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## And the winner is...

Run-off elections will be held next Tuesday; duel between Olusanyo and Reggans

By **Latisha Johnson Wallace**  
Panther Staff

In the SGA elections held yesterday, more than 1,000 students came out to support their favorite candidates and vote for the 2005-06 president, vice president, comptroller and Mr. PV. Students were able to readily access their voting privileges till 5 p.m.

All students were eli-

gible to vote, with the ease of electronic voting on laptops provided by the John B. Coleman library. "I voted for a particular candidate because I wanted to see the person who was not just good for me, but has the student body's best interest in mind in office," said senior music major Kasai Porter.

SGA will hold a run off election between Oludayo Olusanyo who pulled in 482 (42.92%) of the presidential

votes, and LaShawn Chambers-Reggans who had 244 (21.73%) votes. Bryan Waters and Terrance Livingston earned 200 (17.81%) and 197 (17.55%) votes respectively.

Candidates must have a 51% margin or higher to be declared the official winner in an election. Students will have the opportunity to vote again in the

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Photos by Marques Allen

Left to right: Sophomore Oludayo Olusanyo and junior LaShawn Chambers-Reggans will battle in a run-off election on April 12. Senior Courtney Smith and sophomore Ashley Pierson won their respective positions as vice-president and comptroller.

## High achievers recognized at Founders' Day and Honors Convocation

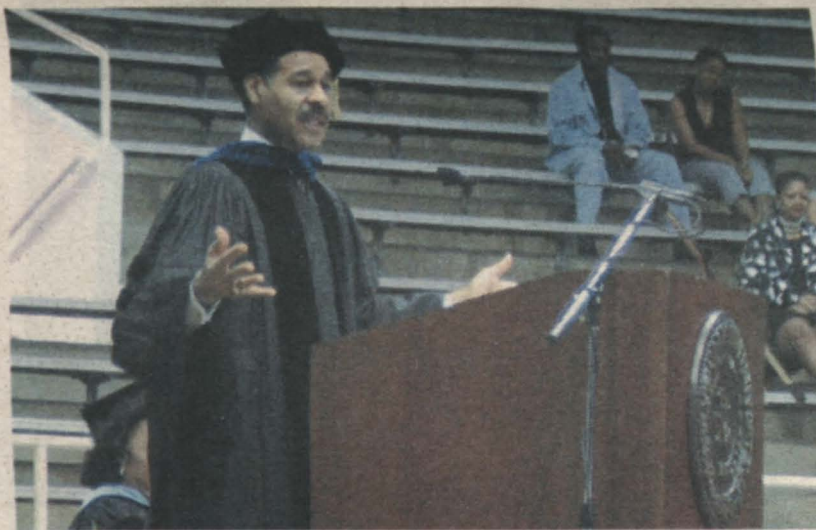


Photo by Marques Allen

Prairie View alumnus and congressman Emanuel Cleaver speaks to students at the Honors Convocation last Wednesday.

By **Anterria Brown**  
Panther Staff

Proud parents, prestigious alumni, faculty, and friends gathered to recognize outstanding undergraduate students during the annual Founders' Day and Honors Convocation. The esteemed event took place Wednesday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at the William J. Nicks building.

This year's convocation was hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences and was themed

"Empowering minds as we honor our traditions of excellence".

The honors convocation recognized over 1000 students during the 2004 school year. In order to be selected for participation in the program students had to have made the university honor roll by maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

"It was truly an honor to be able to participate in the honors convocation, the ceremony was beautiful, and it felt good to be recognized for my achievement," said junior Erica Myles.

The speaker for this year's convocation was Prairie

View A&M University alumnus Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, who is currently serving his first term for the state of Missouri in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cleaver delighted the crowd as he spoke about his many experiences as a student at Prairie View. He also offered honor students words of encouragement, telling them how important it is to believe in themselves, and their capabilities. Cleaver motivated the crowd by speaking to them about what he termed Cleaver's Law: "The amount of enthusiasm at the be-

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## "Evening of Enchantment"

### Sigmas host annual Lady of the Dove pageant

**RaShaad King-Donelson**  
Panther Contributor

The men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. pulled off another great production at the 2005 Miss Lady of the Dove Pageant.

Held on March 30 in the MSC auditorium, the theme of this year's pageant was "An Evening of Enchantment."

The master and mistress of ceremonies for the evening were senior Samuel Townsel and his little sister and soror junior Ivory Townsel.

The pageant was surely an evening of enchantment as the six contestants opened up the show with a dance, along with 2004 Lady of the Dove Kristi Dickens and various members of the fraternity.

Contestant #1 was Charity Smith, a 19-year-old freshman nursing major from Baton Rouge La. Contestant #2 was Adrienne Quickley, a freshman communications major. Contestant #3 was Chandra Watkins, a freshman

psychology major. Others were contestant #4 Jayco Parahams, a senior accounting major, contestant #5 Jeremy Gant, a junior English major, and contestant #6 Britni Smith, a junior from Mesquite, Texas.

After the opening act the night quickly moved forward with the sportswear competition where the ladies displayed an array of different college styles.

The talent competition followed where the girls displayed their many talents from singing to dancing.

The crowd was shocked by the performance of Jayco Parahams as she spit an original rap to the audience. "The talent portion of the pageant was really exciting. It was surprising to see contestant #4 rap," said sophomore Endira Hawkins.

The evening gown portion of the pageant followed as the six contestants rose from a pumpkin in the set of Cinderella.

"I thought the pumpkin idea was really creative, it was so

neat to see the contestants come out of it," said sophomore Danielle Williams. The ladies wore a plethora of evening gowns to correlate with their personalities.

After the evening gown competition, the contestants participated in the question and answer segment.

All six ladies showed evidence of the phrase "Prairie View produces productive people." Sophomore Ryan Knight said, "All of the contestants were really sharp on their questions, they all seemed to have insight on their questions."

As the evening began to close the winners of the competition were announced. Britni Smith was named Miss Congeniality.

The best sportswear went to Jayco Parahams, and Adrienne Quickley was awarded best interview.

Jeremy Gant was crowned runner up, and Miss Chandra Watkins was crowned Miss Lady of the Dove 2005.



Above: Lady of the Dove winner Chandra Watkins. Left: Lady of the Dove contestants during the opening number.



### PV Weather

April 6-12

Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 77° Low: 55°	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 78° Low: 54°	Sunday Thunderstorms High: 78° Low: 64°
Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 76° Low: 50°	Saturday Thunderstorms High: 78° Low: 61°	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 75° Low: 58°
		Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 76° Low: 56°

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## Students feel the pinch at the pump SIFE sets the tone for spring

**By Will Quickley**  
Panther Staff

There used to be a time when it took no more than \$20 to fill your gas tank. Lately, however, it seems as though it takes that amount just to get the gas hand to read a little past half full.

For those who are fortunate enough to own a vehicle, the rising cost of gasoline has become quite a concern. It is no secret that the cost of gas has risen since 9/11, but how long will it be before this seemingly overwhelming monopoly comes to an end?

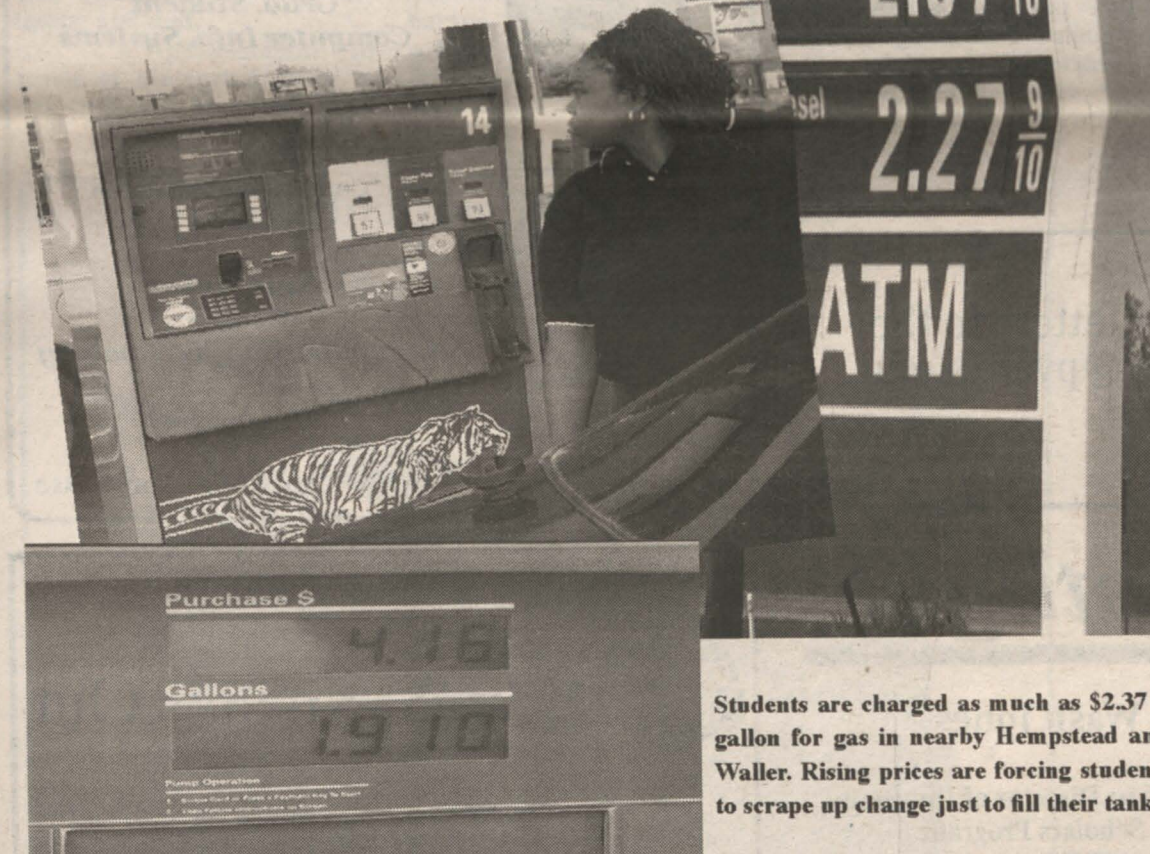
At an average of about \$2.55 per gallon for regular unleaded nationwide, the cost of gasoline is at an all time high and still rising. Locally, the current price for regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.12 per gallon at UNCO, \$2.19 at Exxon and \$2.19 at Shell.

Jeremy Allen, a senior

communications student, said, "Because of the war, I believe that the economy has had to balance itself out. With gas being one of our most commonly used resources, it was only a matter of time before it began to increase."

As discouraging as this dilemma may seem, things could possibly become even worse. According to recent studies and various officials, at the current rate of increase, the price of gasoline is estimated to be, roughly, a little over \$4.05 per gallon by the summer of 2007.

For those individuals who enjoy driving everywhere, they might want to consider cutting back on activities that require lengthy or constant travel.



Students are charged as much as \$2.37 a gallon for gas in nearby Hempstead and Waller. Rising prices are forcing students to scrape up change just to fill their tanks.

## Team to compete in regional expo and hold annual talent show

**By Frederick Roberts**  
SIFE

The Prairie View A&M University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team will test its educational outreach projects against the projects of 60 other SIFE Teams at the 2005 SIFE Regional Competition and Career

Opportunity Expo on April 10-11 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Students In Free Enterprise encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to make life better in their communities by teaching the principles of free enterprise. SIFE has held several seminars such as Writing a Seminar and Starting a Small Business.

Teams are judged on how well their projects taught others the principles of free enterprise, business ethics, free markets in a global economy, entrepreneurship and personal financial success skills.

Regional champions named at 25 competitions held around the country will present their projects at the 2005 SIFE USA National Exposition.

Meanwhile, the SIFE Team is set to host its 2005 Changing the World Talent Showcase Part III, on April 23



at 7 p.m. in the MSC Auditorium. Billed as "no ordinary talent show," the event will

feature 20 of the university's most talented and progressive students, who will showcase their talents in singing, rapping and spoken-word, as they compete for the Best Talent Awards and cash prizes.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. April 5, in Room 104A New Science Building.

Students will be judged by representatives of the entertainment industry and other local officials. Admission is \$3 pre-sale and \$5 at the door.

## Annual BSM retreat a success

**By Brandy Black**  
Panther Contributor

The Baptist Student Movement (BSM) held its 60th National Baptist Student Union retreat in Atlanta, Ga. The retreat began on Thursday, March 31 and ended on Saturday, April 2.

Ninety-five PV students attended the retreat. "The retreat was a big success," said the president of the national

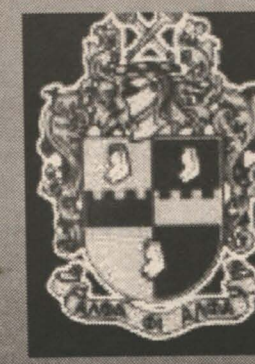
Baptist Student Union, Anthony D. Buggs.

The retreat consisted of seminars, church services, and competitions. Prairie View's praise dancers placed fourth in competition and the choir placed second in the large choir division.

PV student Melissa Taylor was crowned Miss BSU for the 2005-06 school year.

**Congratulations**  
**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.**

For earning honors at the  
Regional Convention in Little Rock, Ark  
Chapter of the Year  
2nd Place for Best Scrapbook  
Brother with the Highest G.P.A  
Michael Coleman



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April 06, 2005

## A change is gonna come



By **Rashad Morgan**  
Sports Editor

A black person's mentality has been compared to putting a number of crabs in a bucket. Every time one makes it near the top, there is always one to pull him down.

This subject has been addressed on many occasions, but it still goes on, and is seen day by day among this generation. It comes in the form of 'snitches' and 'hatas' that are fueled by vengeance, anger, envy, and cowardice.

*It's really not our fault.*

We, as a whole, have been backstabbing our own since the Civil Rights Movement, slavery, and even during biblical times. Judas betrayed Jesus by giving up his whereabouts, snitching to the Romans for silver, which ultimately cost Jesus his life. Cain even killed his twin brother, Abel, because of jealousy.

This matter will never cease. Rapper Christopher Wallace once said, "the more money you get, the more problems you have, and jealousy and envy is just something that comes with the territory." This hatred for

watching and waiting for that one moment when you are down, so they can kick you and use it to their advantage, but its not gonna work this time. In this day and age only the strong survive, and the weak attempt to align forces and attack the strong, but I again say "it's not gonna work!"

It's a long journey to the top, some are going to settle for less but an elite few will continue on and be hated by those who failed to rise to the occasion. Those elites are stronger mentally, which gives them the ability to maintain their positions. This is what makes kings, legends, and today's leaders.

Change is coming very soon, and some are working hard to succeed in life and achieve their goals. I challenge you to challenge yourself, a revolution is near, and its impact will be reminiscent of those before us.

**"A revolution is near, and its impact will be reminiscent of those before us."**

the ones who are at the top is what made Tupac's monicker *All Eyes on Me*. Everyone is

Have comments or concerns? Write letters to the editor or send a viewpoint to [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu).

### Handwritings On The Wall

"We can't direct the wind- just adjust our sails."

**Nikia Canton**

What's your motto to live by?  
Email your "Handwriting on the Wall" to [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu)

### F.A.S. potlight



**Wash Jones**

**Position:** Director of University Scholars Program  
**Spouse/Children:** Single; No kids

**Hometown:** St. Mathews, South Carolina  
**Favorite Food:** Chinese  
**Favorite Color:** Purple  
**Favorite Music:** Gospel  
**Cannot live without:** Bread

**Advice for freshmen:** College is not a party- stay serious!  
**Advice for seniors:** Leave options open.  
**Who you admire most:** Mom

## Purple & Gold Poll

What events are you anticipating for SpringFest?



"Something worth my money, with NO fighting."

**Godfrey Boston II**  
Senior  
Communications



"Stepshow and inflatable carnival!"

**Denishia Sylvester**  
Grad. Student  
Computer Info. Systems



"Concert and inflatable carnival."

**Kyle Miller**  
Senior  
Computer Eng. Technology

By **Katie Morrisette**



### S.G.A. Speaks Out

Hello Panthers! Congratulations to all CSO and Pan-Hellenic organizations who probate today. Thanks to all students who participate in the SGA Spring elections.

The PV Choice Awards voting process starts today. Please don't forget to vote!

Even though the year is almost over, I hope that all my fellow Panthers have had a wonderful year here at Prairie View. SGA and I are still working hard to ensure that "Prairie View produces productive people."

April 06, 2005

## Southern University honors Johnnie Cochran

By **Kamilah R. Story**  
Black College Wire/ Southern U.

Southern University held a memorial ceremony for famed lawyer Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., who established a scholarship at the Southern University Law Center and was keynote speaker at both the Southern University at Shreveport spring commencement in 2001 and at the commencement on the Baton Rouge campus in spring 2002.

Cochran, who became a household name when he defended O.J. Simpson against murder charges, died of a brain tumor March 29 at age 67.

The ceremony was held the next day at noon in the university's Law School Atrium and was attended by law students, faculty and staff.

A proclamation in honor of his contributions to the Southern University Law

Center, the black community and the legal profession was presented by Edward "Ted" James, president-elect of the Student Bar Association, and by Eric W. Claville, Southern University Law School Division representative for the American Bar Association.

"He was truly a figurehead in the law; he made great bounds [in] making a place for African American attorneys to be recognized as having great accomplishments in defense," Tawnii Cooper-Smith, a law student from Mashantucket, Conn., and Student Bar Association representative, said.

"He was a great lawyer and a great humanitarian. I admired his work that he did in the community and where he stood when he represented not just the 'O.J.s' but the 'No Js' and I really respected that," Claville said. "It's great that now his peers, colleagues and his family will re-

member him [for] that." Cochran, a Shreve-



**Johnnie Cochran**

port, La., native, established the Johnnie L. Cochran Sr. Scholarship for UCLA African American males (known as Cochran Scholars); and scholarships at the University of New Mexico School of Law and at the South-

ern University Law Center.

"Rarely are we privileged to encounter an individual of Mr. Cochran's caliber. When we do, [we] must savor the moment," said Edward R. Jackson, chancellor of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

"It is a great loss for us to lose such an important figure in the law system, and his presence was felt by all students, especially African Americans working and studying in the field of law. He was inspirational, a true hero, a modern-day hero for the big man as well as the little man.

He showed he worked for people as important as O.J. Simpson as well as "the common guy walking on the street", and that is what was really special about him," Charlee Renaud, a law student from Opelousas, La., said.

Speaking at the memorial ceremony were Freddie Pitcher Jr., chancellor of the

Southern University Law Center; Saul Simmons, vice chairman of the Student Bar Association and Derrick Kee, outgoing Student Bar Association president.

A copy of the proclamation was to be sent to the Cochran family.

"He was a very special person and will be greatly missed," Leon Tarver, president of the Southern University System, said. "He was fond of all of SU, he knew a lot of people from SU in his personal and professional life and he was always available to help."

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Every Wednesday

### Graduating Summer 2005



Application Deadline  
Monday  
April 18, 2005

All students must make formal application for graduation. Applications are available in Room 302, Memorial Student Center.

### Elections from page 1

run-off contest to select a president for the student government association next Tuesday, April 12.

In the vice-presidential contests, Courtney Smith beat out hopeful LaQuincy Arnold with 673 (62%) of the votes to 418 (39%).

With 585 (58%) votes, Ashley Pierson defeated opponent Tamia Parker who had 427 (43%) votes to win the comptroller position.

Elections chair Jawanna Green said, "I believe today was a very successful day, all candi-

dates were great. They all did very well but there can only be one winner declared. The elections ran smoothly for the most part. There was a great turnout from previous years, over 1,000 students voted."

Votes were also cast for Mr. PV 2005-06. Sophomore Corey Dargan won with 642 (63%) votes, against opponent Anthony Buggs who had 376 (37%).

### Cleaver from page 1

-ginning of a task is disproportionate to the amount of enthusiasm at the conclusion of a task". He urged students not to become victims of this theory and to continue to reach for higher achievements in life.


"Right now you have the opportunity to take your achievements even higher. If you believe you are somebody you will be something," said Cleaver.

Students who participated in the honors convocation were recognized according to their G.P.A. and academic organizations.

"The honors convocation was very nice, it was good to be recognized by the entire university for my hard work. The experience will motivate me to work even harder in the future," said sophomore Beveier Sanders.

April 06, 2005

Campus Activities Board presents...



# PVAMU Spring Fest 2005

April 11-16, 2005

**Monday 4.11****Field Day/ Outside MSC/ 3pm-7pm/ FREE****Tuesday 4.12****Comedy Show/ Featuring: Queen Aishah, Small Frie, Tony Roberts, & Mike Bonner/ Baby Dome @7pm/ \$10.00****Wednesday 4.13****Poetry and Jazz Festival/ Outside MSC @ 7pm/FREE****Thursday 4.14****Student Talent Show/ Baby Dome @7pm/ FREE****Friday 4.15****Inflatable Carnival / Hobart Taylor Lawn @7pm/FREE****Saturday 4.16****Stepshow & Afterparty/ Baby Dome @8pm/\$10.00**

April 06, 2005

## Lady Panthers defeat Steers in double header

By Leona Aaron  
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers softball team is at it again winning two games against Texas College. The Lady Panthers scored a total of 13 runs combined for both games, limiting Texas College to one run in each contest.

On the mound in the first game for the Lady Panthers was Trisha Anderson who almost pitched a no-hitter.

Anderson pitched seven innings, giving up two hits and one run. She also gave up only two walks to Texas College who had 22 at bat against her. Anderson had five strikeouts, and her win

brought her season record to (7-8) overall.

The first inning the Lady Panthers attempted to set the pace for the game. Texas College jumped ahead, 1-0 as a result of two errors committed by the Panthers.

The Lady Panthers came out in the second inning determined not to repeat the same mistakes. Laura Quezada hit a single to advance to first base.

Amberly Fuller then scored on a single hit to left center by Daesha Johnson. The second inning is what set the pace for the Lady Panthers and it made Texas College take a downfall in the game.

During the game the Lady Panthers combined for a

team high of 11 hits. Kimberly Fernandez had three hits with four at bats. Fernandez scored one run and one RBI, but she was not the only Panther swinging the bat well. Third baseman Belinda Ruiz, Shortstop Quezada, and right-fielder Johnson all had two hits each. Ruiz and Quezada both had one RBI and both scored one run on three at bats. Johnson scored one run and led the team in RBIs.

The Lady Panthers could have prevented Texas College from scoring if it weren't for the three errors they committed in the game. The final score for the first game was 7-1 in favor of the Lady Panthers.

In the second game the Lady Panthers were determined not to start off from behind but

to stay in front the entire game. Freshman sensation Jannell Meyers took the mound for the Panthers and allowed only five hits and no runs scored. Meyers committed no walks and struck out two with a total of 16 at bats from Texas College. Meyers overall record is (5-9) in the season.

In the first game Christina Reyes stole second base after an error committed by Texas College's left fielder. Fuller had a two out hit when she brought in Reyes with a double, hit to left center.

The Lady Panthers were on top, 1-0, in the bottom of the first. Texas College was still unable to score. The game continued in the Lady Panthers' favor with their scoring the first

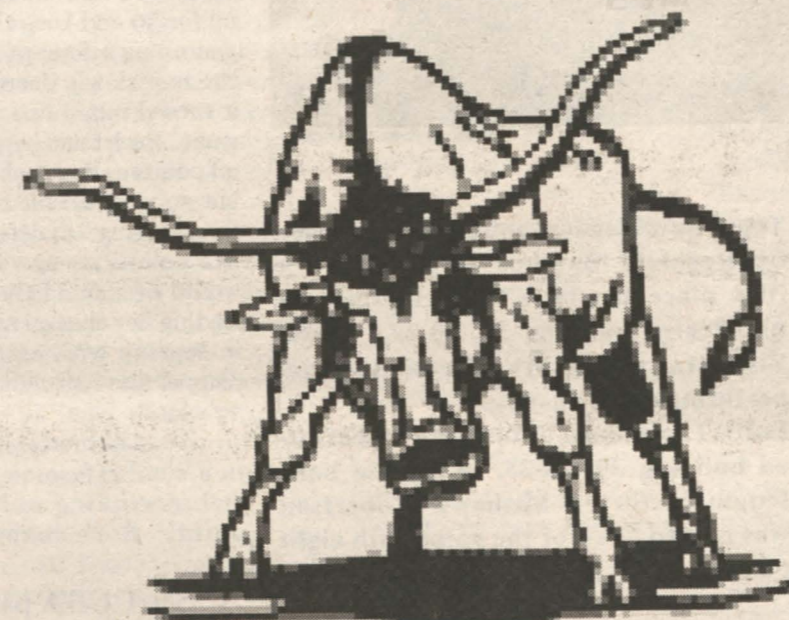
three innings in a row at bat.

There were several Lady Panthers who were swinging the bat consistently throughout the game. The Lady Panthers committed only one error the entire game, while Texas College committed three.

Fuller, Quezada, Johnson, and Angel Price all led the team with one hit. Quezada and center-fielder Nikki Lilly, both scored two runs. All had one RBI giving the Lady Panthers a 6-0 win over Texas College. The softball team will play two home games against Alcorn State, Friday and Saturday.



VS.



### SOFTBALL HOME FINALE



Lady  
Panthers

vs.



Lady  
Braves

Fri., April 8, 2005 - 3 pm  
Sat., April 9, 2005 - 1 pm

William Nicks Intramural & Athletics Complex

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

# 44 and 45 crowned UCBA champions



Photos by Rashad H. Morgan

**Top:** The underdog, building 45, coached by Reginald Bacchus took home the first place trophy after defeating the undefeated building 38, 30-29. James Black was named MVP for his 14-point performance.

**Left:** The women of building 44 defeated building 39, 25-23, in a close hard fought victory. Mishawn Robertson was named MVP of the game with eight points.



**By Rashad H. Morgan**  
Sports Editor

The University College Basketball Association's season has come to an end and with a big finish. The men and women's championship games were held last week and buildings 44 and 45 came out on top. Both games were very entertaining and kept spectators at the edge of their seats until the last minutes of the game. At the end of both games, the championship teams were presented with a trophy.

The first game was a battle between the women's buildings 44 and 39. Both teams have proved throughout this season that they belong in this game. After losing their first game of the season to building 48, 21-12, they bounced back and defeated buildings 37 and 40 to advance to the championship. They have been led by Mishawn Robertson who has been one of the leading scorers on the team throughout this season. Building 39, led by Briana Moutlet, arguably the women's MVP, looked to finish up their undefeated season with the bragging rights of being ranked number one.

It was a slow start for building 39 in the first half, scoring only four points from the field. Luckily Moutlet was five of ten from the free throw line, which kept close behind 44's growing lead. Besides their foul trouble 44 had five of their eight players score in the first half, which gave them their four point lead at the end of the half. Robertson and Moutlet tied with five points each at the half.

Nahyamka Skipper and Monique Francis began to step up for 39 and keep them in the game. 44's four-point lead at the half slowly decreased, and it turned into a one possession game. Each team began to trade off points as the clock ran down, but 39 were unable to stop 44 from scoring. 44 defeated 39 by two points, 25-23. Robertson would be named the MVP for leading her championship team in scoring with eight points. Skipper also had eight points in 39's loss.

The men's game ended in a similar fashion, with the victor winning only by one point. Both teams played

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## Panthers split two game series with Jaguars

**By Lori Mason**  
Panther Staff

On April 2, in front of a crowd of 400 at Nagle Field in Houston, Texas, the Panthers split a two game series with the Texas Southern Tigers.

The first game was all Prairie View with a final score of 13 to 5. Early in the first inning, both teams were scoreless and combined for only one hit.

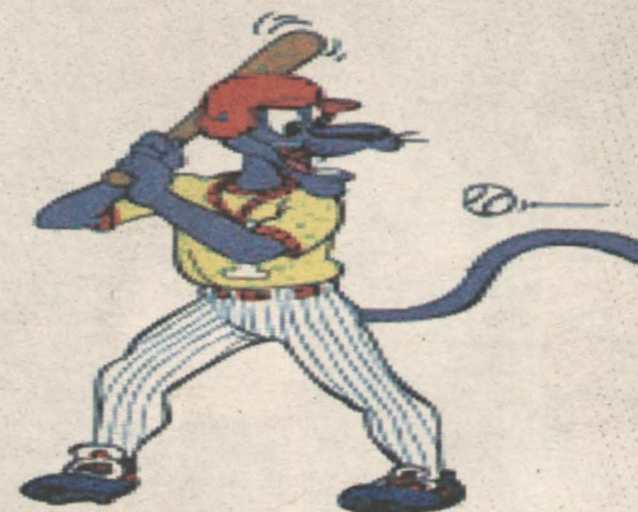
In the second inning, Prairie View stunned the Tigers with 5 hits and 5 runs bringing the score to 5-0.

TSU struck back before the end of the half by striking out Prairie View's Paul Johnson and getting 2 runs to bring the score to 5-2 with Prairie View still on top.

After the half, Prairie View dominated the rest of the game despite having more errors, by outscoring the Texas Southern 8 to 5.

Leaders for Prairie View in game one were Marcus Crockett and Stephen Williams both with three RBI's and Anton Daley followed in with 2. As a team Prairie View brought in 11 RBI's versus Texas Southern's four.

In game two, Texas Southern answered back



defeating the Panthers 11 to 3. The first inning of the game resulted in two Panthers striking out and two runs for Texas Southern with no players left on base. The rest of the first half, Texas Southern continued to take control of the game scoring two more times and striking

out two more Panthers.

The fourth inning both teams were scoreless and neither team had any hits. Finally in the fifth, Prairie View scored their first run, but Texas Southern answered with five more runs bringing the score to 1 to 9.

Texas Southern went on to score two more times along with Prairie View and ended the game with the final score of 11 to 3 in their favor.

Since the start of the season, these two rivals have met five times and TSU leads three games to two.

Prairie View Panthers are currently 21-18 overall, 16-8 at home, 3-10 on the road, and 8-6 in the SWAC. The Panthers next game is April 8 here against Arkansas Pine Bluff (8-27 overall; 4-9 SWAC) at 3p.m. Be sure to go out and support the team.

UCBA from page 8

their heart out and wouldn't give up until the end. The undefeated 38 came into the game ranked number one and with the reputation of scoring a lot of points and defensively shutting down their opponents. 38 led by the UCBA's leading scorer, Jemiah Richards, who just came off an eleven point performance against the Free Agents, came into the game the crowd favorite.

Both teams started off strong, working the ball to the middle for easy field goals, and getting to the foul line. After going score for score throughout the whole half, 45 remained on top leading only by two points, 11-9. Richards only scored one point during the half. 45's James Black had four points at this mark, to lead his team in scoring.

In the second half each team exhibited the urgency to score by adapting to a sort of run and gun offense. Richards began to step up his play by contributing another five points. Building 38 led with a minute to go, but a score 45 put them in the lead 30-29. With the clock winding down, a last desperation shot attempt by 38 failed and 45 was crowned the UCBA men's champion. Black was named the games MVP, leading both teams in scoring with 15 points.

## Prairie View student athletes make strides in the classroom

**By Palmer Perez**  
Panther Staff

A total of 52 Prairie View A&M University student-athletes received special recognition for being named to the University Honor Roll in the spring 2004 and/or fall 2004 semesters. The honor roll is comprised of students who registered a grade point average of 3.5 or better for a semester.

Of the 52 student-athletes, 14 earned a perfect grade point average (4.0) in either the fall or spring semesters while two maintained a perfect average for both semesters. Thirty-seven student-athletes earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.9 in the spring 2004 semester while 27 finished the 2004 fall semester on the honor roll. The top program was the men's track and field team with eight student-athletes who made the honor roll. Men's tennis softball followed with six.

Prairie View A&M University athletics director Charles McClelland was pleased

with the achievements of the student-athletes for their academic successes.

"With so much being focused on the new NCAA academic standards, we're pleased with the academic accomplishments these student-athletes have made in the classroom," said McClelland. "We will continue to push our student-athletes to be the best they can be in their academic pursuits." **Baseball:** Jacob Gibson, Houston, Texas; Bryan Gonzalez III, Hebronville, Texas; Terry Salter, Friendswood, Texas **Basketball-Men:** Chad Bowden, Houston, Texas; Torry Cornett, Columbus, Ohio; Marcus Thomas, Waco, Texas **Basketball-Women:** Karlanda Butler, The Colony, Texas; Ashley Gulley, Houston, Texas; Latoya Moten, Flint, Michigan; Angel Smith, Houston, Texas **Bowling:** Adrienne Quickley, Belton, Texas; Rebecca Todd,

Kansas City, Kansas **Football:** Bobby Cauley, Jr., Woodville, Texas; Eric Hernandez, Pleasanton, Texas; George Hester, Beaumont, Texas; Charles McCall, Englewood, Colorado; Cory Roy, Port Arthur, Texas **Golf-Men:** Reagan Rothe, D'Hanis, Texas **Golf-Women:** Nova' Sha Stephenson, Houston, Texas **Tennis-Men:** Nicolas Bateman, Monterey, Mexico; Hector Garcia, Jr., D'Hanis, Texas; Xavier Godoy, El Tigrillo, Edo. Anzo, Venezuela; Amin Memon, Houston, Texas; Andy Narido, Jr., Hilo, Hawaii; Christopher Scurry, St. Louis, Missouri **Tennis-Women:** Marika Dawkins, Mandeville, Jamaica; Laina Magaya, Harare, Zimbabwe; Antoinette Majors, St. Louis, Missouri; Michele Scurry, St. Louis, Missouri **Track & Field-Men:** David Butler, Houston, Texas; Glen Cason, Texarkana, Texas; Brodrick

Gartica, Bay City, Texas; Michael Ondieki, Richardson, Texas; Thomas Rivera, Galena Park, Texas; Cleveland Sampleton, Jr., Lockhart, Texas; Kyle Shifferly, Needville, Texas; Freddie Strange, Beaumont, Texas **Track & Field-Women:** Benita Hodge, College Station, Texas; Jessica Small, Houston, Texas **Soccer:** Malak Albatarseh, Killeen, Texas; Catherine Burnley, Houston, Texas; Monique Long, Kingston, Jamaica; Lindsey Slay, Greenville, Mississippi **Softball:** Trisha Anderson, Auburn, California; Amanda Kemp, Detroit, Michigan; Amanda Launer, Alamogordo, New Mexico; Misty Reed, Monroe, Louisiana; Christina Reyes, Alamogordo, New Mexico **Volleyball:** Brandie Johnson, Missouri City, Texas; Tianna Raymond, Stafford, Texas; Mary Reese, Temple, Texas; Jamesha Sutton, Austin, Texas.

## Box Scores

### Baseball Saturday's Results

Game 1  
Prairie View 8  
Texas Southern 5

Game 2  
Prairie View 3  
Texas Southern 11

### Softball Friday's Results

Game 1  
Prairie View 7  
Texas College 1

Game 2  
Prairie View 6  
Texas College 0

### Upcoming Games:

**Baseball**  
Friday  
vs. Pine Bluff @ 3 p.m.  
vs. Pine Bluff @ TBA

**Softball**  
Saturday  
vs. Pine Bluff @ 12 p.m.

**Softball**  
Friday  
vs. Alcorn State 3 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Saturday  
vs. Alcorn State 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Saturday  
vs. Grambling State @ 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Sunday  
vs. Grambling State @ 11 a.m.

**Track & Field**  
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Men's MVP- James Black  
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## Pope is scheduled for burial on Friday in St. Peter's Basilica grotto

By Victor L. Simpson  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — With tens of thousands of pilgrims converging Monday on Rome, the Vatican set the funeral of Pope John Paul II for Friday, with burial in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica, where pontiffs throughout the ages have been laid to rest.

The funeral is expected to draw up to 2 million people, including heads of state from around the world. President Bush and his wife confirmed they would attend, as did Spain's prime minister. Prince Charles put off his wedding to Camilla Parker Bowles for a day so he could attend.

The spokesman said John Paul's body will be carried briefly through St. Peter's Square later Monday en route to the basilica, where a prayer service will be celebrated by Cardinal Eduardo Martinez Somalo, the camerlengo, or chamberlain who is the most important official running the church following the pope's death. After the service, the public will be allowed to view the body.

"It's extraordinary. It happens once in a lifetime," said Uwe Kunzmann, a civil engineer from Karlsruhe, Germany. "We want to be in the crowd."

There had been speculation that the pope might have left orders to be buried in his native Poland, but Navarro-Valls said John Paul "did not show any such wish."

The Rev. Eduard Berezowski, who was bringing 50 pilgrims from Gdansk, Poland, for the funeral, said he saw no problems with the burial in St. Peter's.

"It's only right. He was the bishop of Rome," he said. Under Vatican tradition, Friday

is the latest the funeral could have been held. John Paul will be buried immediately after the 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) funeral, Navarro-Valls said.

"It will be a moment without precedent," Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni told Repubblica Radio on Monday.

"Rome will grind to a halt to guarantee the full development of the demonstration of love for the pontificate, guaranteeing the maximum security for all the heads of state who will arrive to pay homage to the pope."

The meeting at the Bologna Hall of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace was the first gathering of the world's Roman Catholic cardinals since the pontiff's death. After taking the oath, they were to open any final documents John Paul may have prepared for them.

Navarro-Valls made no mention of a date for the papal election, or conclave, implying that no such decision had been made. By church law, the conclave must take place within two weeks of the burial. Another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday.

On Sunday, John Paul lay in



John Paul II, leader of a billion Catholics, died at age 84 after 26 years of service.

Photo courtesy AP

state in the Vatican's frescoed Apostolic Palace, dressed in crimson vestments and a white bishop's miter, his head resting on a stack of gold pillows. A rosary was wound around his hands and a staff was tucked under his left forearm. A Swiss Guard stood on either side as diplomats, politicians and clergy paid their respects at his feet.

The former chief rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, who hosted John Paul during the pontiff's historic visit to Rome's central synagogue in 1986, viewed the body Monday. He raised his arm before the body in a gesture of tribute.

The current chief rabbi, Riccardo Di Segni, viewed the body Sunday.

John Paul's body appeared to have been touched up. There was no official word on whether it was embalmed.

John Paul was 58 when the cardinals elected him in 1978. He appointed all but three of the 117 cardinals entitled to attend the secret conclave electing the new pope.

John Paul opposed divorce, birth control and abortion, the ordination of women and the lifting of the celibacy requirement for priests, issues that sharply divided the church.

## The "L" word: man v. woman

By Palmer Perez  
Panther Staff

Other than the word "castration", no other word makes the blood of men curl more than the word "love."

It seems that to some guys, the word is an attachment to a person, which is fine if they are talking about their mother. However when it comes to another female, guys seem hesitant to announce their true feelings. Perhaps a fear of ridicule from their friends plays a part, but one thing is sure, guys are rarely the first to say "I Love You" in a relationship.

A couple on campus that says they are in love and content with each other agreed to interview on the condition of anonymity, so from here on, the couple is known as John and Jane Doe.

John and Jane have been together for over two years and know the ins and outs of each other. It was interesting to discover how they fell in love. **JOHN'S VERSION**

"We had a morning class together, but even though it was early, she looked great. There was no ash anywhere on her body, which was something that immediately grabbed my attention. I saw some pictures of her as a cheerleader and she was looking fine and I noticed that I was developing a serious interest in her. One thing I like is black girls that act white, which is something that (Jane), does. They act proper and are generally more jippery, which is nice. I knew I might start to be in love when I found myself sharing money with her. I am a selfish person, but I spare no expense with her." **JANE'S VERSION**

"I had a class with (John) and he was a real smooth dresser. He also had a very nice personality. He treated me with a lot of respect, which was nice. I started developing an interest when I knew that I could trust him. I had heard that he may have been a player, but when the doubts subsided, I knew that this was a guy that I could get serious with. It was three months into our relationship that I told him I love him for the first time. Of course, he couldn't respond back the same, but I could read his face that he had feelings for me, but just couldn't say it."

Each person was asked what they would do if they woke up and discovered that the other one was gone. The following is their response: **JANE:** I would cry a lot and miss him very much. I don't think I would move on for at least a few months to a year. **JOHN:** I would move on quickly. I got needs and life is too short to be dwelling on the past.

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Photo by Evan White

This is just an illustration.

## Fall fashion takes designs to exotic locales

By Samantha Critchell  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When most people go on vacation, they bring back souvenirs. When fashion designers go on vacation, they bring back the ideas that will become their next collections.

This spring, the runways lead to exotic destinations from Uzbekistan to China and Africa.

Oscar de la Renta also became intrigued by Uzbekistan and its place in the history of the silk road.

"Travel inspires my work a great deal," he says. "I have always used fabrics, embroideries and techniques from all over the world."

Both de la Renta's spring and upcoming fall collections prominently feature a weaving technique called ikat, in which a pattern is created from tie-dyed thread. It's native to Uzbekistan.

Giorgio Armani's signature collection is rooted in another point on the Silk Road map: China. Previewing the collection, Armani dressed models in coolie hats and cropped Mandarin jackets, with Asian platform sandals on their feet. The evening gowns featured demure Chinese script silk print.

China is "one of those extraordinary magical places that for me holds

a mythical allure," the Italian designer says. "I know it through books, films, and photographs, but my trip exceeded my wildest dreams and confirms to me how limited our imagination in the West can be. The surrealist touches and memories of old Shanghai and the growing possibilities of 'new' China were eye-opening, alluring and surprising."

He says he tried to create a jacket in a fitted Asian-inspired silhouette that emphasizes the form and flow of the body.

This year, Armani plans trips to South Korea and Japan. Tokyo's Mori Art Museum will exhibit a retrospective of the designer's work that was first shown at New York's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. "My love for Asia continues," he says.

Other designers who found inspiration in faraway lands and translated it into American fashion this season include Michael Kors (Greece), Vera Wang and Behnaz Sarafpour (Japan), and Nicole Miller and Cynthia Steffe (Morocco).

"Visions of Greece encompass everything from the classical drapery of Grecian togas to Jackie and Ari (Onassis) cruising the Greek Isles on the Christina. That kind of glamorous lifestyle is something everyone can dream about on a gloomy, gray day," Kors says.

### Commentary

## Spring breakup epidemic

By Wendelene Turner  
Panther Contributor

Love is in the air, and that is exactly where it is going to stay for some this spring. Breaking up has become the newest infection of the season. Spring has been known as the season for love, however for many students it has quickly become a season of pain.

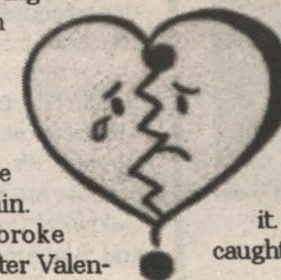
"We broke up two days after Valen-

tine's Day," says Erica Taylor, a senior biology major.

James Durant, a sophomore political science major, says that breaking up has been hard but not without a good cause. Durant felt that he and his girlfriend had different focuses

on life and believed that it would be best to be friends. Having gone through a recent break-up myself, I know exactly how it feels to have love and then to lose it. The break-up epidemic caught me at a bad time, but I

must admit that it is making me stronger. My recent experiences have taught me that a love lost is a lesson learned, and learning from life's experiences is wisdom gained. My advice to those suffering from "break-upitis" is to take this life's experience with a grain of salt. Cry if it hurts, but think about what you have planned for tomorrow and keep on living. Rather than referring to breaking up as an epidemic, think of it as a liberation. After all, if love is in the air, you are bound to catch it again one day.



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**PV True Life...  
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*There are nine active Greek organizations on campus: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Iota Phi Theta. The Panther would like to inform readers how students can go to class, socialize, be active members of an organization, and hold a job. Therefore, each week the Panther will showcase a member of each of the nine active Greek organizations on campus.*

**By Rashad H. Morgan**  
Sports Editor

The night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington marked one of the most significant moments in history, as the ten illustrious founders of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. came together to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere.

Among the prominent chapters nationwide is the Zeta Beta chapter, which was founded on Prairie View A&M University's campus May 15, 1970. The chapter is often referred to as the Animal NUPES, thus the nickname "The Zoo." They function under their motto, which is "Taking undergraduate achievement to the next level!"

Duncanville native, Korvin Banks, is one of the undergraduate "Zoo Boys" on campus who has served as the fraternity's Keeper of Records for the past three years. He is also the Assistant Keeper of Records for the fraternities Southwestern province. As the Keeper of Records he is in charge of records, consisting of minutes, conducting correspondence, and signing warrants for the payment of funds. Banks says he joined

ty because "it fits my character, the NUPES are at the top of the bar and everybody else just follows behind."

The senior architecture major is a member of pals, and also a Community Assistant in University College. He will also attend graduate school and obtain a master's in Landscaping. Banks says there is one quote that keeps him motivated to keep achieving his goals in life, which is "Take what you have, with who you are, make something of it, and never be satisfied."

These are great words to live by if you want to follow in the footsteps of a born leader. His advice for students striving to achieve and better themselves is to "keep your priorities in order, God, family, and school, then let your conscience be your guide."

Elaborating more on the love of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Banks said "It ain't nothing if the NUPES ain't a part of it."

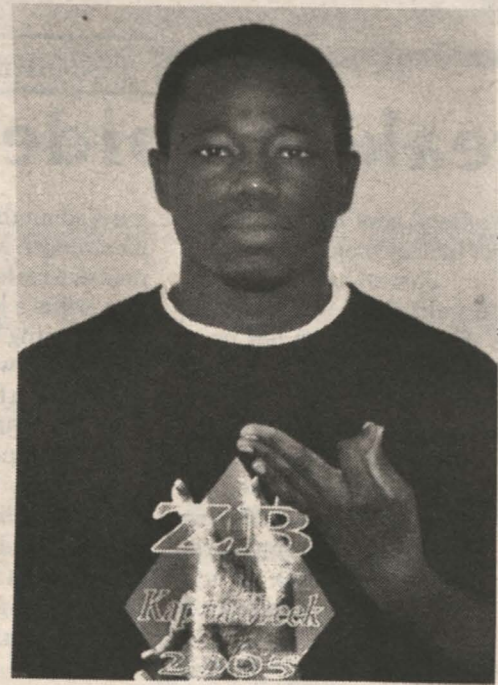


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**Korvin Banks, student and member of Kappa Alpha Psi.**

**N.C. study makes HIV an open topic for black students in Alabama**

**By Amanda Dawkins**  
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — HIV is a topic more openly discussed at Alabama's historically black colleges since a North Carolina study showed an increasing number of infections among black male students, but some question if enough is being done about it.

"I know it's here and it's not going to go away," said Mary Morris Billings, director of Alabama A&M University's counseling and development office in Huntsville. "My greatest fear is that there will be an outbreak on our campus like in North Carolina."

North Carolina started a method of detecting early infections in 2002 for everyone who voluntarily got tested at public clinics. The new approach led to the discovery over a four-year period of 84 newly infected male college students in the state, 73 of whom were black.

Researchers said it was the first documented outbreak of HIV on U.S. college campuses and that college students were 3.5 times more likely than nonstudents to become infected. The disproportionately large number of black students drew the concern of health officials at both historically black and other campuses.

Alabama health officials say they are working on an early detection program, but at present the state does not have much data on the number of black male college students with HIV.

Billings, however, feels that the increase found in North Carolina could happen here, and her office has taken steps aimed at awareness over the past few years through seminars and workshops.

Alabama State University in Montgomery also holds ongoing educational programs and has condoms available upon request. Both schools offer free, confidential HIV testing.

The AIDS Action Coalition in Huntsville has set up regular free testing dates around the 13 counties it serves, and some of those are at black colleges like Oakwood College in Huntsville and Alabama A&M University.

The state Department

of Public Health's HIV and AIDS Division of Prevention and Control provides literature, condoms and test kits to community-based organizations in prevention education. But Blake Kersey, a sophomore at ASU, believes the university can do more to address AIDS on campus.

"They could probably have somebody who is an AIDS patient come here and tell them that this is real life. This is not just something you see in movies or on TV or something your friends tell you about," Kersey says.

Some students, like ASU freshman Ryan Winfrey, believe the university's no visitation policy in dorm rooms serves as a preventive step to blocking heterosexual HIV transmission, but the rule may not address same-sex encounters, viewed as a major cause of HIV transmissions.

It's not just black colleges that are affected, either. More than half of North Carolina's HIV cases among black male college students involved students at mainstream or predominantly white campuses.

Several student groups at Troy University have taken leadership roles in HIV and AIDS prevention awareness. The African-American Alliance and the university chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists have combined to bring in health professionals for screenings and education on the subject.

"In addition, our Student Health Center also provides individual counseling with students who have either been diagnosed with the disease or suspect they may be at risk of contracting the disease," Tom Davis of University Relations said.

Researchers say the main cause of increasing HIV infections is young black men having unprotected sex with other men. Research has shown that black males who are in a serious relationship or married are more reluctant than white males to openly admit they are gay or bisexual, which puts black women more at risk. These men have been classified as being on the "down low," a term used by many blacks.

"I hope it does calm down because that's going to kill everybody," Reed says.

"Due to a lot of cultural differences, black men

are probably less likely to admit being gay because they don't associate with America's view of gay men," said LaTeisha Akin, education and outreach manager for the AIDS Action Coalition in Huntsville.

In the North Carolina study, 67 of the cases involved black men who have sex with other men, but don't identify themselves as either gay or bisexual. Of those, 27 said they also had sex with women.

Joseph Perry, a junior at Alabama State University, agrees that the "down low" plays a role in the increasing number of black women contracting the virus.

"I think it plays a huge role as far as people switching partners," he says. "It doesn't even have to be the down low. If you... sleep with somebody else it's a huge problem because you don't know what the other person may have."

Black males represent 43.8 percent of infections reported in Alabama and those men having sex with other men was determined as the highest risk factor for contracting the virus.

"It's not that African-Americans are predisposed due to any genetic reasons. It's not who you are, but what you do," Akin said.

She believes self-esteem issues play a part in the rising number of blacks with AIDS.

"When you got those types of issues, you're less likely to have protected sex," Akin said.

Media may also play a role in how students view sex. "One of the things the media tells them is that sex equals love. Sex does not equal love," Billings said. With HIV, she said, "the reality is that sex equals death, disease and poverty."

Gwendolyn Mann, director of health services at Alabama State University, believes more blacks may be diagnosed with HIV simply because people study blacks more.

ASU sophomore Chanel Reed is afraid of what the future may hold for her and other blacks. She wants a reversal in the rate of HIV infections among blacks.

"I hope it does calm down because that's going to kill everybody," Reed says.



**CARL "6FIGGAZ" WESLEY**

Age: 19  
Major: Business Management  
Hometown: Houston, TX  
Classification: Sophomore

**Q. What's the name of your clothing line?**

A. Six Figgaz, a new clothing line that caters to the new generation.

**Q. Why did you start a clothing line?**

A. I started my clothing line because I put my name "6Figgaz" on my clothes to be creative, and after I wore it people would ask me about it. So, I started designing clothes for students on campus, and developed into doing fashion shows.

**Q. How long have you had this clothing line?**

A. A year and a half. I started last year in UC making clothes in my dorm room. Then, I found a way to mass-produce, so I got my clothes screen-printed.

**Q. Where can your work be seen? Is it available for purchasing?**

A. It's not available in stores, yet. But you can currently purchase it at PV, TSU, and Clark University. It will be seen summer 2005 on www.sixfiggaz.com. And it can also be seen April 6 (tonight) in the MSC Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

**Q. Have celebrities purchased from your clothing line?**

A. Yes, Juvenile and the whole Rap-A-Lot entourage brought Six Figgaz T-shirts, and there are many more to come.

**Q. Are your clothes catered only to young adults?**

A. No, I also have a line called Baby Figgaz that caters to younger children.

**Q. Who inspires you?**

A. P. Diddy, my father, Russell Simmons, the FUBU owners, and Slim Thug because I admire the way he started his own business at an early age. Also my company members: Trae, Justin Milburn, Tyrone, and Fred Hamilton because they push me to work harder everyday.

**Q. What is your career goal?**

A. To be mentioned in the same sentence as other famous entrepreneurs such as Russell Simmons and P. Diddy. I'm not just trying to do clothes. I want to start my own record company, and branch out to almost everything. Because Six Figgaz is not just a clothing line or my nickname-it's a person goal.

By Kristina Rogers

**Kutcher and Maca Comical Duo in *Guess Who!***

**By Erika L. Green**  
Panther Staff

Comedian Bernie Mac and *Punk'd* star Ashton Kutcher are a comical duo in their latest film *Guess Who*. Released on March 25 with a PG-13 rating, this film was and will surely be able to capture audiences of all ages. To some, this movie serves as the 90s version of Sidney Portier's 1967 movie *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. With a typical plot of companion meeting in-laws, the film has a racial twist involved, which is certainly visible by the mere skin color of Simon Green (Ashton Kutcher). Simon Green is the latest boyfriend and unexpected fiancée of Theresa Jones (Zoë Saldana), Mac's daughter. Percy Jones (Bernie Mac) has no initial problem

with Simon Green until he meets him and realizes he's white. Just like the 60s film, the mother played by Judith Scott tries in a modest, sassy, and persuading way to calm the tension between the two men. Throughout the movie, Percy White and Simon Green become enemies as well as friends through a bit of humorous scenes that mimic usual behavior resulting from their uncomfortable meeting.

The movie depicts the actual reaction that interracial dating has on families of all races

especially the black family. Although Kutcher and Mac tried to move away from their usual comic roles in a few serious scenes, the two were consistently funny. Don't get me wrong. There were a few areas that were a little dull. Yet, the chemistry between the two allowed the movie to be enjoyable while addressing the seriousness and impact families have on love and race. Not trying to exclude the rest of the cast, Zoë Saldana (daughter), Judith Scott (mother), and Hal Williams all assist in making this movie a success. However, don't let the commercial advertising fool you. If you're looking for *Friday After Next*'s star Mike Epps to make you laugh, his role is so small you've probably seen it all on the commercial. Four paws is my rating but you should check it out for yourself.



Photo courtesy of AP

**Destiny's Child Performs for U.S. Troops**

**By Michael Cidoni**  
Associated Press

OCEANSIDE, Calif. - Loud music is nothing new at Camp Pendleton, the Marine Corps base 90 miles south of Los Angeles. But this time the music was live as Destiny's Child, Ted Nugent, Godsmack and others performed for more than 40,000 troops, family members and others.

The Rockin' the Corps show is "a 'Thank you' from America, for those Marines who are serving our country," producer Joseph Robert told As-

sociated Press Television News. Some of the performers confessed they were getting a little something back, as well.

For Destiny's Child singer Michelle Williams, it was a look at "the troops, the soldiers, the Marines!" she gushed. "We talk about 'em in our song ('Soldier'), so we've really got to..."

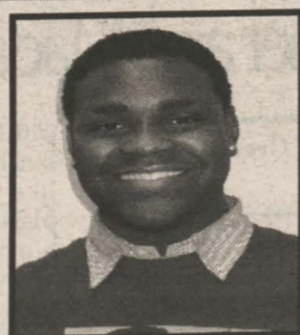
Bandmate Beyonce completed the sentence: "See the men in the uniforms!" They broke out in giggles.

Knowles added that Destiny's Child had performed on military bases before, "but never 40,000 Marines. Never ever. And I know a lot of the

Marines just got back to America from Iraq yesterday. So, this is a lot. This is a lot for us. This is historical for us, to be the people that they see with their families."







Trason Smith

**Events:**

1. Zeta Phi Beta picnic
2. The month of March

**Atmosphere/crowd:**



**Music:**



**Cost:**



**Location:**



**Overall experience:**



The picnic was a success! These gatherings are always great for the student body. With organizations always charging for their events, this occasion gives a great opportunity to give back.

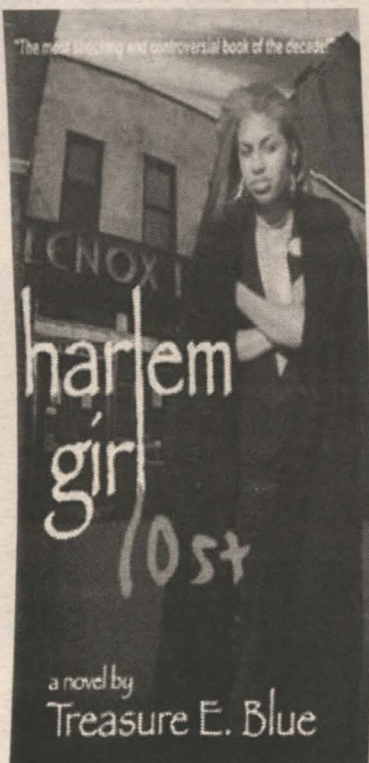
For those people who have been waiting for the optimal occasion to run-back that old white polyester "Easter Suit," were granted "Resurrection Sunday." With the month of March under review we observed the farewell of Winter, and the grand opening of Spring. As everyone begins to adorn less clothing, consider your neighbors, because you do not have to be naked to be guilty of indecent exposure. Also, as we all eagerly await this year's perennial outside events here's a list of the following items that may be a "fire" addition to everyone's wardrobe. "Bathing Apes" or "Bapestas" the newest tennis shoes of your favorite entertainers, priced extravagantly, but don't be afraid to search for a hook up. Evisu Jeans, "keepin your jeans painted", with the gull on the back of the pocket, or to some half of a "R", you've seen these jeans all over your TV screen but may not know what they were.

## Black Author Brings The Streets of Harlem To Life In Her New Urban Novel, *Harlem Girl Lost*

**BlackNews.com**

New York, NY - Harlem Girl Lost - Have You Seen Her? Of course you have. Walking every street in America is a child or teen that is currently being raised by a drug-addicted parent, being abused, or being sold into slavery. Otherwise known as the street life, Author Treasure E. Blue brings a true hard knock life story to readers with his shocking and controversial coming of age story Harlem Girl Lost ([www.peacefulstorm.com](http://www.peacefulstorm.com)). Not since the street diva herself Winter Santiago in Sister Souljah's Coldest Winter Ever has a character set the literary world on fire. Silver Jones was born to a heroin-addicted prostitute that only wanted her daughter to grow

up with morals and aspirations. Silver's mother Jesse taught her The Rules early on in life and even after her mother succumbed to streets of Harlem, the Rules stuck. Treasure E. Blue knows the streets of Harlem and the good the bad and the ugly of drug addiction all too well. Retiring from the game at the tender age of sixteen, Blue managed to become one of the youngest people to receive his G.E.D. in New York State. After serving his country honorably in the military he went on to become an award winning screenwriter. Harlem Girl Lost touches on topics that plague inner city communities and corrupt our youth. Drugs, foster care, abuse and the hardships of living in the ghetto are all brought to the forefront in this novel. Mr. Blue has become a highly respected speaker at high schools and community panels across the United States because of his ability to grab the attention of America's youth.



## Panther Poetry Lounge

**Hate**

By Wendelene Turner

It is powerful to love a love that loves.  
It hurts to love a love that loves no more.  
It is painful to lose a love that loves.  
It is awful to leave a loving love.  
And it is pitiful to love a love that never loved at all.  
So I hate.

*Tired of 20 Questions?*

We want answers!

Submit your answers to [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu)



1. First the "booksto," now the "Biggest D@%n Probate Party Every?" 2. Didn't they have spell-check available when making these flyers? 3. Who is the freshman that is actually campaigning for the PV Choice Awards? 4. Did his face have to be that close to the camera? 5. Even though Courtney is done campaigning, can he still pass out popsicles at Hump Day? 6. And what about Brian with H2O? 7. When did smoking weed become legal? 8. Which group of individuals in U.C. were so smart that they smoked and drank while their blinds were up? 9. Didn't they know that people could see through the windows? 10. Where were there more people, the AKA or the Zeta picnic? 11. Which CA was fired for getting beat up by a freshman? 12. How many of the Deltas will have 'recycled' line names? 13. Will half of the new Deltas be inactive because of grades next semester? 14. Were the Deltas caravanning to solicit votes for SGA president? 15. Did the carpool in front of the MSC for Chambers get tickets? 16. Does that mean that voting for Chambers is a crime? 17. Is the Alpha presidential reign really over? 18. What SGA member fell off the cart trying to help deliver the newspapers? 19. Who is ready for the probate edition of 20 Questions? 20. Do we really care what you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of **The Panther**. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu). Questions are printed at the discretion of **The Panther**

## April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Every Sunday:</b> Church @JPAFC 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Every Sunday:</b> Poetry Night@ Paesanos 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>April 3rd-9th:</b> Kappa Alpha Psi KAPPA WEEK</p>	<p><b>Every Monday:</b> Goodtimes @ Grass-hopper (506 Main) 9 p.m.</p> <p>Alpha Lambda Omega Bible study@ NSB 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>11th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Field Day @ MSC 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Every Tuesday:</b> Gamma Phi Delta Bible Study @ JPAFC 7 p.m.-9 p.m.</p> <p><b>5th:</b> Kappa Alpha Psi "Kappa Kookout" @ Student Park 5:11 p.m.</p> <p>Alpha Phi Alpha In-formational @ Banks 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Rho Chi Psi "Ups and Downs of Owning and Working For A Small Business" @ Banks 6p.m.</p> <p><b>12th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Comedy Show@ Baby Dome 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Every Wednesday:</b> CAB Hump Day on the Hill @ MSC 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>6th:</b> Kappa Alpha Psi Prayer Circle @ MSC 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Probate Show@ Babydome 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Club Flava "Fashion Show" @MSC 7 p.m.</p> <p>Omega Psi Phi "Poetry Night" @ MSC 7:11 p.m.</p> <p>Epsilon Gamma Iota party @ MSC 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>13th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Poetry and Jazz Fest @ MSC 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7th:</b> Kappa Alpha Psi "Toga Party" @ Frat House 9:11 p.m.</p> <p>Delta Sigma Theta "Political Awareness Seminar" @ NSB 7:13 p.m.</p> <p>Iota Phi Delta Program@ Delco 7:50 p.m.</p> <p><b>14th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Student Talent Show @ MSC 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Every Friday:</b> The Heist@ The Vault (723 Main) 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>8th:</b> TEXAS RELAYS AUSTIN</p> <p><b>15th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Inflatable Carnival @ Hobart Taylor Lawn 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Every Saturday:</b> Mahogany Soul Suite @ Clarks (314 Main) 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>9th:</b> Alpha Phi Alpha (Delta Theta) Icebreaker Stepshow @ TSU Sawyer Auditorium 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Omega Psi Phi (Eta Theta/UT) Greek Ground Control Step Show@ Connally High School Performance Hall 7:11 p.m.</p> <p>TEXAS RELAYS AUSTIN</p> <p><b>16th:</b> SPRINGFEST: Stepshow and After-party@ Baby Dome 8 p.m.</p>

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## The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
HONORS STUDENTS!!



You must have had a grade of 'C' (OR 'S') or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for summer or fall 2005. Developmental Classes in the 200 level are NOT the final class in the sequence for most students. Check out the following URL: <http://calendar.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP/THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

### Congratulations to UC's Mid-Term Academic Stars:

Demetrius Blacklock, Aaron James, Jeremy Jemerson, Demarcus Mitchell, Sean Mitchell, Osagie Okpamen, Louis Scott, Jr., Marlon Smith, Todd Carlton, John Aguste, Glen Cason, Arthur Fields, Albert Robinson, Dewitt Salter, Stephen Starks, Anthony Trigg, Roderick Wordlaw. Watch this space for more Stars!!

Congratulations to the UCBA Winners!! The gym was packed for the final round of the UCBA. In front of a very enthusiastic audience:

Building #44 took the honors for female UC halls  
Building #45 took the honors for male UC halls (2<sup>nd</sup> year for #45)

UC Freshmen: See your PA about pre-registration ASAP!!

## NOTICE!

All Recognized Student Organizations

Must submit

The End of the Year Report

&

Fall Registration, Part I

Tuesday, May 31, 2005 @ 5:00 PM

Dept. of Student Activities & Leadership

MSC, RM 221



Forms available on-line:

[www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities](http://www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities)



## Do You Want to be a PAL?

2005 Student Leadership Institute Applications  
Friday, April 8, 2005

Department of Student Activities & Leadership  
Memorial Student Center, RM 221 or  
[www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities](http://www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities) "Forms"

# TONIGHT

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# NEW MEMBERSHIP SHOWCASE

# PROBATE

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Wednesday, April 6, 2005

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# TONIGHT