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### Black History Month Calendar of events

#### February

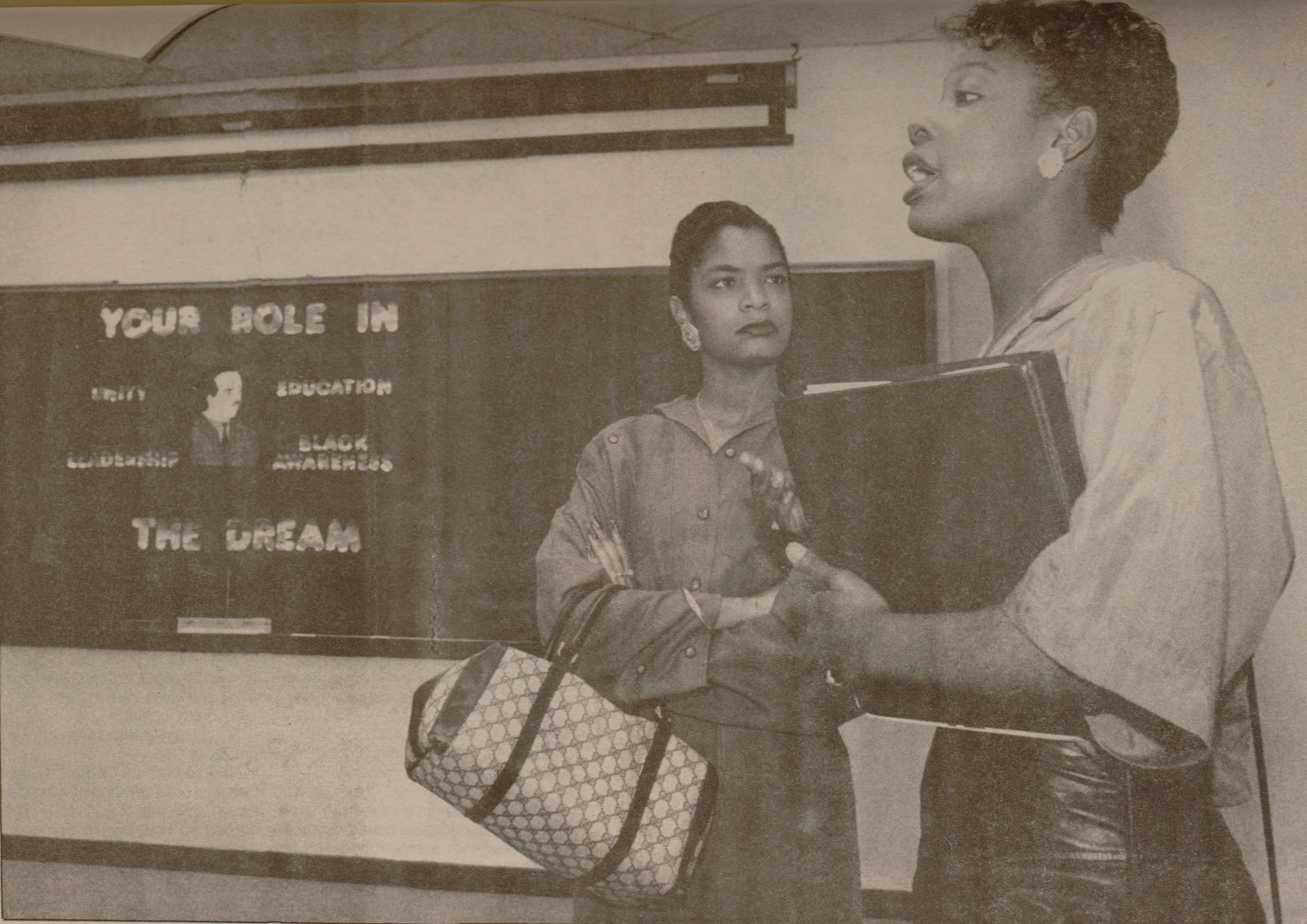
- 9 Rho Phi Omega (Chapter of AKA) hosts Precious Pearls pageant.
- 13 Committee on Multicultural Affairs (COMA) will show "Glory."
- 15 PV Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will host a Sweetheart Ball.
- 19 Black Awareness Committee sponsors Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe.
- 23 Voices of Praise Black History Month Program.
- 22-23 Alpha Phi Alpha State Convention- College Station Hilton.
- 27 Soul Food Night at the Commons/Sbisa; COMA Program with the president of Prairie View A&M speaking.

## 'Your Role in the Dream' kicks off Black History Month

By Donna Banse

"I am a dreamer with a song," said the Rev. Joe Palmore Monday at a Black History Month presentation. Palmore was the keynote speaker at "Your Role in the Dream," a presentation sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Palmore, who is presently working on a master's degree of divinity at Southern Methodist University, told the audience each person has a song inside of them that must be released and set free. He said blacks have a responsibility to be concerned about their song getting out and being heard. "Don't keep your song inside, share it," Palmore said. "The more you share, the more power you have in singing your song." Palmore said it is sometimes difficult for blacks to sing their song in today's world. Blacks are expected to compete in an open market with individuals who have experienced more favorable backgrounds and circumstances than blacks have experienced in centuries, he said. Palmore said devastating statistics are facing the black family:

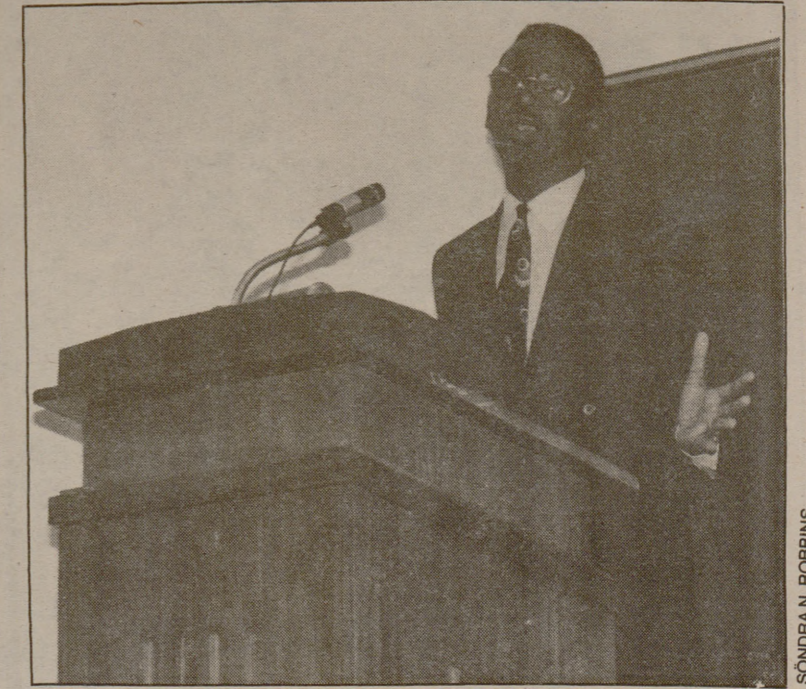
- It is reported that 42 percent of all persons incarcerated are black males.
- One in 20 black males will die before they reach the age of 21.



Shanedria Ridley (left), a senior French communications major from Houston, and Natalie Jackson, a senior speech communications major from San Antonio, perform a skit at the kick off for Black History Month.

# Black History Month *a celebration of heritage*

# cover story



Rev. Joe Palmore speaks about "Your Role in the Dream."

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## Programs inspire, educate all races

By Pamela Lee

Black History Month is the time to get pumped up and inspired about the accomplishments, contributions and historical background of blacks in the United States. Kevin Carreathers, Director of Multicultural Services, said. "There is more information visibly available now than any other time of year," he said. Which people are getting "pumped up" is not exactly known. Christine Comer, sophomore, said it seemed as if black students were the only ones attending the programs and the month didn't seem to serve whites to the fullest. "Through these programs, we can learn what we don't learn in school about blacks and their history," Comer said. "Things change and tensions ease through change," said Daniel. "Everyone should get an education and have an open mind about people; therefore I encourage whites to attend Black History Month programs. Just because it's for blacks doesn't mean whites can't come also."