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# THE PANTHER

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## With heart and mind Frazier exemplifies excellence in teaching

By **Stephanie Fantop**  
Panther Staff

The definition of a teacher is simply one who provides knowledge and skills. True teachers, however, are willing to devote their own time and energy in making sure that those learned skills are put to good use, and that the knowledge provided turns into wisdom.

Dr. Freddie Frazier, a mathematics professor at Prairie View A&M, has exemplified the definition of a true teacher for 41 years. He is a native of Woodville, TX. He received his Ed. D

in Mathematics Education in 1975 from the University of Houston. Dr. Frazier graced PV with his presence 36 years ago in 1967.

Since then he has brought a unique style to teaching math. Frazier has the ability to help students who may have found math challenging and frustrating, and he helps them to see the simplicity in every problem faced.

In 1990 Dr. Frazier started his own company, Frazier Educational Enterprises. Through this company Dr. Frazier has allowed not only the students of PV to

learn from him, but also students across the country. He does this via videotape (VHS), having about 90 cassettes in circulation.

Another way Dr. Frazier is reaching out to students is through seminars or Reinforcement Programs. These programs were designed to help students further their understanding of mathematics. In these seminars Dr. Frazier has spent 3 to 4 hours working with students making sure they are comfortable with each lesson

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## In times of distress

Clinic, police, sheriff's office can help

By **Candice Grizzell**  
Panther Staff

When junior La Tosha Phillips recently experienced a severe asthma attack, she felt that the campus police department did not have her best interest at heart.

"If my good friend Courtney had not been present, I don't know what current condition I would be in," said Phillips. "I live off campus, and the Prairie View city police station and fire station were closed, along with the university health clinic."

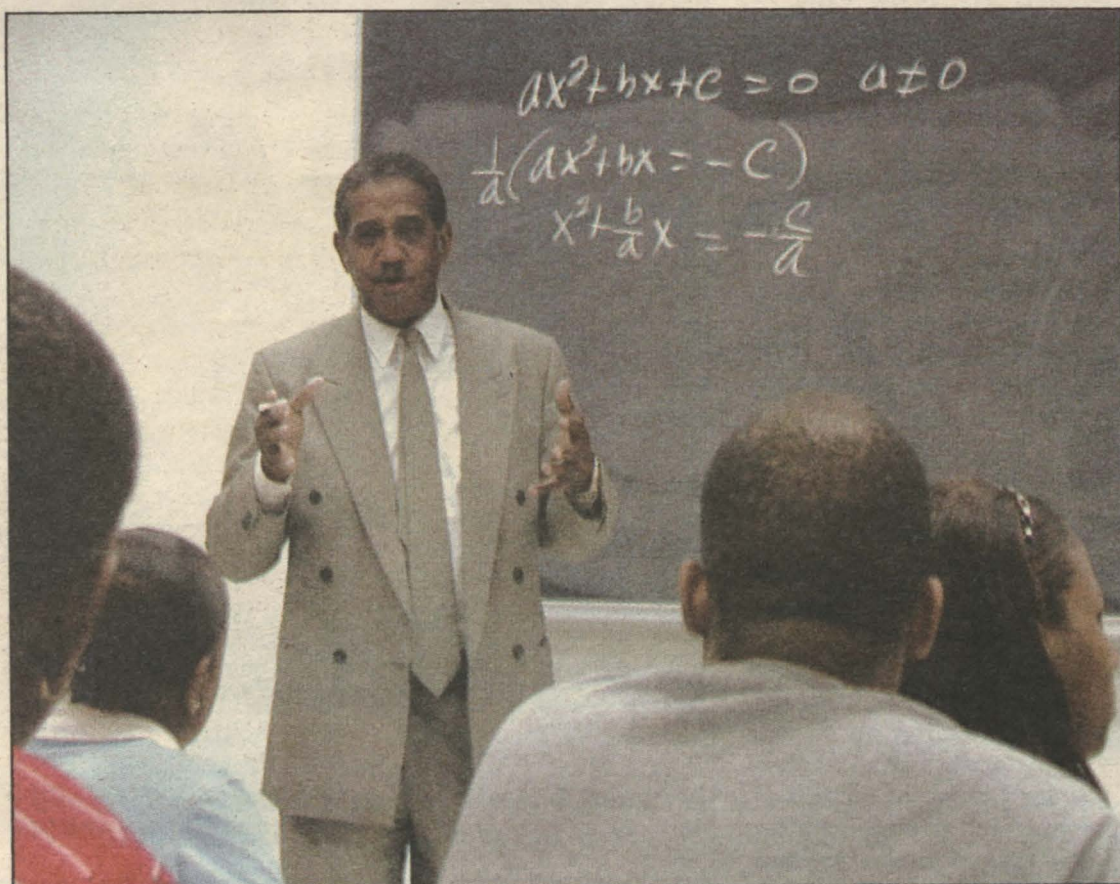
Phillips' last resort was the

campus police department. She said that although the dispatcher was very helpful, no compassion was shown by one of the officers.

"It's imperative that the campus police department, emergency medical technicians and paramedics work together to make sure that the well-being of an individual is provided," said Phillips. "They need to work on responding quicker during an emergency."

Having some common knowledge of the procedures students should follow in an emergency on and off-campus

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Dr. Freddie Frazier has the ability to motivate all students to want to learn mathematics.

### Information List

Name	City	Phone Number
<b>Hospitals</b>		
Bellville's General Hospital	Bellville	979-865-3141
Trinity Medical Center	Brenham	979-836-6173
St. Joseph Regional Health Center	Bryan	409-776-3777
Columbia Medical Center	College Station	979-764-5100
University Texas Medical Branch	Gaiveston	409-772-1011
Memorial Herman Hospital	Houston	713-704-4000
Cypress Fairbanks Medical	Houston	281-890-4285
Texas Children's Hospital	Houston	713-770-1000
Women's Hospital of Texas	Houston	713-790-1234
Ben Taub General Hospital	Houston	713-793-2000
Willowbrook Medical Center	Houston	281-469-4156
CHRISTUS St. Catherine Hospital	Katy	281-599-5700
Memorial Herman Katy Hospital	Katy	281-392-1111
Grimes St. Joseph Health Center	Navasota	979-825-6585
Tomball Regional Hospital	Tomball	281-351-1623
<b>Clinics</b>		
Brenham Clinic-Bellville	Bellville	979-865-9391
Brenham Clinic	Brenham	979-836-6153
Scott & White Clinic	College Station	800-299-1212
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic-Willowbrook	Houston	713-442-1500
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic-Houston	Houston	713-442-4700
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic-Copperfield	Houston	713-442-4000
Cy-Fair Medical Clinic	Houston	281-955-0000
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic-Katy	Katy	713-442-4100
Texas Sports Medicine Center	Tomball	713-351-6300
Waller Medical Center	Waller	936-931-3613
<b>Pharmacies</b>		
Wal-Mart	Hempstead	979-826-3378
Echeverri's	Waller	936-372-9141

•State•

**Stamps honor women pioneers in journalism**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Commemorative postage stamps honoring four women pioneers of American journalism have made a Texas debut.

The four women depicted on the stamps are Nellie Bly, Marguerite Higgins, Ethel L. Payne and Ida M. Tarbell.

The stamps were introduced Saturday at a convention of the Society of Professional Journalists, and they are expected to be available nationwide on Monday.

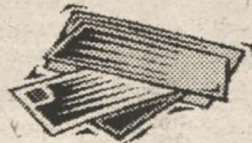
"They opened the door to a profession where there had been no welcome mat (for women)," said veteran White House correspondent Helen Thomas, who has covered nine presidents in her six-decade journalism career. "We are all in debt to these women."

In 1887, Bly feigned insanity to enter the Women's Lunatic Asylum on what is now Roosevelt Island in New York to expose the poor treatment of patients.

Higgins was a correspondent during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 1951 she was the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting.

Payne, the first black female commentator on a national network, covered the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s.

Tarbell was best known for her extensive reporting on the accumulation of power by John D. Rockefeller and Standard Oil Co.



•National•

**Two die in separate crashes**

(AP) - A Des Arc man died Sunday morning in a single-vehicle crash in Prairie County, Arkansas State Police said.

Otis Jones, 40, died in the 6:30 a.m. accident on Arkansas 33 about seven miles south of Des Arc, state police said. The accident report said Jones' northbound vehicle drifted off the road and overturned several times after going into a ditch.

Earlier Sunday in Jefferson County, a man died in a 1:15 a.m. crash within the Pine Bluff city limits.

State police said Alan Cheshire, 22, died after his car went off the road at an intersection and overturned.

**Mail package alarms officials**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) - A package discovered on top of an outside mailbox near the Council Bluffs Post Office caused authorities to block off a portion of a city street while bomb experts investigated.

"The package was duct-taped, no postage, no return address and lying on top of the mailbox," said police Sgt. Terry LeMaster. It was addressed to a Council Bluffs woman whose purse had been stolen earlier in the week.

Officers blocked off a portion of the street for about an hour and 45 minutes.

The package contained photographs, religious items and other personal belongings from the woman's purse. Apparently the person who took the woman's purse intended to return the items that may have had sentimental value.



•World•

**U.S. Embassies in Indonesia, Malaysia to reopen**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - U.S. Embassies in Malaysia and Indonesia are scheduled to reopen Monday after being closed for five days because of securities concerns on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Both embassies were closed Sept. 10.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11 attacks that the embassy in Jakarta was closed because of security fears. In October, the public section of the building was shut down for two weeks because of fears of a terrorist attack.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation, although the vast majority of its 210 million people dislike hardline interpretations of the faith.

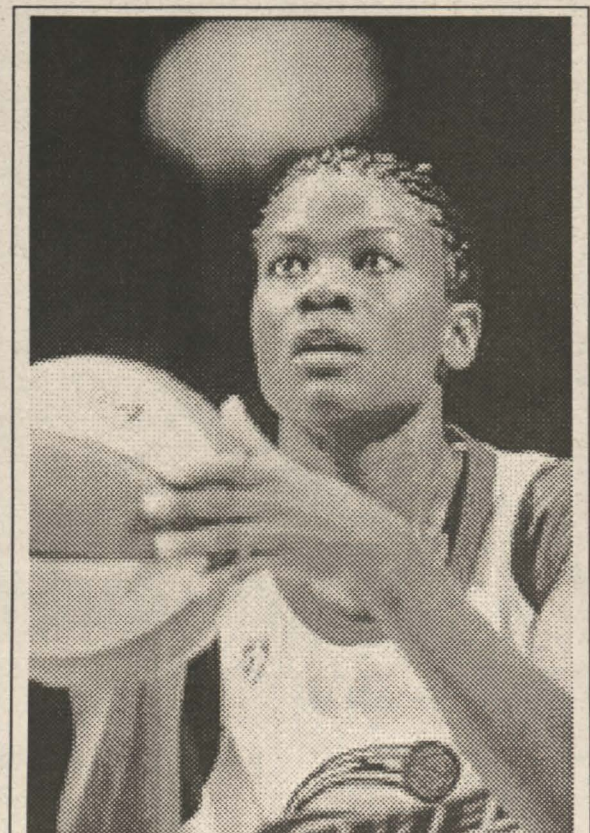
Malaysia, a mostly Muslim country of 23 million people, has become a focus of the investigation into the Sept. 11 attacks and has detained scores of Islamic militant suspects accused of belonging to an extremist network in Southeast Asia.

The detainees include a former Malaysian army captain who officials say let senior al-Qaida operatives, including two of the Sept. 11 hijackers, use his apartment for a meeting in January 2000.

**Pope calls for cross to be put in all schools, hospitals**

C A S T E L GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) - Pope John Paul II called Sunday for the faithful to put the image of the cross in schools, hospitals and homes to help guard against increasing "secularization."

"In the process of secularization, which distinguishes a great part of the contemporary world, it is all the more important that the faithful fix their gaze on this central sign of the Revelation," he said. The pope also offered up special prayers for the sick and suffering, for "innocent victims of injustice and violence," and for Christians persecuted because of their faith.



Sheryl Swoopes will be representing the U.S. in the Women's World Basketball Championship in China.



National Security Adviser, Condoleezza Rice, will be working hard to prevent war with Iraq.

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# Pantherland: The Lost World

## Has school spirit totally disappeared?



By **Tenesia S. Mathews**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

In the last couple of years or so, the campus of Prairie View has somehow become a working cemetery. No one is really investing themselves in the spirit of Prairie View.

Athletes. Pep Rallies. Step Shows. Concerts. Comedy Shows. Lectures. These are all components that have basically gone unattended by students. Most students leave PVU on Thursday or Friday going to Houston or home pe-

riod, and those who are left stay in their rooms and sleep the whole weekend.

Well, we're in need of a make over in the spirit department. We, as students, have to find a way to bring back the camaraderie that used to be expected of Panthers. Not saying that we should go back to being the "party school." But we need to recapture the essence of student life.

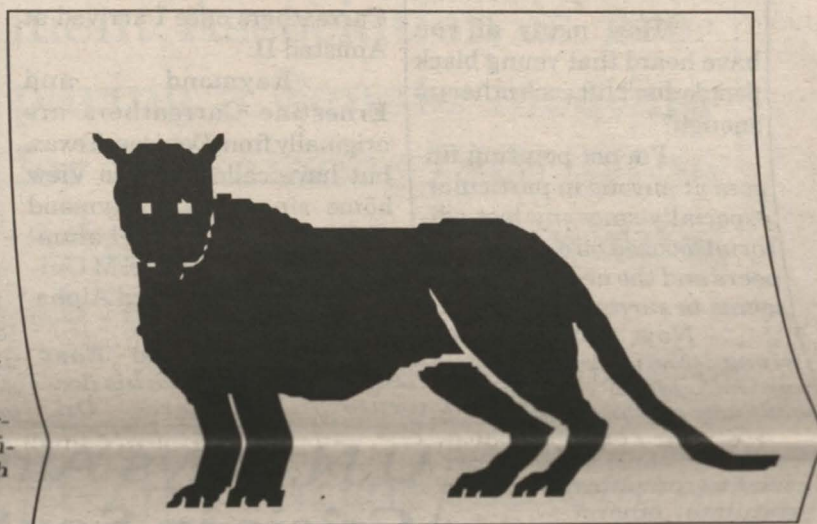
Join the Campus Activities Board, the SGA, the Panther or some kind of student organization and suggest more activities during the week as well as the weekend. Let's bring back "Hump Day on the Hill." Because if we don't do something there will be some of us who will pass through Prairie View A&M University like the ghost of Christmas past.

*We need to stop worrying so much about fraternities and sororities. Although*

they are a vital part of the upliftment of student life, but they aren't the only part of student life. And if we take charge and demand more activities it won't be so hard for the fraternities and sororities to do their jobs.

We can start to have

more fun then maybe there won't be so much tension and fighting on campus. If there were more activities maybe people would find more to do with their time than just talk about each other.



# Something has to be done

Dear Editor,

Has anyone noticed the trash piled up around campus? Around University College and Phase I and II, the trash is really bad. At University College, the trash room doors are sometimes locked causing residents to just set their trash in front of the door.

Usually when the doors are open and the trash room is full, the trash begins to accumulate outside the trash room causing the building to look unattractive.

At the beginning of the year, the phases were full of trash. Even after the first week, the trash was still full. There were animals outside tearing into the trash bags making an even larger mess.

Last week, parents were saying they had never experienced the tragedy of the

residential areas being filthy with trash. The longtime Prairie View parents explained they felt the trash was full because of the transition of students moving in at the beginning of the year, but what is the excuse now?

They also explained that if nothing was going to be done, they would call the American Campus Communities in Austin, Texas and report the horrible sightings. How can pride be taken in the campus and it is full of trash? What if unexpected guests come to visit the campus to evaluate it, what will the excuse be then?

In all honesty something needs to be done before the parents take action. The parents should not be the cause for action to be taken. The beauty of the campus and sanitation should be the reason for taking action towards this situation. Leaving trash will cause

rodents and insects to appear.

This will cause more problems. The rodents and insects will start entering the buildings making it uncomfortable for students to reside here on campus. Students don't want to pay room and board if rodents and insects are uncontrollable.

Perhaps to prevent the trash build up, trash can be picked up on more days of the week or more times a day. Providing more trash bins might help the situation, or hire more help.

The residents could start being more cautious about their trash as well. If the trash bin is full, set the bag beside the trash bin neatly instead of throwing it carelessly and making it look worse. It is trash, but students should care more about the campus.

The campus is well-kept, but the trash negates the process of keeping the cam-

pus clean. It is amazing how the room and board can be collected on time but the trash can't.

There are holds placed on grades because of uncollected fees, so why not hold room and board fees until the trash is collected. This cannot be rectified.

Most of the students attending Prairie View are away from home and look for the home feeling away from home, but this is not the case with the trash build up. Does anyone feel like they're in a clean home setting or environment? This issue is very unsanitary and needs to be taken care of swiftly.

Concerned Student,  
Shericia L. Woods

## A wake-up call



By L'Rhonda Boyd  
News Editor

How many of you have heard that young black people don't lift each other up enough?

I'm not pointing fingers at anyone in particular, especially since my last editorial focused on our inactive peers and the negativity that seems to surround them.

Now don't get me wrong, this is not to praise any individual, it's just to shed light on the issue.

Have you ever noticed how some people are easier to compliment or congratulate, others?

Maybe the reason we don't lift each other up enough is because we don't make ourselves approachable.

It's like my mother always said, "You can't compliment everybody," and that is so true.

Not to be stereotypical but it seems like this is a problem mainly among young black women.

How can we fix this problem in our community? For starters we can begin looking in the mirror and asking ourselves why is it that we act the way we do when someone is trying to say something nice to us and why do we choose to put down someone instead of saying nothing at all.

If you are just a downright perfect person and you have never been guilty of anything that I've stated then excuse me for wasting your time. But if you are like the rest of us, who in this case have done more wrong than right, then why don't we make a change for the better?

# Hidden Treasures

## Amistad II, one of the few African - American businesses in Prairie View

By: Erika K. Myers  
Panther Staff

I almost passed by Amistad II when seeking information for this article. I was used to just rolling right by it as do most of us in Prairie View.

For those of you who do not know, Amistad II is a bookstore that is located next door to PV Grocery. It was an honor and a pleasure of mine to interview Mrs. Ernestine Carreathers once I arrived at Amistad II.

Raymond and Ernestine Carreathers are originally from Denison, Texas, but have called Prairie View home since 1967. Raymond Carreathers is a proud alumnus of Prairie View A&M University where he joined Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

He attended East Texas State to receive his doctorate in commerce. Dr.

Carreathers taught educational administration at Prairie View A&M University and retired in 1987 as the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Ernestine Carreathers graduated cum laude with English as her major and French as her minor at Wiley College. She is a golden member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which she joined in 1945.

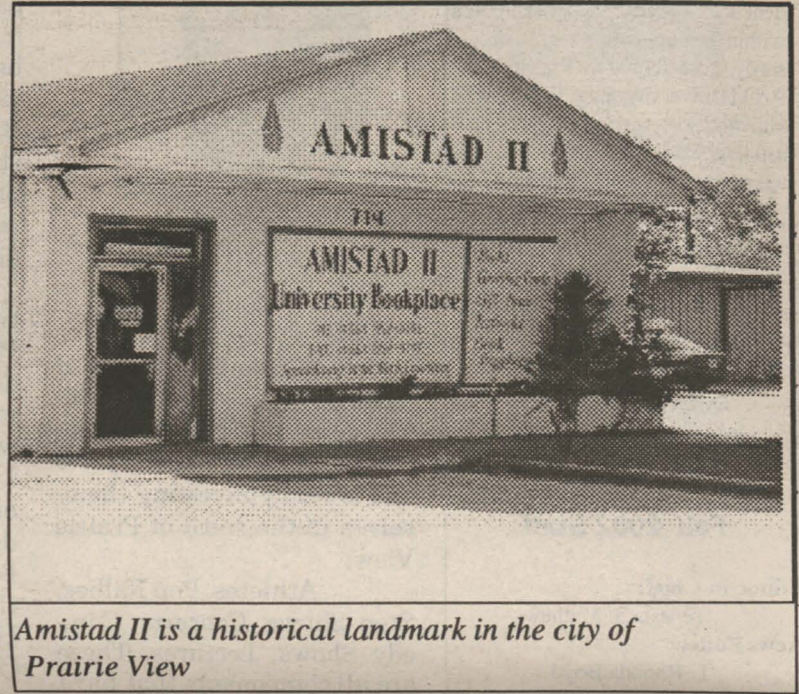
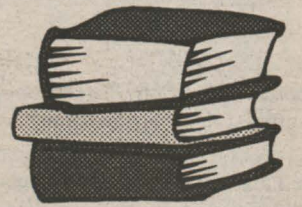
Ernestine attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant to receive her master's degree. The Carreathers are proud to say that each of their three children earned a master's degree at Prairie View A&M University.

Their daughter, Denise Carreathers, teaches English at Waller High School. Kevin Carreathers, their son, worked at Texas A&M University for fifteen years as Director of

Multicultural Services and the University of Memphis for six years in a similar position.

The Carreathers are also proud to have a grandson who is a scout for the Houston

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Amistad II is a historical landmark in the city of Prairie View

## U.N. says African food crisis threatens 14 million Crisis in South Africa cause uproar

By: Reuters  
New York Times

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - The United Nations said on Monday more than 14 million people face starvation in southern Africa where drought, HIV-AIDS and politics are blamed for the region's worst food crisis in a decade.

In the latest assessment of the threat to six countries, U.N. special envoy for humanitarian needs James Morris said the number of vulnerable people ahead of next year's harvest had jumped to 14.4 million from 12.8 million in May.

"This is the largest humanitarian regional crisis in the world today," Morris, who also heads the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), told reporters at the end of a regional tour.

"The human devastation to the most vulnerable people in these six countries is overwhelming," Morris said, adding that the crisis was ex-

acerbated by AIDS which has left four million children orphaned and strained health care resources.

"In one case we met a grandmother who is taking care of 19 children," Morris said of the pandemic's impact on a region where adult infection rates range between 12 and 36 percent.

The WFP, the world's biggest food agency, says donors have pledged to cover 36 percent of its \$507 million aid request, and another 30 percent was being finalized.

The latest assessment of the crisis — affecting Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland and Lesotho — comes as planting gets underway for what is expected to be a dismal crop.

Morris said in a statement that prospects for next year's harvest were bleak unless small-scale farmers immediately got adequate supplies of seeds and

fertilizer in time for planting.

The U.N. says \$104 million in non-food aid such as seed and fertilizer is needed, but donors have pledged only \$12 million.

### ZIMBABWE HARD HIT

Since May, food imports from both commercial and humanitarian relief had been lower than expected, forcing prices higher and putting food further out of people's reach. Government policies in the region have also been a factor.

"Policy impediments on critical issues such as market liberalization and land reform are leading to greater insecurity and are yet to be resolved by governments," Morris said.

In Zimbabwe, where a state land drive has been blamed for disrupting farming operations, the number of vulnerable people has climbed to 6.7 million people from six million in May.

President Robert Mugabe has ordered white farmers to leave their land so it can be redistributed to landless blacks, saying the measure is aimed at reversing a legacy of colonial-

ism.

"Zimbabwe at one time was the bread basket of these six countries, so the change in agriculture output affects everyone," Morris said, adding that Harare had withdrawn its objections to generalized food aid.

Zambia, where the number of people threatened has climbed to 2.9 million from 2.3 million, has rejected genetically modified aid until its own scientists assess its safety.

Morris said the WFP was looking at substituting wheat for maize in Zambia, but he added the other five countries had now agreed to accept some form of GM food aid.

Caught up in a worldwide debate over the role of genetic engineering in agriculture, several governments in the region have been reluctant to accept GM food aid, much of it from the United

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taught. If interested in attending a seminar, the times are posted on his office door in L.O. Evans.

Okay, the question is where does all this drive to help others learn come from? After asking Frazier this question he replied, "If it is my purpose to help someone and I decide not to help that person then I have defeated my purpose. I am a servant here to help."

He looks at all students as though they were his children. He believes that a lot of teachers feel that students don't have the desire to learn anymore. But he realizes that it is a two-way street, in order to learn you must have a teacher willing to teach. "I believe students (especially black students) need good role models, teachers who

have high morals and standards." In our interview he also stated, "teaching is a gift God gave me, It's my job to reach students and I use whatever angle I feel is best for that student. Everyone wants to do good."

Prairie View has been extremely lucky and blessed to have a true teacher in Dr. Freddie Frazier. His non-stop devotion to teaching inspires students to learn all that they can.

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cern.

Chief of Campus Police R.V. Stephens said that there are three extensions students residing on campus should make note of in case of an emergency.

"If you are living on campus dial \*2-911 or 5-911 and administrators should dial 9-911," said

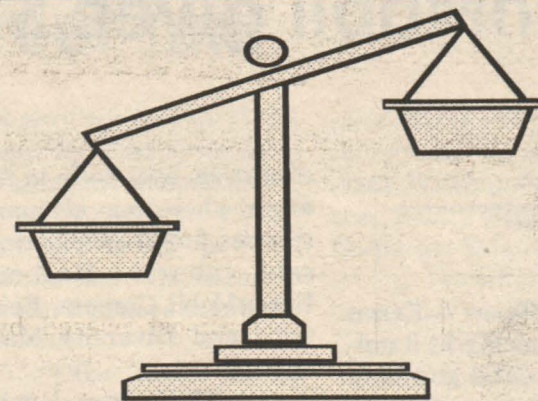
Chief Stephens. "These extensions connect to the sheriff department where someone will dispatch the paramedics and ambulance."

Chief Stephens noted that those living off-campus could dial 911, which connects to the Waller County Sheriff's Office. They offer 24-hour dispatching assistance and also dispatch for the Waller County AmbulanceService.

According to Chief Stephens, students can also use the emergency blue light phones for assistance.

"All you have to do is push the red button, which connects to the campus police signaling systems," said Chief Stephens. "Jack Rafferty from the on-campus telephone office checks the phones weekly for any physical damage and tests the telephone lines daily."

After 6p.m., students are encouraged to dial extension 4823 or 936-857-4823 for campus police if an emergency occurs.



## SGA Speaks Out

The Student Government Association is preparing a Senate meeting for September 18th in the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

Along with an Election Speak out scheduled for 5-7 p.m. in the same building.

We will also be holding Elections in the Alumni Hall from 8-5 p.m. as well as preparing a Council of Presidents (COPS) meeting which is scheduled for September 19th in the Administration building at 7 p.m.

For further mention the deli will be open M-T at 11-9 p.m. and on Fridays 11-7 p.m.

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# ExxonMobil gives \$21,000 special grant to PVAMU

**Press Release**

Special to the Panther

Irving, Texas -- ExxonMobil is contributing \$1.8 million in departmental grants to 102 colleges and universities to assist these institutions with academic programs.

Prairie View A&M University's College of Engineering will receive \$21,000 from ExxonMobil as part of this program.

Selected academic departments can use the grants for educational purposes such as scholarships, field trips, visiting speakers, equipment purchases, student and faculty travel to professional meetings, and other academic projects.

ExxonMobil awards these grants to schools that offer degrees in fields from which the company recruits employees.

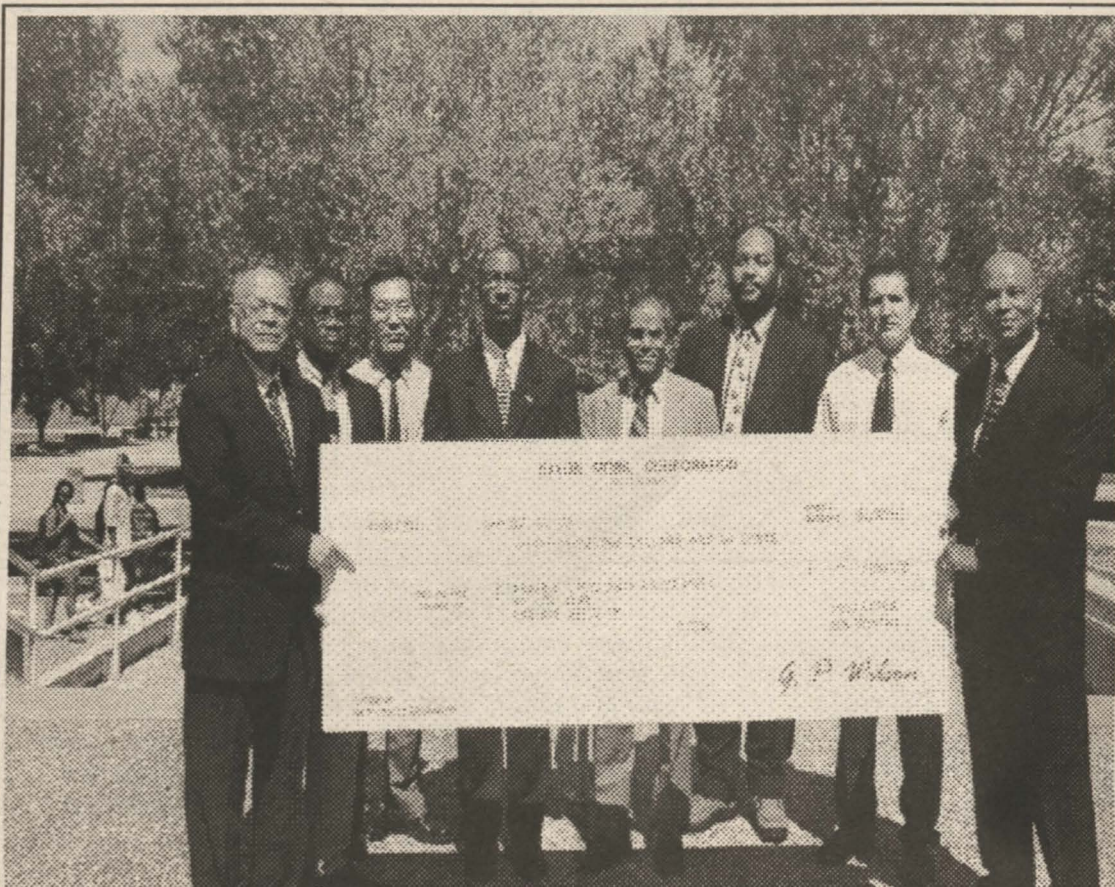
"ExxonMobil has a long history of supporting higher

education, especially in the areas where our company recruits future employees," said Sharyl Hackett, ExxonMobil Campus Relations and Diversity Manager.

"With these departmental grants, our support is specifically directed to those university departments that are educating the highly-qualified graduates that ExxonMobil needs."

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Prairie View A&M University's Dean of Engineering, Dr. Milton Bryant, and his faculty receive the \$21,000 ExxonMobil grant.



**Homecoming King & Queen's Ball**  
*"Reflections of a True Light"*  
 William "Billy" J. Nicks Fieldhouse  
 Wednesday, October 9, 2002  
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## Freshman housing goes same sex

By: **Veronica Smith**  
 Panther Staff

The freshman housing of American Campus Communities, known as University College, has been changed to single sex dorm living for the 2002-2003 school year.

The freshmen of 2001-2002 lived in co-ed dorms, so what exactly went wrong? Did the pregnancy rate skyrocket last year?

According to Mrs. Ila Schauer, an advisor in University College, the decision was not based on one factor, but on a few problems, including discipline.

"The pregnancy rate has increased significantly across the campus, not just for freshmen," says Mr. Shandon Neal, the life community manager of building 36, which is the only remaining co-ed dorm. The new man-

ager of building 43, Mr. Jaymar Davis, examined the pros and cons of the change. Davis' building is all male and he says that sometimes the testosterone level gets too high and tension may develop between the residents.

"Males are more likely to stay clean and keep their rooms clean if they know a female lives in the same facility as them," added Davis. However, Davis also stated that the single sex dorm arrangement does make it easier on the managers because there is less chaos.

A few upper classmen shared their thoughts on what the freshmen may be missing out on. Sophomore Brandi Greer said, "Our lives revolve around meeting new people, and living with the opposite sex is a part of that experience."

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# PV prepares for 32nd annual fall career fair

## Career Services Special to the Panther

On September 23-24, more than eighty-five of America's top companies will converge on the campus of Prairie View A&M University for the 32nd Annual Fall Career Fair, in the W.R. "Billy" Nicks fieldhouse.

The career fair is an opportunity for the students to meet with corporate recruiters and to secure full-

time, part-time, and internship positions.

The job fair will run from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 24.

With employment levels at all-time low, it is becoming increasingly difficult for companies to continue their recruitment levels and participation in career fairs.

However, with the demand for candidates to fill professional vacancies and the need for building a diverse

workforce, the companies continue to participate in programs that have yielded past success.

Prairie View A&M University continues to be the "campus of choice for these companies."

"In spite of the downturn in the economy we were able to attract some eighty-five companies to participate in this year's fair," says J.E. Pennywell, director.

The Prairie View graduates still play an impor-

tant part in the lives of the companies that continue to recruit at the university."

Students are encouraged to bring several resumes and are asked to dress in business casual for the event.

The Career Center will be conducting various seminars to assist the students in preparing for the upcoming corporate campus interviews.

Among the semi-

nars offered this year are "Interviewing Techniques, Resume' Writing, Dress for Success, Salary Negotiations and Corporate Etiquette, etc."

For information on the career fair contact the Career Center in 201 Anderson Hall or call 857-2055.



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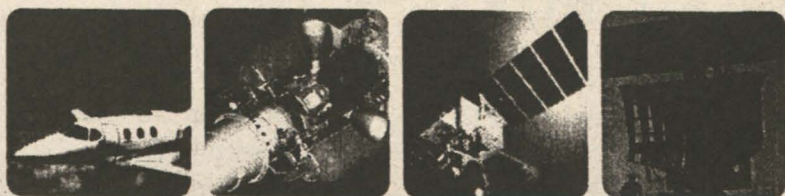
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## A legend remembered

By Cory Donley  
Panther Staff

The world of sports endures a great loss on the infamous day of sadness, September 11. One of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks passed away at the age of 69. Johnny Unitas was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Hospital on Wednesday after suffering a heart attack while involved in a routine physical therapy activity at Kernan Hospital in Baltimore.

Unitas rose to the epitome of his career as he began to play semi-pro football for \$6 a game. After practice and lots of work Unitas was given another chance to play professional football. Before retiring after one unsuccessful year with the San Diego Chargers, Unitas was the player to set the standard of 40,000 career yards, and this was on top of the 22 records that Unitas held.

The single most important event in the history of the NFL was the game that Unitas "ran the Colt's offense" in the 1958 NFL championship game. In the last 90 seconds of the game Unitas forced overtime against the NY Giants. If that was not enough, Unitas worked with his teammates to push 80 yards against the Giants and score the winning touchdown. "This was the game that was credited for igniting the popularity of the NFL," says former assistant head coach Bill Arnsparger.

Through all of the records and talent that Unitas displayed and held in the game of football it was only right that the athlete be elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979. What a way to go out from the game. The game of football, players and fans will never forget one of the greatest men to ever play the game, Johnny Unitas.

"I don't have many heroes," said Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome. "Very plain and simple, Johnny Unitas was one of my heroes. When you think of football and you think of Baltimore, you think of Johnny Unitas."

# Tennis team takes steps toward towering in SWAC

By Barry Bujol  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View tennis team looks to bring in the new season with a bang. With a recruiting class to brag about and a long list of returners, the team definitely plans to have people buzzing about tennis.

Not only locally, but in the entire SWAC. "Actually, lots of people on campus play tennis and we're trying to bring some notoriety to the school by recruiting some local talent," says John Cochran, head tennis coach.

The list of freshmen includes Antoine Ford, Gary Mills, and Charleton Ducette all from Houston with Philip Gibson from Jamaica.

Ford, a spectacular player, passed on scholarship opportunities from the likes of Grambling and Jackson State to attend Prairie View.

In addition to that, he was commended for his talents in an article in Time magazine. Mills attended the ESCI summer program here at Prairie View while maintaining an admirable GPA. Cochran states that he looks forward to big things from both Mills and Ducette.

Transfers are 'the lefty' Adam Cervantes, Hector Garcia, and Brandon Jackson. Cervantes, a native of Corpus Christi, is coming in from Laredo College.

Garcia is bringing his A-game by way of UTSA, and Jackson from Houston. But that's only the tip of the iceberg; Cochran's spring class is raking in even more talent that includes Ron Howard McNeill, a 6'1" phenom out of Jamaica, two freshmen transfers from Houston in Jessica Wright and Shilisa Betts, Nekea Johnson from Houston, and two more foreign prodigies in Marika Dawkins and Sparkle Prentice, both from Jamaica and Trinidad respectively.

Returners are Ramon Johnson, Lavell Darnell, Jarad Deason, Alisha Jennings, Benita Freelon,

Altovise Phillips, Dana Ledoux, Fay Moore, and Latasha Rabsatt. When you combine talent of this magnitude with the nine aforementioned returnees, you'll inevitably conceive a formula for success.

But after finishing seventh out of 10 teams last year, Cochran says the road to stardom won't be easy but is very much in perspective.

"Within one year we should be at least in the top three" notes Cochran as he calmly goes through some files. Prairie View tennis aims towards turning the page. They embark on a new chapter filled with promise as they take flight en route to towering the slack.

With an ever-increasing plethora of talent, and a growing fan base, tennis is prepared to take Prairie View by storm. So I encourage you, the reader, to check out Cochran and company because pretty soon this campus will be talking tennis.



## The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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# Last 2 charges against Iverson to be dropped

## Accusers decline to pursue case

**Micheal Rubinkam**  
AP Sports

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The last two charges will be dropped against Allen Iverson, who lauded the district attorney for resisting the “media frenzy that accompanied these false accusations.”

The NBA star had been accused of bursting into an apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife.

Twelve other counts, including four felonies, were dismissed by a judge July 29 after Iverson’s two accusers gave conflicting testimony, including whether the Philadelphia 76ers’ guard was carrying a gun.

District Attorney Lynne Abraham said the remaining two misdemeanor counts would be dropped because accusers Charles Jones and Hakim Carey don’t want to pursue the case.

Abraham said her office could have compelled the men to testify, but she doesn’t think “the taxpayers want to spend that kind of money on this kind of case.”

“I want to sincerely thank Lynne Abraham for having the courage to do the right thing and not be caught up in the media frenzy that accompanied these false accusations against me,” Iverson said. “I now consider this a closed chapter in my life and will not discuss it further.”

He denied he had a gun, made threats or forced his way into his cousin’s apartment that morning.

“We are gratified by today’s decision,” the 76ers said in a statement. “From the beginning, we urged our fans, the press and the public not to immediately react, but

to allow the matter to be processed by the judicial system.”

Iverson’s uncle, Gregory, faced the same charges and also will not be prosecuted.

Jones and Carey had gone through cross-examinations at the preliminary hearing.

“I think they didn’t want to subject themselves to a full trial,” said Assistant District Attorney Charles Ehrlich, the lead prosecutor.

Accusations against Iverson first surfaced in early July. Hordes of reporters and photographers camped outside his suburban mansion in the days before he surrendered July 16.

Abraham denied that Iverson had received star treatment. She said prosecutors routinely drop cases in which complaining witnesses decide they don’t want to testify. “He’s just another case to me. His name could be Joe Blow and we’d do the same thing the same way,” Abraham said.

Iverson was the league’s top scorer last season. In 2001, he led the 76ers to the NBA Finals and was named the league’s Most Valuable Player.

His 76ers jersey is among the league’s top sellers, and Reebok last year gave Iverson a lifetime extension of his 10-year, \$50 million endorsement contract.

As a teenager, Iverson was arrested in Virginia in 1993 after a brawl in a bowling alley. He spent four months in jail before he was granted clemency by the governor. The conviction was later overturned. In 1997, Iverson pleaded no contest to gun possession.

He has squabbled several times with 76ers coach Larry Brown and made an unreleased rap CD in which he used derogatory terms for women and gays.

# Riley starting over without Zo

## One of the NBA's top centers may have to call it quits

**By Mark Long**  
AP Sports

MIAMI (AP) — Alonzo Mourning delivered the news about two weeks ago, telling Miami Heat coach Pat Riley about his deteriorating kidney disease during an emotional conversation about his family and future.

Mourning did most of the talking. Riley just listened. “He was down and low,” Riley said Friday. “It was a very philosophical conversation about his health. It was not good.”

It got even worse when test results confirmed what Mourning’s body was already telling him: the 32-year-old center probably won’t play this season and might not play again.

“I feel pretty good about the fact that he’s made this decision to prioritize what’s important to him: (his wife) Tracy, his kids, his health, his life,”

Riley said. “Whatever happens in the future from a basketball standpoint, I don’t know. That’s going to be his decision.”

Mourning was diagnosed in October 2000 with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a career-threatening kidney disease. He played in just the final 13 games that season but played in 75 games last season and made the All-Star team for the seventh time.

Mourning has acknowledged that his prognosis is uncertain, knowing that dialysis or a kidney transplant might be needed. Sean Elliott of the San Antonio Spurs contracted a less serious form of focal glomerulosclerosis and required a transplant in 1999.

Still, the latest setback was unexpected. Just last month, Dr. Victor Richards said Mourning’s test results were encouraging. But now the questions aren’t about when Mourning will return but whether he will play again

and if he should even risk another comeback.

“I feel for Zo and I just want him to get healthy,” Riley said. “I see a concern on his face when I talk to him and I think anybody with his condition would have concern. ... I don’t know right now where Alonzo’s mind is at (retirement). I do know that he is very concerned about his health and he wants to get healthy. That’s where it should be.”

Dr. Gerald Appel, who has treated Mourning since his diagnosis, said Friday that he could not discuss specifics about Mourning’s health but said he advised Mourning to not play this season. Riley agreed. “It’s in the best interest of Zo’s health that he get himself healthy,” he said.

Last season the disease was in remission, meaning his kidneys stopped deteriorating and were able to re-

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Treasures from page 4

ton Texans. Presently Mrs. Carreathers works in Amistad II and also as a supervisor for an alternative teacher certification program.

Once the interview was complete, I had the opportunity to browse the store. The store is very quaint but has a comfortable and warm feeling. Amistad II offers graduate textbooks as well as administration and counseling textbooks.

Unfortunately they do not offer undergraduate textbooks. However, they do offer various novels and autobiographies written about and by African-American authors. They offer books written by such talents as E. Lynn Harris and Carl Webber.

I was pleasantly surprised to see books by E. Lynn Harris since I am trying to read the entire collection. If you are a fan then you understand! Amistad II offers Prairie View and Greek paraphernalia. They also offer African-American greeting cards.

I encourage everyone to show your support to Amistad II as well as to the many African-American talents that they showcase in the store. We all need to stick together and support one another.

Mrs. Carreathers informed me that their business has been sort of slow since they opened the bookstore. You do not have to go to shop for yourself. Cards and books have always been excellent gift ideas for any occasion.

I am sure you all show your support to the various eateries in the area to satisfy your stomachs, why not support a place where you can satisfy your mind.

Crisis from page 4

States which cannot certify its donations as GM-free.

They have cited fears over the safety of GM crops — a claim rejected by some scientists but supported by public opinion in Europe — and concerns that farmers might save gene-modified

maize for use as seed, thus contaminating local varieties.

The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, sought Monday to dispel fears among southern African farmers that exports to Europe would be hurt by the GM issue.

“Even if farmers in the drought affected areas were to grow GM maize, it would have no effect on exports to the (EU) of other non-GM products, including vegetables, flowers and coffee,” the Commission said, adding that products from animals fed on GM feed would also be unaffected.

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minutes, missing just seven games.

Even with Mourning healthy, the Heat went 36-46, and Riley missed the playoffs for the first time in his 20-year coaching career. Mourning is to make \$20.6 million this season in the final year of a seven-year, \$105-million contract, leaving Riley with few options other than to play out the season without what he has and

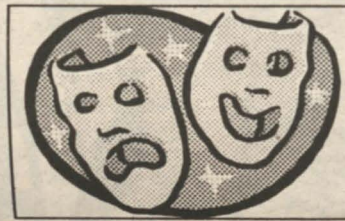
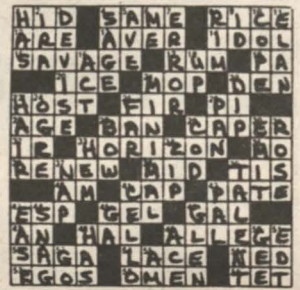
begin rebuilding next summer.

After the Heat released a statement Thursday night saying Mourning would be sidelined indefinitely, Riley went home, turned on the television and found a rerun of a 1999 playoff game between the Heat and the New York Knicks — one of Mourning’s final games before developing the disease.

“I sat there and watched the whole game,” Riley said. “I watched Alonzo get 14 points and seven rebounds in the first quarter and I’m saying, ‘That’s what we had here. That’s who he was and that’s why we were a contending team.’”

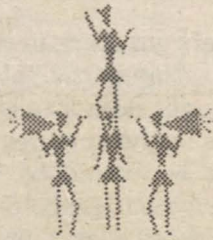
Maybe not anymore.

“We’ve had a tough four years, but we have to move on,” Riley said. “We’ve been humbled. We’re going to be young, and today for the first time in my seven years, I can say we are rebuilding.”



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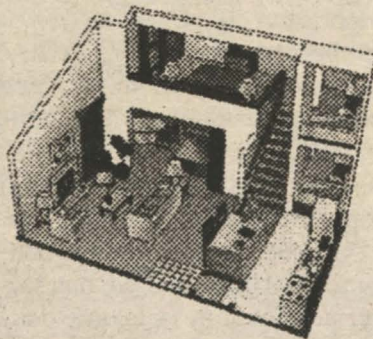
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