead Man on Campus
c.) The Negotiator
- Which actor stars in the action thriller *BlackJack*?
a.) Jean-Claude VanDane
b.) Dolph Lundren
c.) David Duchovny
- Actor David Duchovny stars in what hit television show?
a.) Melrose Place
b.) Moesha
c.) X Files
- Actress Julie Delpy stars in what horror movie?
a.) Scream
b.) H2O: Halloween
c.) An American Werewolf in Paris
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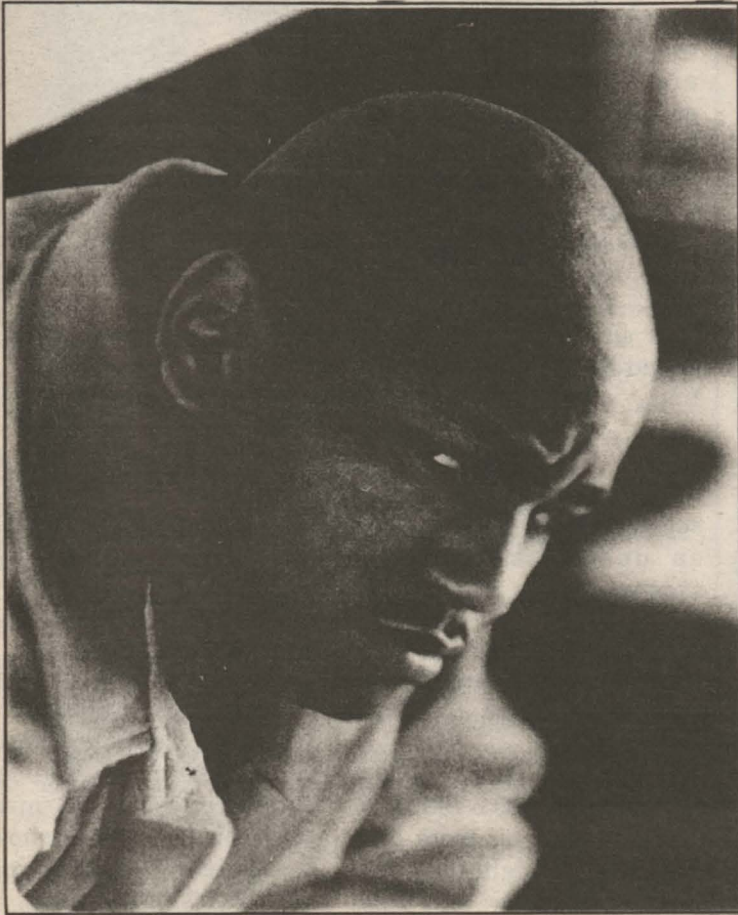


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ENTERTAINMENT

Rapper Cam'ron stakes his claim in the world of hip-hop



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Entertainment recording artist Cam'ron

New York, NY---Straight from the pages of his tattered corner chronicles, Cam'ron's Entertainment/Epic debut is a moody, Jeep-ready life soundtrack with precision poetics and well-oiled style. The album features such guests as Usher, Kelly Price, Jermaine Dupri and Mase, and is layered by production from Digga, Trackmasters, and Prestige. It's called *Confessions of Fire* because, according to Cam'ron, "It contains bits and pieces of my life, and the tracks are hot."

Combining grimy game with an almost cold smoothness, the textures of the tracks range

from ruffstyle ("3-5-7" and "Who's Nice") to the rollicking ("Horse & Carriage").

"One of the things that makes my album different is I could be hardcore one minute, slick and laid-back the next," Cam said. "I'm doing it all, trying to do things to set trends, not follow them." On the song "Me, My Moms & Jimmy," he actually trades lines with his mother. "I want to stay 9 or 10 blocks ahead of the pack," insists the 20-year-old. "Now that I've done a joint with Ma Dukes, I'm sure there are a hundred rappers slapping themselves in the face, saying 'Damn, I shoulda

thought of that."

Born and raised in New York's Harlem village, Cameron Giles was a "baller" before becoming a rapper. A third-team All American point guard, he played high school ball with now Bad Boy rapper Mase. Playing with the likes of Stephon Marbury, Richie Parker and God Shamgod, the two made themselves known for their game. Later, they paired up as underground rappers appearing on NYC DJ mixtapes.

It was Mase who connected Cam'ron to the late Notorious B.I.G. "At the time I met Biggie, he was working on *Life After Death*, so he had all sorts of fly tracks around his apartment," Cam remembered. "He flipped on about twelve or thirteen beats, and I flowed to everyone of them. Big said, 'Yo, you nice, I wanna sign you!' Big called Un (his partner, Lance Rivera) and I was put on. On the spot, I was the first artist signed to their new label, Entertainment."

Confessions... depicts all the pain, glory, fear and triumphs found in all inner cities today. The tracks come fast and furious. From the fearful intro, Cam'ron immediately goes into "Glory", the tracks victorious horns perfectly illustrating the range of emotions found in Cam's life story. Another jam, "D-Rugs," personifies addiction by telling about a neglectful mother that chooses a tragic, cheating 'man' over her children. "That's my favorite song, because it's a universal story," said Cam'ron. "Addiction is so common in America today; everyone can relate to it."

Whether flashing guns or roses, Cam'ron represents several facets of young man's life. He is a true poet of the new Harlem Renaissance.

20 Questions

1. Whassup, ya'll?!! It's been a long, hot a*# summer and the first thing we gotta know is why has Xscape's "My Little Secret" been giving everybody the Green Light?
2. Why have residents of the Village been taking the furniture out of their apartments and furnishing them with leather (really, is it that serious)?
3. Why does the structure of the community center near the post office look like the clubhouse in Phase III?
4. Shouldn't Magic Johnson's *The Magic Hour* been called *The Tragic Hour*?
5. Why are we so happy that a certain department head has finally retired?
6. Aren't Communications and English two different subjects?
7. If so, then why have they merged forming one department?
8. When will the sidewalks grow from all the water that they are receiving?
9. As corny as it sounds, why do we all know and love the phone conversation between R. Kelly and Mr. Biggs on Kelly Price's remix to "Friend of Mine"?
10. Why is it that some of the best professors have just got ghost?
11. Why didn't it state in the Phase III lease that residents would be on a 24/7 lock-down?
12. Doesn't it seem like the freshmen class gets more unruly every year?
13. Did anyone give the registration process a good review on those registration comment cards?
14. Why does it seem like Hobart-Taylor is getting further and further?
15. When is Marriot gonna fire that lil' ole' mean girl who works at Taco Bell?
16. Why was Phase I filthy after it was closed all summer for cleaning and remodeling?
17. Is it true that most of the fellas on campus are using their overpayments for child support?
18. Why does the campus police only issue vehicle decals so they can give people tickets?
19. And finally, what is up with that Cornuts' "Bust-a-Nut" commercial?
20. What do you think?

PHAT DUME

The Panther's current top ten in no particular order

"Doo Wop (That Thing) f/ Lauryn Hill

"Movin' On" Mya f/ Silkk Tha Shocker

"How's It Goin' Down" DMX

"Horse & Carriage" Cam'ron

"Getcha Backs Off the Wall" Magical Sol Brothas

"Still a G Thang" Snoop Dogg

"Don't Rush" K-Ci & Jo Jo

"It Ain't My Fault" Silkk Tha Shocker f/Mystikal

"Friend of Mine (Remix) f/ Kelly Price f/ R. Kelly & Ron Isley

"Half on a Baby" R. Kelly

Open Mic

A staff with no craft got me seeking therapy, would they act so foul if I were guided parentally,

Essentially, I seek success in my vicinity, but steadily, I peep distress to the infinity,

Learning more about math in financial assistance, than in core classes with religious attendance,

My ascendance, to the top is impeded by greed, because federal pell, didn't fulfill my remaining need,

So I'm like !@*# this place all they want is my cash, and in May '99 they can kiss my black a*@. "Martin W." a.k.a Mustafa

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AGGRAVATED PANTHER

Just a number on the hill displaced numerically, registration, frustrations, cause I'm the latter alphabetically,

SPORTS NEWS

University continues to battle streak of one team



By Olin T. Flowers
Panther Staff

We have a number of excellent sports programs here in Pantherland - from the Cinderella story of the SWAC champion men's basketball team and their NCAA national tournament bid to the NCAA indoor champion track & field teams, to the SWAC champion women's softball team. Even PVAMU's first ever women's bowling team took second place in the conference last season and the golf team finished with their highest ranking in eight years.

However, all the current PVAMU athletic success stories are still overshadowed by that monstrous specter haunting the Hill:

The PVAMU football team's losing streak of 0-77.

The Panthers have the dubious distinction of holding the longest current consecutive losing streak in NCAA history.

The PVAMU football team is winless in the 90s.

As a matter of fact, the football team hasn't won a game since 1989 when Percy Pierre was the president of the university.

If you don't know who he is then you are starting to get an idea of how long it's been since PVAMU has won a football game. Most of this year's incoming freshmen class were probably not even teenagers the last time the football team won a game.

The streak rides the university's back like a 500-pound gorilla.

No matter what happens in any other area at the university (both athletically and academically) and no matter where you go, it is the first thing out of most peoples' mouth when you say Prairie View.

It doesn't matter if you mention that PVAMU

graduates the most black engineering students of any institution in the U.S., or that PVAMU has nationally acclaimed agricultural and nursing programs.

"But when will PV win a football game?" they sarcastically ask.

Even the national media has gotten in on the act.

It's happened every Saturday evening during football season on College Gameday on ESPN for at least the past three years.

Chris Berman, Stuart Scott, and their cohorts toss PVAMU jokes around the Sportscenter studios.

"Will they EVER win a game?!" they mock.

Rolling Stone Magazine is planning a feature on the team and will probably be the first in a long line that will comprise the media circus covering the losing streak as the season opener approaches.

This isn't just another story bashing the PVAMU football program, (though some people may not like what I have to say).

At some point we have to step back and re-evaluate our situation. Honest criticism is always the best policy. So, this is a story about change. Something must change if the Panthers are going to win a football game.

I know the football team has undergone its fair share of trials and tribulations.

The team was totally disbanded by the university for financial reasons in the 1990 season and most of the players and coaches left for other programs.

This was the beginning of the troubles for the Panthers.

The Panthers' program was reinstated the

see streak on page 13

'Heart & Soul' honors Jacket as trailblazer

By Kesha C. Jones
Panther Staff

With the long over due recognition of female African-American athletes, Prairie View's own Coach Barbara Jacket was recently featured in the July-August issue of *Heart & Soul* magazine. *Heart & Soul* recognized Jacket as a Hall of Famer and a trailblazer for sisters in the athletic arena.

"You must have a love of the sport and people. You can't grow tired of fighting for what you want. If you do that, then you might as well get out of the business."

Coach Jacket has a coaching "track record" that would make one either envious or intimidated.

She began coaching at Prairie View A & M University in 1964.

Originally brought to the university as a swimming coach, Jacket later took it upon herself to create a female track team in 1966 and she has led the track team to win 19 conference championships.

When asked her opinion about the hoopla over the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), and the

fact that female African-American athletes are finally getting paid for endorsements, she simply stated it is long over due and that she is ahead of her time.

Ahead of her time seems like an understatement



Coach Barbara Jacket

coming from a woman who is only the second female African-American to coach an Olympic team.

Under the guidance of Jacket, the 1991-1992 U.S. Olympic women's track-and-field team brought back four gold, three silver, and three bronze medals.

The honors and achievements don't stop there. She has been inducted into several Halls of Fame, has a day declared the "Coach Barbara Jacket Day" in Killeen and a park that bears her name in her hometown of Port Arthur, TX.

The accolades continue on for this well respected coach whose latest project is helping writers put together a book that will tell of her

great accomplishments.

Coach Jacket clearly has a fierceness about her for which she credits her mother. She said she receives a source of inspiration from the memories of her mother who showed her there were no limitations even as a single parent.

Jacket possesses that same inspiration and offers advice to female athletes today.

"You must have a love of the sport and people, you can't grow tired of fighting for what you want, if you do that, then you might as well get out of the business," said Jacket.

When it's all said and done, Jacket said she wants people to know she took the bumps and the bruises, but always did it her way.

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SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball begins season with conditioning, outlook for SWAC championships

By Tina M. Ellis
Panther Staff

The volleyball team is at it again!

After enduring two weeks of practicing three times a day with a 6:30 a.m. conditioning practice at "The Loop" and the track, an 11 a.m. weight training session, and a 3 p.m. court practice in the New Gym, the volleyball team is expecting an excellent season full of victory.

The Panthers have not seen SWAC glory since 1993, but have finished no less than third in the past eight years.

Now, they are hunting for success and the knowledge that all of their hard work has paid off.

"I feel that we have a good chance," new-comer and setter Jackie Thompson stated confidently when asked about the team's chances at the SWAC Tournament.

"We have alot of versatile players, and our game is fast paced."

These ladies currently grace the court with their presence everyday after a full day of classes.

With their minds set on SWAC Championship rings, and, of course, the pleasure of burying Texas Southern University and Grambling State University, they work extra hard for their coach, Jocelyn Adams.

Coach Adams has incorporated the assistance of specialty consultants to help add an extra spark of energy and quickness to the team's play.

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Anything else would be a complete waste of our time and efforts."

-Tiara M. Ellis

"During spring training, specialty consultants added tremendously to the overall development of the team," Coach Adams commented.

On Saturday, August 29, the Panthers engaged in the Second Annual PVAMU Alumni Game against former PVAMU volleyball players. Unlike last year, they defeated the alumni team in four games.

The Panthers' first official game was played Tuesday in Beaumont at Lamar University.

They were defeated by the Lady Cardinals of Lamar in an exhausting game of speed and fundamentals.

Although the entire team gave their all, outstanding plays were made by Thompson, and hitter, Edwina Brooks.

In spite of the fact that the Panthers were not successful in their attempts, team members are still optimistic about the season.

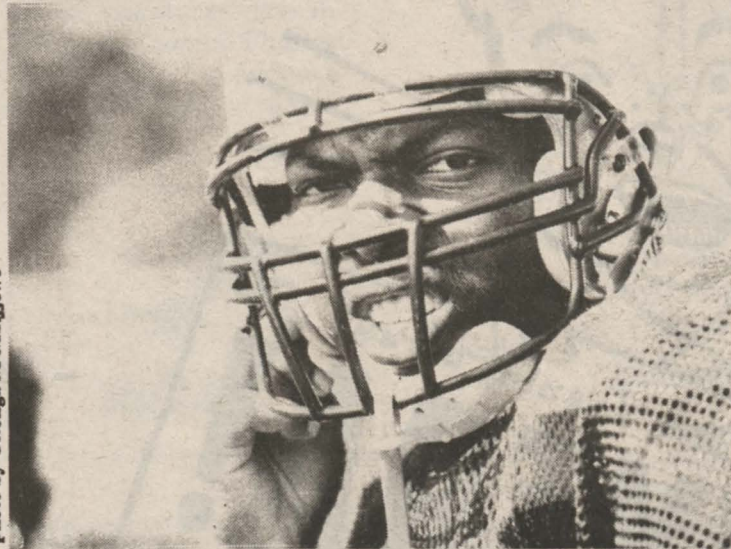
"The entire moral of this team seems so positive and together. Everyone gives their all on the court and is encouraging throughout games and practice," said senior defensive specialist Tiara Ellis.

The Panthers will be hosting the PVAMU Tournament all day on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4-5. This will be the first official home game scheduled for the season.

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In the Sports Spotlight

photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe



Senior Dion Williams tries to catch his breath in between plays during the 1998 season's first scrimmage.

"... Dion Williams will make great contributions to help the Panther football have a winning season."

Tina M. Ellis
Panther staff

Dion Williams

Height:
6' 3"

Hometown:
DeSoto, TX

Age:
21-years-old

Started Athletic Career:
Summer before beginning high school

Position:
Defense

Personal Best:
First game at PVAMU

Favorite Junk Food:
Candy

Weight:
238 pounds

Major:
Information Systems

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following season but had no scholarships until five years later in the 1996 season when they awarded 15 scholarships.

The team has literally had to be rebuilt from the ground up.

This issue raises a number of serious questions.

Would schools such as Texas A&M or Florida State allow this type of situation to engulf their programs? Would their alumni stand for such a thing? Why is it so hard for the team to get financial backing? Why don't we have more home games? Why hasn't the university used the losing streak to its advantage by trying to turn the negative publicity into something positive and actively soliciting more corporate sponsorships?

Most other universities actively seek out sponsors like Nike, Reebok, Gatorade and Budweiser. This is money that could be used to not only better equip the team but provide more scholarship funding.

Have too many people become complacent and accustomed to the situation? Win-

ning is a habit but unfortunately so is losing.

Losing is not something to be remembered for because no one remembers the losing team. There is no prize for second place.

For the 1998 season, the team has 25 scholarship players that were actively recruited by second year head coach Greg Johnson. Offensive stand-outs include returning QB Josh Barnes (who returns after a season-ending injury in the third week of last season), WR Demarcus Peterson, TE Roy Moses, and RB Kevin Bell.

This year, the Panthers have changed their offense scheme and are going to the air-attack with a no-huddle offense.

Anchoring the pass protection will be OT Christopher Fasanno and anchoring the Panther defensive unit will be a linebacking core including Courtney Miller, Steven Garner, and Lesley Taylor.

DB Quincy Fuller (who lead the team in tackles last season) and CB Anthony Carr stand-out in the secondary.

Coach Johnson has

also beefed up the coaching staff with TE coach Carl Williams and WR coach Jerrel Moore.

If there is going to be a change at PVAMU, Johnson is a good candidate for the job. Even though he went 0-9 last season, he has a distinguished history.

Before assuming the head coaching job here on the Hill, Johnson was the head coach at Langston University in Oklahoma. In the six years he coached at Langston, he took a team that had not been above .500 in 20 years to two conference championships.

So in 1998, the battle continues. This is the football team's motto for the 1998 season, (it has become the common response for all of the nay-sayers).

At the situation scrimmage last weekend the entire coaching staff wore t-shirts with the slogan, 'The Battle Continues...' emblazoned across the back.

But exactly what does this statement mean?

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editorial boards of six scholarly journals, contributed articles to many journals including, the *Journal of Politics*, and *Social Science Quarterly*, and co-authored a textbook on women in politics.

She also said that she will continue to serve Houston communities as well as other communities.

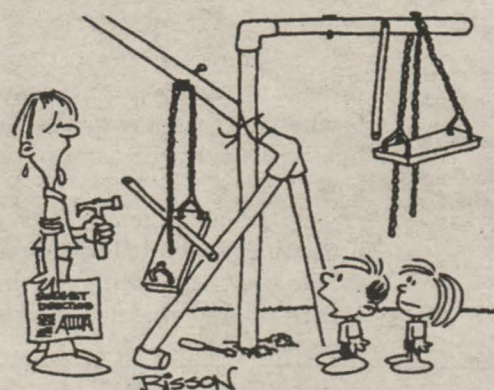
Alix is an active member of the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a former member of the Lady Panther's volleyball team at Prairie View A&M University and director of speakers and lecturers for the Campus Activity Board (CAB).

While performing all of her responsibilities, Alix also works full-time and manages to maintain a

grade point average of 3.0.

So what lies in her future?

Alix said she plans to graduate from P.V AM.U with a bachelor's degree in Health and attend Physical Therapy school to pursue a career as a physical therapist.



"It's real nice, Dad. But I think I'll let Mom put my bike together."

MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Pencil is removed. 3. Tent is smaller. 4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is moved. 6. Cap is reversed.

MAGIC MAZE

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 B Z S L I S N E T U Y R X S A
 V U T S E V I N K H S I F R S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Butter knives
- Fish knives
- Forks
- Fruit knives
- Ladle
- Salad forks
- Salt spoons
- Servers
- Silver
- Skewers
- Soup spoon
- Stainless
- Teaspoons
- Tongs
- Utensils

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 - 6 Religions
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 - 14 Garland
 - 15 Noted horror-film director
 - 16 Judicious
 - 17 Ball in a gym
 - 19 Pump up the volume
 - 20 Mah-jongg piece
 - 22 Moreover
 - 24 Library section: abbr.
 - 27 Hub
 - 29 Remedy for

- 56 Skiers' mecca
- 57 Unruly coifs
- DOWN
- 1 Hagar the Horrible's daughter
- 2 First word of "Green-sleeves"
- 3 Bathroom fixture
- 4 Resident: suffix
- 5 Pattern
- 6 Gambling game
- 7 Bakery come-on
- 8 "- the Walrus"
- 9 Apropos rhyme for
- "pedals"
- 10 Injury
- 11 Period
- 12 Hound hand
- 18 Daydream
- 21 "Newhart" setting
- 23 Postal Creed word
- 24 Fabulous flyer
- 25 Mound stat.
- 26 Deck count
- 28 Getting the devil out of there?
- 30 A meeting of the minds?
- 31 She-bear
- (Sp.)
- 33 Always
- 34 Omega preceder
- 39 "- a Grand Old Flag"
- 41 Embed
- 42 Ring tactics
- 43 Hurler
- 44 Hershiser
- 45 Com. in Chief
- 47 Apportion
- 48 Versatile product's list
- 49 Norm: abbr.
- 51 Gen. Arnold of W.W. II
- 53 Sine-non link

DOUBLE TROUBLE! Below are six partially spelled words. Four letters are missing from each word. In each case you must find a two-letter word that can be used to fill in the missing letters. Below you'll find some hints.

- 1) A garden vegetable.
- 2) Type of movie.
- 3) Type of candy.
- 4) A keepsake.
- 5) A freight barge.
- 6) An annoying problem.



1. _ _ MA _ _
2. H _ _ R _ _
3. B _ _ B _ _
4. _ _ _ _ NTO
5. FL _ _ BO _ _
6. _ _ ADAC _ _

The answers are located in the Classified section

THE FINAL WORD

Racial crime stuns unsuspecting student

By Tameka Robinson
Panther Staff

The very first time I decided to attend summer school is when my hometown is turned upside down by the issue of racism.

I remember a friend approaching me while I was on my way to class and telling me that a race-related murder had occurred in Jasper, TX.

I basically thought nothing about the comment and continued on to class.

Later on that night, I watched the 10 p.m. news and could not believe what I saw.

My very own neighbor had been dragged to death by three white men. I stood at the television in shock because it

was just unbelievable that a heinous crime like this happened in a small town like Jasper, TX.

On June 7, 1998, James Byrd died of a gruesome death at the hands of three white men.

Byrd's body was so mutilated that it could not be shown for his funeral. His killing has been compared to the slaying of

9-year-old Emmitt Till.

All I could think about was my grandfather, R.C. Horn, and what obstacles he would soon be required to overcome.

He was recently elected the first Black mayor of Jasper, TX and hostility was about to engulf this once undisturbed town.

As I went home to attend the funeral, the media was all over my neighborhood since it was the area where James Byrd, Jr. was picked up on side of the road.

I was interviewed several times and was always asked the same question in a different manner: What do you think should happen to the three men that committed this crime?

"They should ... remain incarcerated for the rest of their lives with a picture of James Byrd Jr's mutilated body on their cell walls."

I replied, "My love for God is so strong that I could never hate those three men for what they did so I don't think they should receive the death penalty for their actions, but instead remain incarcerated for the rest of their lives with a picture of James Byrd, Jr.'s mutilated body on their cell walls."

I recently visited Jasper and was happy to see the effort the community was making to promote more love and unity in the city.

I asked my grandfather what his overall view of the city was since the tragic death of James Byrd, Jr. and he stated, "I feel the community is joining as one and we are all working together to solve any problems that may arise. I think the city is doing very well!"

Mayor R.C. Horn proclaimed August 31, 1998 as James Byrd, Jr. "Son" Day.

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