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36th Miss Prairie View captures the essence of a Pantherland woman

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

The 36th annual Miss Prairie View pageant was held last Tuesday in the MSC auditorium.

Six beautiful ladies competed for the title. They were senior Lameka Yvette, senior Corlis Henderson, sophomore Cortney Davis, senior Ashley Shaw, sophomore Johanna Thomas, and junior Brandy Byers. By the end of the night only one could be crowned and succeed Christie Cummings as the new Miss Prairie View, and that elegant lady was Brandy Byers.

Byers was also awarded a plaque for her performance in the talent competition. She mesmerized the audience and displayed her thespian attributes in the talent portion as she performed an original skit.

The first runner-up was Davis, and the second runner-up was Thomas. Davis also received an award for the private interviews.

The pageant was divided into four segments, which were swim wear, talent, formal wear, and question & answer.

Although she didn't win, Henderson garnered awards for her swim and formal wear, which showed she is a woman with an extraordinary sense of fashion. In the swim wear competition she wowed the crowd with a gorgeous blue one-piece swimsuit and she chose a white evening gown for her formal wear.

Desoto native and biology major Shaw earned an award for the most advertisements sold.

The pageant was a great success and shows truly that hard work and experience do pay off in the end.

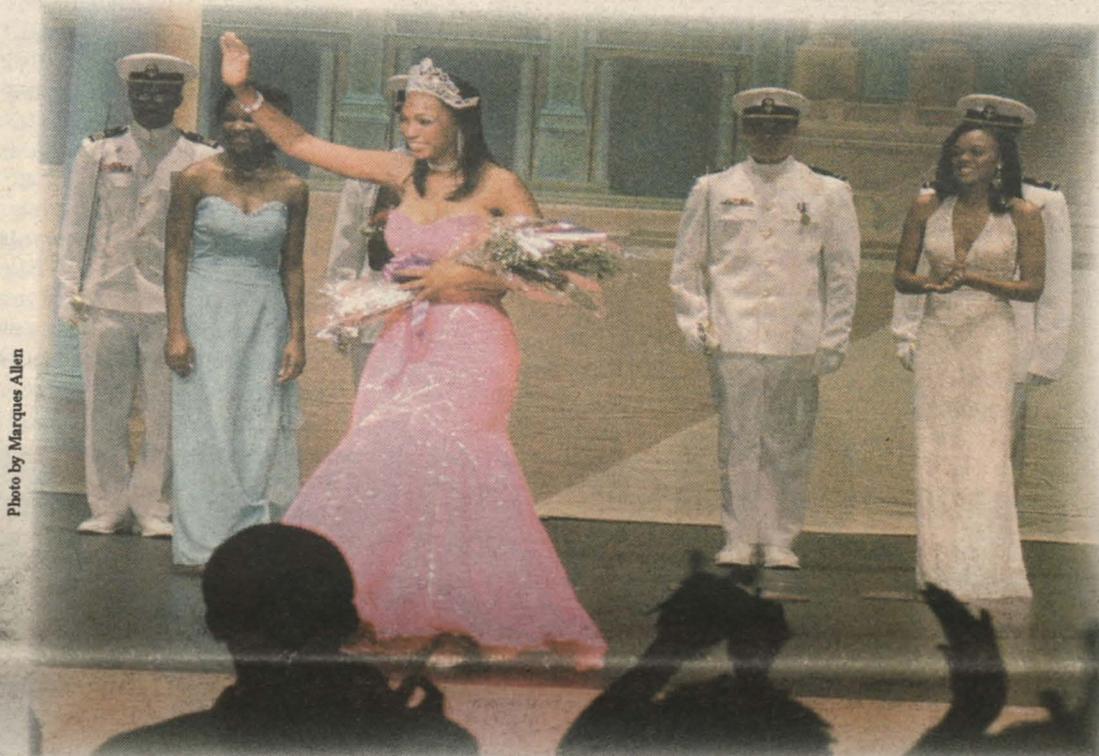


Photo by Marcus Allen

Brandy Byers is overcome by emotion after being crowned Miss Prairie View 2005-2006.

Bringing it back
The return of the PV Choice Awards after 11-year hiatus



Dr. James Jones accepts award for best male faculty.



Orok Orok and Ms. Pat present the award for best male administrator.



Mr. and Miss Prairie View 2005-2006.

Photos courtesy Pantherland Staff

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"A night with Africa's Finest Queens"

Omega Psi Phi crown first Miss Twenty Pearls

By **Katriska Cotton**
Panther Staff

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted their "Miss Twenty Pearls Scholarship Pageant on Monday, April 26, 2005. The event was held in the Memorial Student Center Auditorium at 7:11p.m.

"A Night With African's Finest Queens" were the nine lovely ladies competing in the pageant by the names of Beverly Unegbu, Alexandra Scott, Carlisa Goudeau, Onita Brown, Syreeta Archie, Keona Monette, Alesha Russell, Britney Jackson, and Angela Moore.

Master and Mistress of Ceremony were Damyion Massey and Dineta Duplechine who started the pageant introducing the ladies moving to African Culture music.

As the contestants strutted across the stage in their solid colorful swimwear, they held their heads up high with big beautiful smiles. Then it was the talent portion where Unegbu danced so gracefully to "My Daddy" by Beyonce. Scott twirled to "Can you Keep Up" by Destiny's Child as to Goudeau said a poem called "There are No Weak Women Here."

Singing "Caged Bird" by Alicia Keys was Brown. Archie blew the crowd away as she sang "Summertime" by Fantasia. Monette moved the audience by reciting a poem

"I'm a Woman and dancing. "Greatest Love of All" sung by Russell soothed the crowd.

Jackson then recited a monolog and Moore twirled and danced. It was then time for the formal wear. The young ladies had on their beautiful long ball dresses, gowns, and sparkling jewelry as they walked the stage so gracefully. As they showed off their dresses, all contestants answered the questions posed to them with integrity and honesty. Massey and Duplechine then announced the winners of Ms. Congenial-

ity and Most Ads Sold. Carlisa Goudeau won Most Ads Sold and the two winners for Ms. Congeniality were Keona Monette and Alexandra Scott. Then it was the moment they were all waiting for; who would be Miss Twenty Pearls?

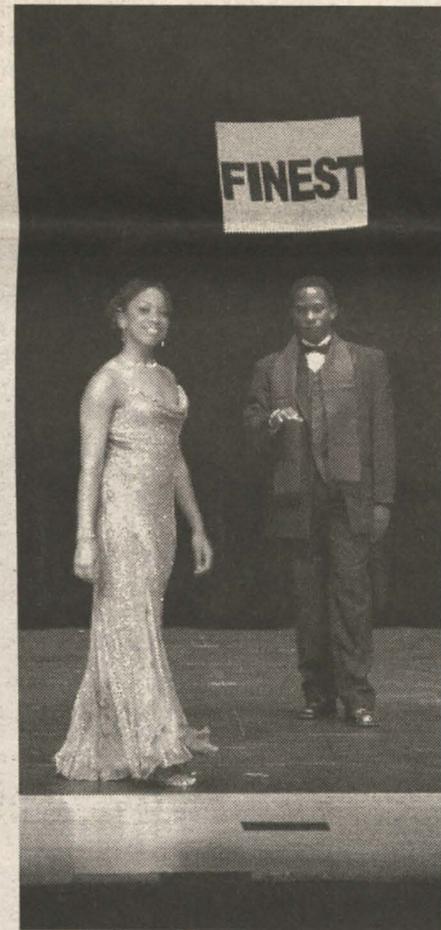
Smiles and nervousness were evident as the 2nd runner up Syreeta Archie was announced. 1st runner up was Alexandra Scott with the title of "Miss Gold." Tears of joy ran down Carlisa Goudeaus' face as she was crowned Miss Twenty Pearls.



2nd runner up Syreeta Archie carried out by Omega Psi Phi.



Carlisa Goudeau is crowned Miss Twenty Pearls 2005-2006.



1st runner-up, "Miss Gold," Alexandra Scott poses in her evening wear.

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PV Weather

April 27-May 3



Wednesday
Sunny
High: 83°
Low: 63°



Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 87°
Low: 67°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83°
Low: 60°



Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82°
Low: 62°



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 86°
Low: 68°



Saturday
T-Storms
High: 88°
Low: 62°



Tuesday
T-Storms
High: 81°
Low: 65°

PV SIFE team wins regional award Places 2nd at annual expo and career fair

By **Jamaur Barnes**
Panther Staff

The Students in Free Enterprise Team (SIFE) at Prairie View A&M University recently received second place honors at its annual Expo and Career Fair held April 10-11 in Dallas, Texas. The team, led by Deviyon Gillian, president, competed in League 7 which included the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M International University at Laredo, University of Texas-Pan American at Edinburg and Emporia State of Kansas.

At the awards program the team was named second runner-up, behind Texas A&M international. The University of Texas at Austin and Pan American advanced to the Finals to be held in Kansas City, Missouri in May. The Prairie View Team

earned high marks for its Business Ethics, Music Business Seminar and Changing the World Talent Contest.

The team included Korey Adams, Terry Cossey, Harold Franklin, Jr., Deviyon Gillian, Byron Greer, Monique Holloway, Bethany James, Crystal Lofton, Tameka Mason, Preston Perry, Blake Robeson, Gregory Rose, Marvin Shankle, Brandon Shelby, Gabriel Slack and Lynn Smith. Mrs. Lee Thomas-Gillian of the Career Outreach Center and yours truly, Frederick V. Roberts accompanied the team to Dallas.

Regional champions named at 25 competitions held around the country will present their projects at the 2005 SIFE USA National Exposition, hosted by the Kansas City business community, May 22-25 in Missouri.

The national champion in the four-year division will travel to Toronto, Canada October 5-7 to compete at SIFE World Cup 2005.

The team sponsored its Talent Showcase III and Music Business Seminar on April 23.

Winners of the show were Gary Hill for Spoken Word, Krystle Walker for Vocal and the overall winner of the contest. The event was a very important activity for the rising talent on the campus. Troy Charleston and Monique Holloway were the hosts. Terran Boyd, Brandon Shelby and Deviyon Gillian were the directors. The team looks forward to a bigger and better program in Fall 2005.

The year has been rewarding for the SIFE Team which looks forward to a more productive and eventful 2005.

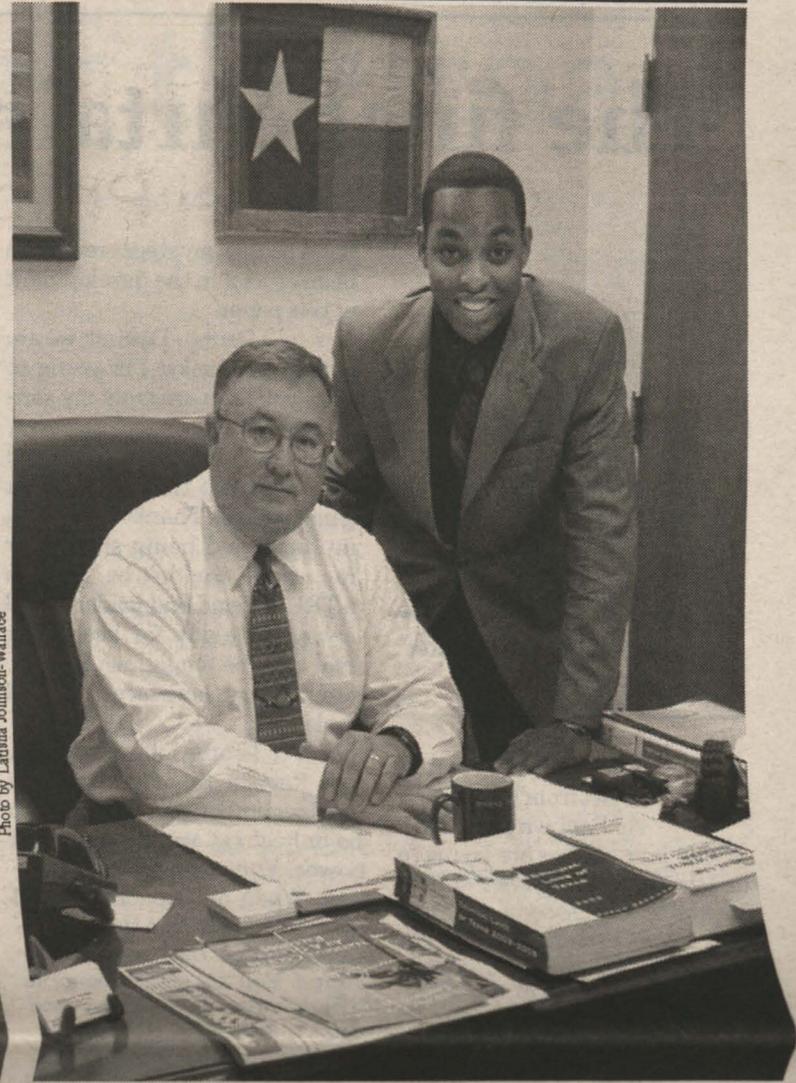


Photo by Latisha Johnson-Wallace

District Attorney Bill Parham and intern Robert Holden, a current PV criminal justice major.

Working well with the D.A

By **Latisha Johnson-Wallace**
Panther Staff

Senior criminal justice major Robert Holden has served as an intern for the district attorney's office in Hempstead for the past five months, an internship with a 200 hour requirement.

Holden, a native of Beaumont, Texas said he wants to one day attend law school and seeks to be a D.A one day.

Holden stated that through his internship, where he works closely with District Attorney Bill Parham, he has gotten insight into the judicial process. "As far as being able to monitor cases from beginning to end, all criminal and civil cases," he said, "it has helped me cultivate my professional skills as a young career oriented person."

Parham, a native of Orlando, Florida, has held the office of District Attorney in Hempstead since January 1st of this year. Parham, who was previously a prosecutor, spent four

years in Washington County as a county assistant, and ten years as a criminal defense lawyer, said that he seeks individuals who are professional to hold an internship at the D.A office.

District attorneys are responsible for prosecution of all criminal cases in the county, and handle all civil business as well.

Holden daily works with various types of cases, from case research, and helping other attorneys, almost everything except grand jury cases.

Students interested in an internship with the Waller County District Attorney's office are urged to simply apply. Parham said he prefers students who have a computer background to enable them to do case research, and a willingness to work, with a reliable work ethic.

Holden said "working at the district attorney's office is both fun and hard work, but a great experience."



Photo credit Frederick Roberts

2005 SIFE team won second place at regional expo.

College of Business hosts third annual recognition ceremony

By **Jamaur Barnes**
Panther Staff

On Wednesday, April 20th at 3:00 p.m., the College of Business gave its third annual award recognition ceremony.

The focus of the program was to give special recognition to the outstanding efforts of faculty, as well as those efforts of students in the college with outstanding educational achievements.

In addition, students who received scholarships from corporate companies, as well

as the companies giving those scholarships were honored.

Every year the department and its corporate sponsors award thousands of dollars in scholarships to students of the College of Business.

"We love our students and their achievements, and we are always so excited to have this program to show them our appreciation.

We are so very proud of all of the scholarships and we, along with our annual corporate sponsors, are happy to pay tribute to the students," said recruitment and development advisor, Kim-

berly Gordon.

Among those annual supporters were Boeing Aviation Company-who is this year's corporate partner of the year, Hewitt and Associates-who gave enough money for eight students to further their education this year, Conoco Phillips-who gave the most scholarships, and the program's newest supporter, Lockheed Martin.

The department not only honored faculty and students, but it also gave special attention to an esteemed alumni of the College of Business, Jamie House.

April 27, 2005

The final curtain call...



By **Christina M. Johnson**
Editor in Chief

This is the final curtain call. Let's start from the end...

As I am writing this, it is 7:10 p.m. and we are laying to bed the final issue of *The Panther* for the 2004-2005 academic year. As of tomorrow, around this time, I will have relinquished my duties as editor in chief of this publication. For two years, *Denise and I have done our best to be positive representatives and a voice for the students. But now, as the curtains are closing on this journey, it's time to find a new role to take on.*

On this stage, this journey, I have had some good and bad moments, but overall I've been truly blessed to encounter and work with some of the most incredible people God has put on earth. Despite the fact that our staff has had more line-up changes than Destiny's Child,

these people, my stage crew, have been crucial in the development of this paper.

Denise- Damn it, we are some bad chicks! I'm going to miss you. You are truly my sanity when it comes to this paper. We started out as amateurs and now we have this journalism game on lock. Thanks for having my back and being strong for me when I couldn't be. You are a TRUE friend and leader. I will always love you for keeping it real and the tough love lessons. Stay strong Gameface- you will make it.

Leona- Little Napoleon. The Keebler Elf. The corporate ladder climber. For someone to be only 4' 11," you pack a lot of power. You are a true inspiration. When most people would have given up after the experiences you've had, you never faltered. You are a true example of the words perseverance and strength. Although you didn't finish out with us, you are still an influence in this office. Thanks for keeping me in good spirits and your never ending house parties. You are my big sis and I love you.

Dustin a.k.a. Prince Akbar- My brother, I see greatness in you. Thanks for being someone I could confide in and vent with. I know this thing called life is a struggle sometimes but we come from a strong line of survivors. We are the brightest and the best.

Keep in touch so I'll know where God and life leads you.

NiRoshia- I know you are reading this at UNT. Even though you're gone, you will always be a part of the original fabulous four. Denise, Leona, and I miss you. The show hasn't been the same without you. You are a diva... see you in the big time!

Raquel- Thanks for stepping up to the plate when you were needed. Decisions were made, and despite whether they were wrong or right, I can't change them. I sincerely thank you for your hard work.

To the newest members of Pi Phi Sigma, where everybody is paper, The Misunderstood: Nneka (Somethin' Serious)- welcome to my world! I have no doubt that you will take this paper to greater heights. Please take care of my "baby." It will get hard, you will have haters, and people will always find a reason to complain, but "dust the dirt off ya shoulders" and keep stepping. Latisha (Choppa)- I see a lot of me in you. I thought you were quiet but you fooled us big time. You will be great. I've enjoyed belting out the oldies with you and our Tuesday runs to Popeyes for the 2 pieces. Rashad (Co'mon Short)- I've enjoyed watching you mature this year (Baton Rouge, baby, I see ya!). I know

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Purple & Gold Poll

What are your plans for dead week?



"WORK!"
Cristina Lee
Graduate Student
Community Development



"Study, plead with teachers to pass me, and find a job."

Jack Phillips
Junior
Music Education



"Study, prepare for the summer."

Kendi Graham
Sophomore
Communications

By Katie Morrisette

Handwritings On The Wall

"They say we are descendants of kings and queens, yet call us fools cuz' we like to bling-bling."

Name Withheld

What's your motto to live by?

Email your
"Handwriting on the Wall"
to panther@pvamu.edu

F.A.S. spotlight



Rita Clay

Position: Dish operator in MSC
Hometown: Galveston, Texas
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Music: Isley Brothers
Favorite Book: Anything related to our culture
Advice for freshmen: Live life, you only have one to live
Advice for seniors: Go forward with your career



S.G.A. Speaks Out

A year has ended and unfortunately it is time to say good-bye to my fellow Panthers. I would like to thank all of the students who participated in the Student Government Association this year, especially my vice president Tracie Calloway. Without Tracie SGA would not have accomplished anything this year.

I hope everyone had a great time at the PV Choice Awards, and congrats to all winners and nominees. It is my prayer that all my fellow Panthers have a blessed and prosperous summer. To all the graduating seniors, do not forget to give back to a university that has given so much to you.

"It's so hard to say good-bye to yesterday."
- BoysIIMen

April 27, 2005

The Panther

Holla atcha girl! End of the road



By Denise Cohen
Managing Editor

Man, I have been waiting to write this for years.... no really years. Okay as you've known, Christina and I have taken *The Panther* to the highest of heights and have strengthened it to be one of the strongest HBCU newspapers around. We have given the paper a different look, more pages, and better graphics and pictures. Our circulation has even increased by 1,000... damn we're good!

But now it is time to pass it on to the next group. I trust that they will continue to mold the paper just as we've done and to continually bring it to the next level and turn, reaching ultimate greatness.

Christina, man wasn't this fun (well, most of the time). I feel that we are the definition of a team. I mean who else can sit next to you every other week and get the 20 questions speech from Simmons? Everything that we set out to do years ago we've accomplished. Once you make your big journalistic leap and own your own publication you know your M.E. will be there to hold it down and watch your back.

To the L&H and A&E editors you guys have all brought your own flavor to the paper. NiRoshia, my L.S. you know I'm holding your spot down in Houston until you get back. Raquel, it was fun having you on the staff, you had me rolling every Tuesday, "Don't do me!" Alanna, you have some very big shoes to fill (literally) and I know you will step up to the challenge. We picked you for a reason, because we know you can handle it. You'll receive your share of flack for the questions but just brush the dirt off your shoulders and do you.

Our sports editors are in

a league of their own (no pun intended). Leona, congratulations on all of your accomplishments especially coming back the way you did, most couldn't do that but with a healthy dose of burnt corn dogs and Hamburger Helper anything is possible. Dustin, you have the power to captivate a room. You are one smart cookie, all the best. Rashad, you are the best! I love how you can soak up information like a sponge and then make it happen on the pages. I honestly feel you are the best sports editor we've had both creatively and journalistically.

Latisha, you won't be quite like M.E. (no one ever will) but you will still bear the same responsibilities. Make sure that you always go with your gut and make the proper journalistic decisions needed to make this publication continue to flourish. Your wit and talent will take you far, you can bet.

Nneka, we thought we would have to run the Panther forever until you came along. You have definitely eased my mind about making you the next EIC. I know you are more than capable of taking on this task and it makes me feel good that you have already exceeded our expectations. It was fun getting to know you in the boot, and sharing McDonalds every Tuesday. Good luck Nneka, you're going to need it.

Marques, O (in the morning), Kristina, Kayla, Nigh, and Smith, thank you, thank you, thank you. All of the fussing and arguments I have had with you all over the paper it was all to build you up for my departure. I'm confident you guys have it under control. Oh, and a word to the wise, feed Smith hot wings twice a month and he should be good.

To my family in Denver and Jr., I love you, to my frat and sorors STOOPI PHI for life no matter what. Last year I forgot to thank my cousin Tiffany, my best friend in the whole wide world, so I'm slipping her in now. If I forgot anyone else my sincerest apologies. Finally, I thank everyone who continues to read *The Panther* every Wednesday. I appreciate it. Pi Phi Sigma, "Where everyone is paper!"



By Leona Aaron
Panther Staff

"Although we have come to the end of the road"

These are the lyrics of a song by Boys II Men "End of the Road." These 4 and a half years have been interesting. I have gained so many friends along the way. I feel like I am having deja vu. Just yesterday I graduated from high school and departed from my friends; now I am repeating the cycle in college. It is no more I see you in the fall because you are graduating. To my parents, Clifford & Alberta Aaron. "Thank you" because you are truly an inspiration. Mom I love you because you gave me life and introduced me to God. You taught me to trust in him and will direct my path in life. Dad, you taught me about the world and life's struggles I will face while entering. You gave me knowledge

with your wisdom about historical facts.

To my sister Geneva there are no words that can describe the love I have for you. You brought into the world a baby girl in 1992 and now she has blossomed into a beautiful young lady. I love you Alexis!! To Rook (Christina) & Denise, we have climbed that "corporate ladder" together on the newspaper staff. We went from interns to editors in one semester. We set our goals for the newspaper and conquered them all. Rook you are little sis, I watched you grow up the past couple years, into an outspoken young lady. I hope you reach every dream you set for yourself and I hope one day that I will see you on the real "red carpet" for best film. Denise, roommate for the summer, we laughed at burned corn dogs and crazy preachers. I wish you the best.

To the upcoming staff of the newspaper, Nneka, Rashad, Otis, Latisha, Alanna, Marques, and anyone else I left out: I leave you with the inspiration to take what Rook, Denise, and I set out for you and take it to the next level. You guys can excel at whatever you set your mind to do. I want you to set the tone and excel above what we accomplished and attribute your own success for the next crew of journalists. To my closest friends on the yard, Kimika and Ashland, we finally made it!! It seems like yesterday

we were laughing about the haunted house we visited on Halloween and how scared we were. I wish the best of luck in the future to both of you and we will always have the "Haunted Mansion."

To Mr. Smith "Smithers" I am so glad you have been in my corner. Mr. Smith, there are not many teachers that go to the length you do for us. You care about the well being of all your students and that is rare. You are the "Godfather" I never had. There is never a dull day in the office with you. Thank You so much for everything you have done for me.

To my residents of building 37, I leave you with the knowledge of knowing me "Ms. A." I am just playing, you guys have taught me so much through the course of the year and I am glad that I was able to know each and every one of you. I hope each of you will be successful at whatever you want to do. To Ms. Green I thank you for wisdom you have shared with me, I truly appreciate everything you have helped me with this year. To Ms. Grice "Superman" I am glad that I was able to get to know you throughout this year and I hope you achieve every goal you set for yourself.

I love you guys and will miss all of you. Holla!

The Panther newspaper staff has enjoyed serving you during the 2004-2005 school year. Thanks for your support!

Have a great summer!

The editors, staff, and writers

PV Choice Award Winners 2005

Female Vocalist Roenia Thompson	Junior Anthony Buggs
Male Vocalist J.Stone	Senior Nigel Redmond
Freestyle Artist Shakela (Ke-Ke) Sheilds	Dean Dean Charles Lewter
Organizations Alpha Phi Alpha	Campus Leader Orok Orok
Honor Society Tri Beta	U.C Bldgs. 39
Female Administrator Lettie Raab	Pan Fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha
Female Athlete Jamie Young	Pan Sorority Delta Sigma Theta
Club NAACP	CSO Fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi
Male Administrator Dean Charles Lewter	CSO Sorority Tau Beta Sigma
Male Faculty Dr. James Jones	Fine Arts Marching Storm
Female Faculty Dr. Harriette Lee-Block	Female Staff Ms. Pat
Freshman Terrence Cowherd	Male Staff Orok Orok
Sophomore LaShawn Chambers	Best Dressed Delvon "Chanel"
	Male Athlete Michael Miller

Photo credit: Pantherland Staff



Prairie View A&M mimes perform at Monday's PV Choice Awards show

Back to Basics recognizes students for professional dress

Ashley Aclese, Jessica Buford, Brian Waters, Natalie Combs, Akeem Adelagun, Adebowale Adejuno, Bristol Mayo, Erika Green, James Black, Vanessa Neal, Oludayo Olusanya, Dion Edon Jr., Nigel Redmond, Lenora McBayne-Ortega, Sharon S. Swaby, and Courtney Smith

Final from page 4

this for a fact-you are the best sports editor we've ever had. You have real talent-don't let it go to waste. Alanna (Questions)- you are about to be in for the ride of your life. Do not let these people get to you about 20 Questions! You have some big shoes to fill but you will do fine. Plus, you're from the metroplex, you'll be alright.

To Dr. Price, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Department of Student Activities: Thank you for letting me serve in the capacity of editor in chief. It has truly been a pleasure working with you guys.

My mom, Antoinette: you have no idea how much I value and love you. You know me better than I know myself. At times, I know I can be stubborn and hardheaded but thanks for loving and supporting me regardless of what I do. You never complain- you just do what you have to do. Thanks.

John a.k.a. 'Pops':

thanks for your support and encouragement. You are a blessing to us. Love ya!

My little sister, Monica: I am so proud of you! You've come a long way but you're still growing. Thanks for always having my back. I know we don't always see eye to eye but blood is thicker than water- we're all we got. I love you and continue to "do it big."

To the second greatest man to ever walk this earth (Jesus will always be #1), my late grandfather, Austin Salter Sr.- you have no idea how much your presence is missed. I know that you are watching over the family and me from heaven. Rest in peace.

To my Granny and Granddad Johnson- I love you guys so much. Thanks for keeping my newspapers and bragging about me. Thanks to my entire family, especially my Uncle Rodney, for your love and en-

couragement.

To Judea Baptist Church, Palestine Herald Press, Verneice Scales, The New York Times Institute, The Associated Press, Serbino Sandifer Walker and HABJ, and my fellow HBCU newspaper comrades: Thanks for supporting and offering me opportunities I never could have experienced on my own. You guys have opened my eyes to a whole new world of possibilities.

To my girlfriends for life who have been there for me since our days in the UC, Four-Tre: Carmen, Dana, and Erica-UPN has nothing on us! Carmen-my best friend, I love you. We've grown from being scared little girls entering college to grown independent women. I'm so proud of you! Dana Bana- what are you saying?! Thanks for entertaining my nonsense and remember N.A.S. You sho' right! Erica- thanks for the deep conversations on life, love, and

happiness. You know it's been a hard semester for me but thanks for the encouragement. You are the greatest.

To my crew Rashida, Shirona, Natalie, Ashley, Robyn, Donna, and Mayko-they're not ready for us! Thanks for having a sista's back. I love you guys!

To the only two guys I will ever call my brothers, Marques and Aaron- you truly have been my family since I've been here. You guys have seen me through all the good and bad times. I love you dearly.

Otis (Huh?): I owe you. Thanks for all your help. You have truly matured and I'm proud of you for standing on your own. You still have a long way to go... but you're good at what you do. Remember that!

Kayla and Jerrell: I am so happy we are friends. You guys are truly a Godsend. I'll miss our "family" dinners and conversations. Jerrell, I am not making

any more chocolate cakes! K- whenever you're ready to start that business, holla at me!

Starr and Valley: You guys are a trip! Starr- you are the first of our group to settle down, somewhat. I'm proud of you. I'm waiting on the wedding invite. Valley- I can't wait to play "auntie" to the baby. You know I got your back. Keep your head up!

Mr. Smith: Some teachers wouldn't go above and beyond the call of duty for their students but you do. You are the greatest. Thanks for having faith and believing in me all these years. You are the best!

Last, but not least to Prairie View: Thanks for giving me some of the best moments, opportunities, and experiences of my life. You have truly been my foundation. The education I have received here will help me fulfill my wildest dreams. Thanks.

The curtains closed.
It's been real...
Peace.

Bears edge Panthers in close loss

Panther News Service

Josh Ford went 3-for-4 with a home run as No. 8 Baylor rallied to defeat Prairie View A&M 4-3 Wednesday night at Baylor Ballpark. This was the first-ever meeting between Baylor (26-14) and Prairie View A&M (25-22) in baseball.

Prairie View A&M led 2-1 entering the bottom of the fifth. Michael Griffin led off with a double down the line in left, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Kyle Reynolds sacrifice fly. In the sixth, the Bears took the lead with a run on two hits. Mike Pankratz led off with a double to right-center and then scored on a

Kevin Seigny single to right.

Baylor added an insurance run in the seventh on a Zach Dillon first-and-third bunt single that scored Reynolds, who walked to lead off the inning. That run proved to be the difference as Jabari Wimbs doubled to lead off the top of the ninth and later scored on a Marcus Crockett groundout.

After hitting the next batter, Baylor reliever Tyler Bullock got Anton Daley to ground out to shortstop Paul Witt, ending the rally and notching his first save of the season.

Freshman right-hander Randall Linebaugh, the third of four Baylor pitchers on the night, earned the victory.

for the Bears but lasted only 2.2 innings; he allowed one run on one hit and walked three with two strikeouts. Andy Pape pitched the next 1.1 innings and was touched for one run on two hits and three walks with one strikeout.

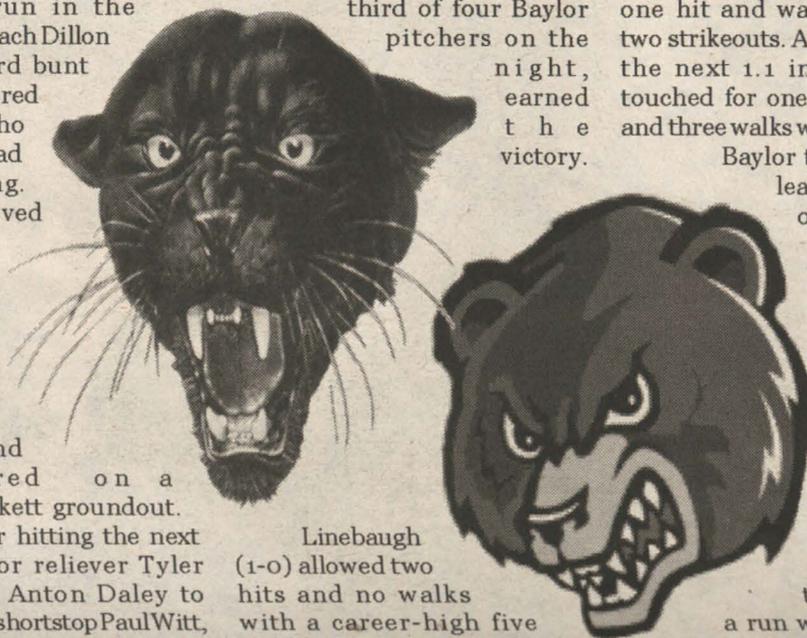
Baylor took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first as Josh Ford ripped a 2-1 Terry Salter offering over the wall just to the left of the batter's eye in center for his fifth home run of the season.

That lead stood until the third when the Panthers scored a run without the benefit of a hit. After Walker hit Anthony Dickson and walked

Crockett with two outs, Pape issued walks to the first two batters he faced to score a run. Prairie View A&M took a 2-1 lead in the fourth as Bryan Gonzalez doubled down the line in right and later scored on a Dickson RBI single.

Joshua Terrell (3-3) suffered the loss for the Panthers, allowing one run on two hits in 1.0 innings of relief. The Panthers used four pitchers on the night and each allowed one run.

Kevin Seigny matched Ford's night, also going 3-for-4 with an RBI and a double. Griffin extended his hitting streak to five games.



Linebaugh (1-0) allowed two hits and no walks with a career-high five strikeouts in 4.0 scoreless innings. Sean Walker started

Ash among best in NCAA softball

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

Lady Panther softball team center fielder Rosaline Ash currently ranks 27th in the NCAA statistics in the toughest to strike out category. Ash has recorded 128 plate appearances, striking out just six times for a 21.3 percent average. Ash, a three-year starter for the Lady Panthers, has contributed much both on and off the field.

"Rosaline is an extremely unselfish player that has the versatility to play infield or outfield," said head

coach Raymond Burgess. "As a senior, she has shown great leadership, and that rubs off on our younger players."

Ash currently ranks in the top four in the Southwestern Athletic Conference in four categories. She is first in hits with 52, first in runs scored with 39, tied for first place in triples with four and ranks third in total bases.

"The type of numbers Rosaline is putting up really doesn't surprise me," said Burgess. "She has taken her game to another level and she has set her personal goals aside for the betterment of our team."

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April 27, 2005

Junior college transfers lead Panthers on the diamond

Panther News Service

After the loss of three players to the 2004 Major League Baseball first-year draft, one wouldn't expect Prairie View A&M's baseball program to be in contention for the Southwestern Athletic Conference title. It appeared that third-year head baseball coach Michael Robertson would have some huge shoes to fill prior to the start of the 2005 campaign.

While most coaching staffs scratch their heads and try to figure out how to replace a talented bunch, the Panther baseball program simply reloaded and hasn't missed a beat. A pair of newcomers, junior outfielder Anton Daley and sophomore pitcher Matthew Chase, are playing key roles in helping the Panthers achieve their first postseason berth in more than three decades.

A 6-1, 200 pound junior from Boston, Mass. by way of Western Oklahoma State College, Daley is blessed with a rare combination of major league speed and power. An all-around threat for the Panthers, he leads the SWAC with 12 homers and is first in slugging percentage (.766) and total bases (95). He's also third in the conference with 44 RBIs, eighth in hits (42) and sixth in doubles (11). One of the team's fastest players, Daley also has 13 stolen bases and has scored 44 runs on the season, which is good enough for third in the SWAC.

"Anton's biggest asset is his legitimate major league baseball speed," said Robertson. "He runs a consistent 6.4 in the 60-yard dash and the benchmark for major league speed is 6.8, which is something many kids don't have. Against Arkansas-Pine Bluff in our last home series, he reached base on a single, stole second and raced home to score the game-winning run."

Daley, a criminal justice major, has had several games this past season that has raised some eyebrows across the country. During the second game of a doubleheader against Jackson State on Feb. 12, Daley recorded three hits, three home runs, scored four runs and finished with seven RBIs. On March 18 against Northeastern, his hometown school, Daley drove in seven RBIs, scored three runs and had four hits. For his efforts against Northeastern, Daley was

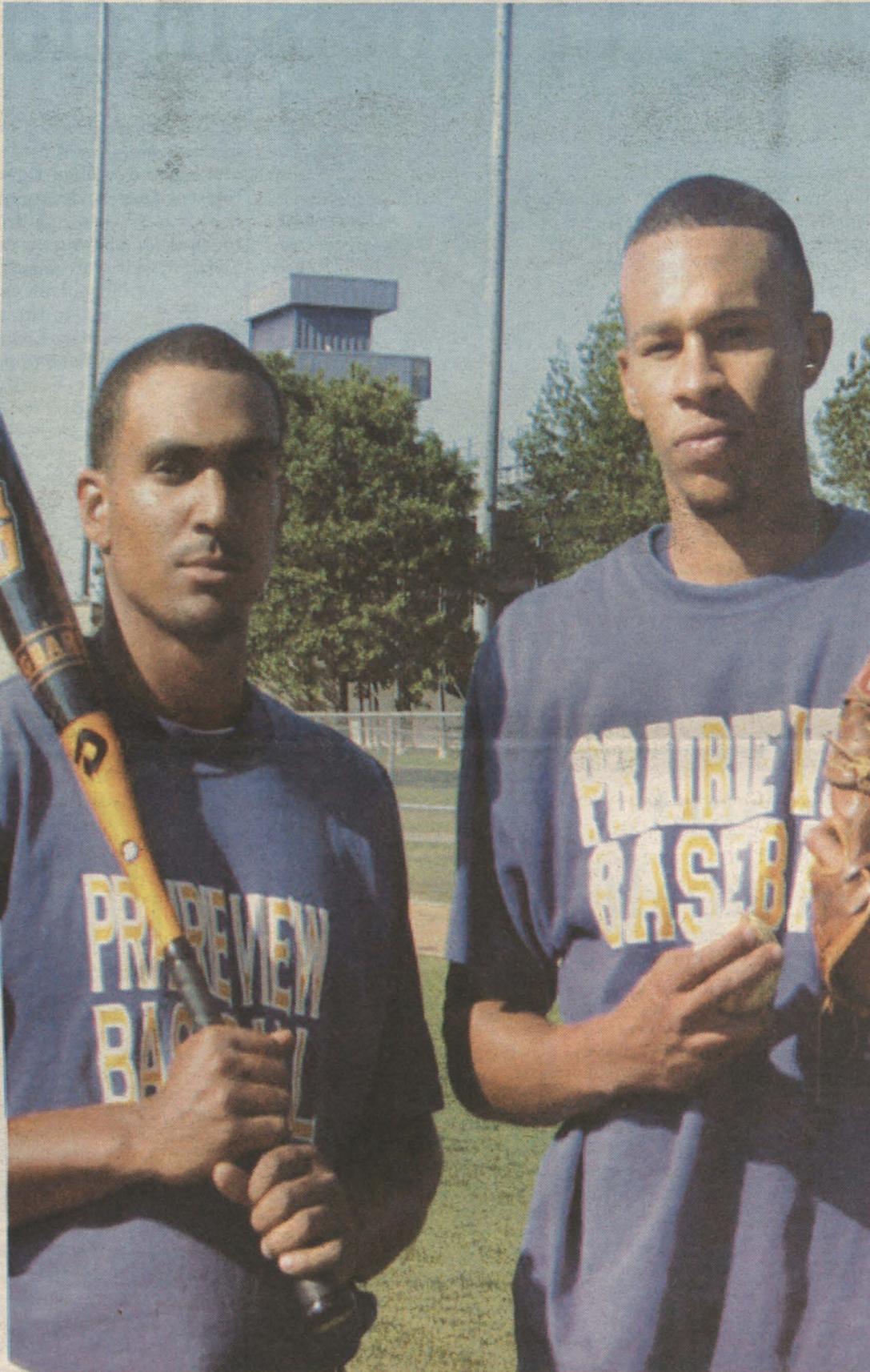


Photo by Rashad H. Morgan

Junior college transfers, outfielder Anton Daley (left) and pitcher, Matthew Chase (right) have been great contributions for the baseball team by helping the Panthers lead the SWAC conference.

selected as the SWAC Player of the Week for the week of March 24.

Daley's play on the field has been quite a surprise for the Panther coaching staff. Outside of his junior college statistics, Robertson knew very little about Daley prior to his arrival at Prairie View.

"We brought him

down for a recruiting visit and we were impressed with his maturity and leadership ability," Robertson said. "Once he got on campus, he fell in love with the Prairie View environment and academic programs the school has to offer.

What we saw then has carried over to the field and it

has paid off."

A native of Dallas, Texas, Chase spent one year at Weatherford College before arriving at Prairie View. He has emerged as the team's number two starter and teamed with freshman Wrandal Taylor to give the Panthers a solid 1-2 combination. Standing 6-5 with a fastball that's consistently in

the high 80s, Chase has played a big part in the resurgence of the Panthers' pitching staff.

"Matt could be a power pitcher with continued development," said Robertson. "He is still growing and has a very loose arm. He has three pitches (fastball, curve ball and slider) that can cause opposing teams trouble."

Chase leads the SWAC with a 2.63 ERA and is tied for second in the conference with six wins. He has struck out 41 batters for an average of 7.19 batters per game. Chase has pitched five complete games on the season and has held opposing batters to a .256 batting average. His best game of the season occurred on Feb. 27 against arch rival Texas Southern.

Against TSU, Chase struck out six, allowed only two hits and pitched a complete game shutout.

"When Matt is on, he is hard to stop," said Robertson. "He has pitched four complete games for us and has good command of his pitches."

Unlike Daley, Robertson and his staff knew about Chase while he was still in high school.

"We recruited Matt while he was still in high school," stated Robertson. "He opted to attend junior college for a year before coming to Prairie View. "But I have to also give credit to one of Prairie View's former players and graduate Ron Stinnet for making Matt's arrival possible," added Robertson. "Matt played summer league baseball on Ron's team and he also provided him with pitching lessons. He helped sell Matt on the Prairie View experience."

With the success both players are having in addition to the program's overall success, Robertson is aware that he may not have the opportunity to coach both players for the duration of their careers. Robertson also stated that the opportunity to be drafted was one of the biggest reasons both players chose Prairie View.

"Daley's versatility gives him a legitimate chance at being drafted," said Robertson. "With his speed and power, scouts will have to take notice.

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Panther freshmen make big contribution

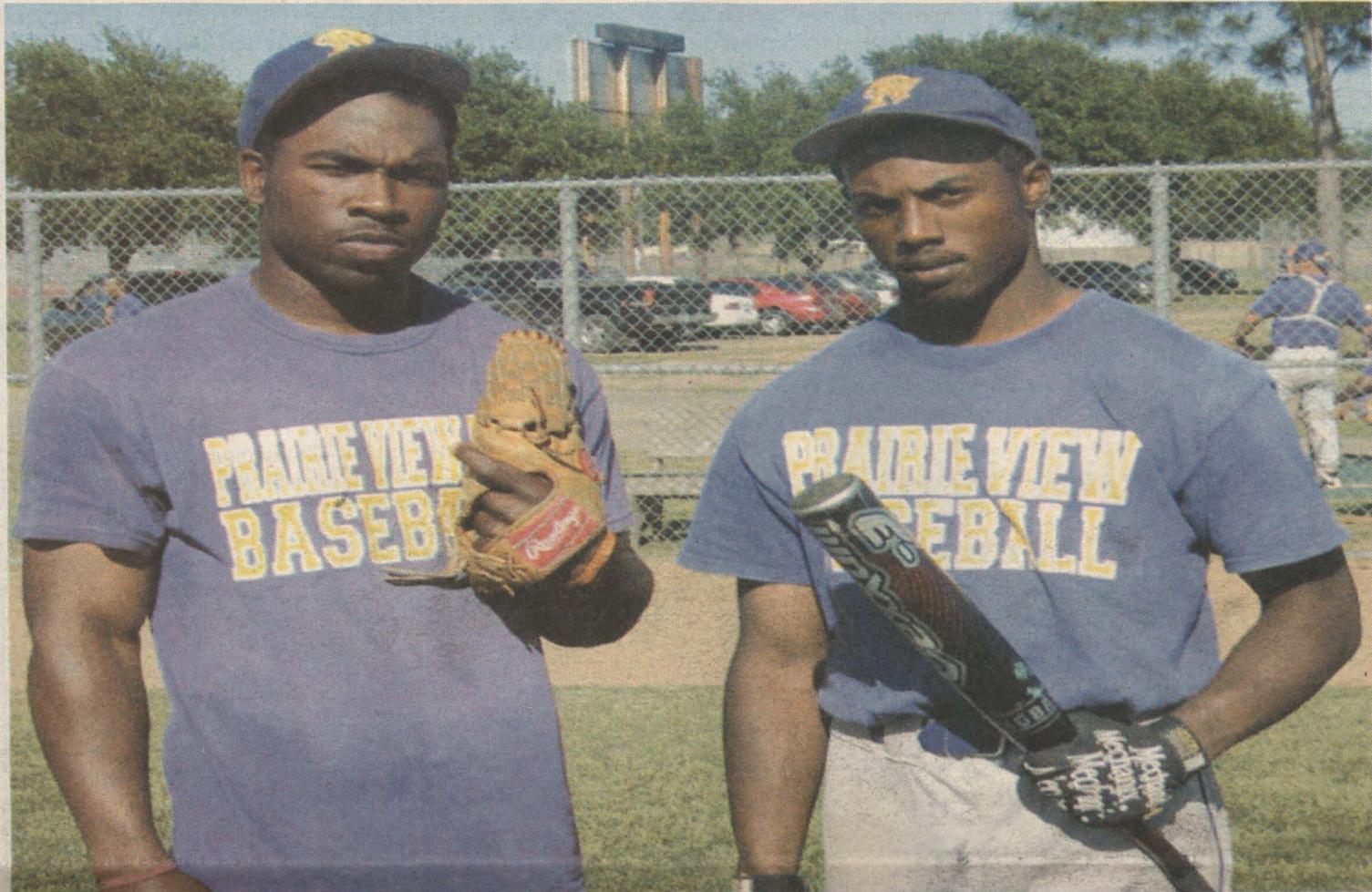


Photo by Rashad H. Morgan

Freshmen Wrandal Taylor (left) and Marcus Crockett (right) have immediately contributed to the Panther baseball team this season.

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

This season the Panther baseball program has received some significant contributions from two freshmen players. Wrandal Taylor and Marcus Crockett have helped the Panthers become one of the elite teams in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

A 5-10, 190-pound pitcher from Beaumont, Texas, Taylor's season was highlighted on February 4 when he threw five innings, allowing only two hits, one run, one earned run, two walks and recording seven strikeouts in a 15-1 win over

Jarvis Christian College. This season Taylor has maintained a 4.15 earned run average while leading the conference with eight wins and a .730 won-loss percentage. In other league statistical categories he's tied for first in games started (12), ranks second in innings pitched (73.2) and tied at fourth in strikeouts (57). Taylor has been honored twice as SWAC pitcher of the week for his play during the weeks of February 24 and March 17.

"Wrandal has given us consistency throughout the entire season," said head baseball coach Michael Robertson. "He is pitching

the ball extremely well and his command on the mound has been phenomenal. Every time he steps to the mound he increases our chance to win."

Crockett was initially drafted out of high school by the Chicago Cubs last spring. The 5-10, 180-pound center fielder from Los Angeles, California ranks in the top five in eight statistical categories for the Panthers. He ranks first on the team in stolen bases (18) and walks (32), second in home runs with five, fourth with a .505 slugging percentage, and fifth in runs scored (32), runs batted in (25), total bases (50) and on-base percentage (.452).

"I have been extremely

impressed with the way Marcus has played for us this season," said Robertson. "His contributions have been tremendous. He has a perfect blend of speed and power along with a strong arm."

Both Taylor and Crockett have adjusted well to the fast paced style of collegiate play. With the addition of Taylor, the Panthers' pitching rotation is ranked third in the conference with only Southern and Alcorn State having better overall team pitching statistics. Since Crockett's arrival as a regular in the batting rotation, Prairie View is ranked fifth in the conference with a .285 batting average.

Wait til' next season



By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

This was a very on and off year for Prairie View's athletics program.

On one hand you have the losing seasons of the football and basketball programs, and on the other there's the men's tennis team, who won the Southwestern Atlantic Conference Champion-

ship, the track team who has various individuals ranked among the top in SWAC. The softball team is currently seeded third in the SWAC's western division and will face Alabama A&M Thursday in the first game of the SWAC tournament and, not to mention the baseball squad who leads the SWAC with the most wins, 25.

There's no telling what next year holds for the athletic program, but with the upcoming recruits and the talent on campus the sky is the limit.

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gives him a legitimate chance at being drafted," said Robertson. "With his speed and power, scouts will have to take notice. If he finishes the season out strong, there's a very good chance someone will select him this season."

Chase, a business management major who was selected in the 47th round of the 2003 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft as a high school senior, will become draft eligible during his junior season. With hard work, Robertson said Chase has the potential to be a first round draft pick.

"The scouts are impressed

with his arm and size and he is also a tremendous athlete with good work ethics," said Robertson. "When we had Olympic day during the fall, he ran the quarter-mile in 52 seconds, did 30 pull-ups in one set, 80 sit-ups in two minutes and ran a five-minute mile."

Overall, Robertson has been pleased with the efforts of his JUCO transfers and has high hopes for them.

"Both players have helped us tremendously and I am proud of their efforts," said Robertson. "With continued development I think the sky is the limit for both of them."

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5. **Tampa Bay**
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6. **Tennessee**
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7. **Minnesota**
Troy Williamson, WR
8. **Arizona**
Antrel Rolle, CB
9. **Washington**
Carlos Rogers, CB
10. **Detroit**
Mike Williams, WR
11. **Dallas**
Demarcus Ware, DE
12. **San Diego**
Shawne Merriman, OLB
13. **New Orleans**
Jammal Brown, OT
14. **Carolina**
Thomas Davis, FS
15. **Kansas City**
Derrick O. Johnson, OLB
16. **Houston**
Travis Johnson, DT
17. **Cincinnati**
David Pollack, DE
18. **Minnesota**
Erasmus James, DE
19. **St. Louis**
Alex Barron, OT
20. **Dallas**
Marcus Spears, DE
21. **Jacksonville**
Matt Jones, WR
22. **Baltimore**
Mark Clayton, WR
23. **Oakland**
Fabian Washington, CB
24. **Green Bay**
Aaron Rodgers, QB
25. **Washington**
Jason Campbell, QB
26. **Seattle**
Chris Spencer, C
27. **Atlanta**
Sharod White, WR
28. **San Diego**
Luis Castillo, DT
29. **Indianapolis**
Marlin Jackson, CB
30. **Pittsburgh**
Heath Miller, TE
31. **Philadelphia**
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Utah's Alex Smith was selected as the overall number one pick by the San Francisco 49ers.

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Most, if not all future BSEE's were commissioned signal officers.

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First Year

First Semester

Tuition (non-residents pay \$150).....	\$25.00
Student Activity Fee	10.00
Board, Room, Laundry for September.....	14.70
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October	31.50
November	31.50
December	21.00
January	31.50
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Let Us Share With you some History Stories.

April 27, 2005

3 times a lady: student, girlfriend... but a wife?

By Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

Many male students around campus are looking for that perfect woman. To have a woman that is head-strong, knows what she wants out of life and is going in the direction to attain those goals is ideal. On top of that, if she can cook, that would only be the cherry on the cake.

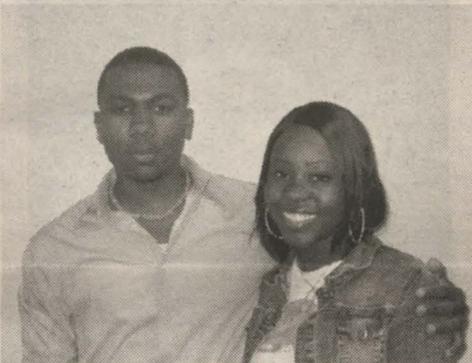
Many female students around campus can attest to these claims of a good woman. Many female students are taking on the role of being a student and a girlfriend.

tant. If he wants to stick with me until we graduate, then we will see where it goes after that."

College can get expensive at times, and when couples do everything together that can defray the costs of things such as food. One PV couple explains that, "We do everything together. We like to be in each other's company so we split all the costs of food, rent, and etc." But, the girlfriend of this couple does confess that at times she feels

like she is married and it gets stressful, but she knows that what she does helps the relationship and her boyfriend.

In relationships, where is the line drawn between being a girlfriend and acting as a wife? No one knows, but someone once said that, "a relationship is defined by the people that are in it, and no outside figure." Although school should be the priority, there are other things in life that have to be balanced along with making good grades. As long as all parties are truly happy and goals are being met, then everything is good.



Bryan Robertson and Nicole Follins, a couple on PV's campus. The article does not relate to this couple's relationship.

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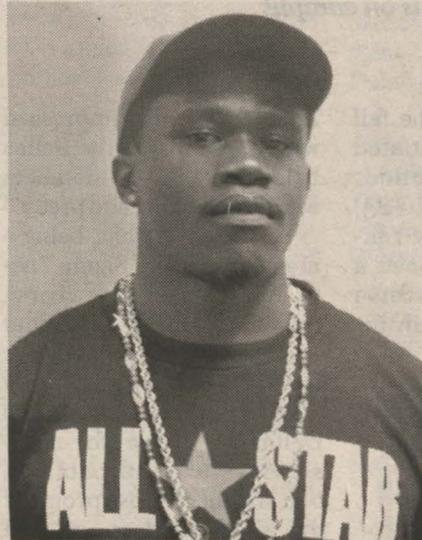
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PV True Life... I'm an entrepreneur

By Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

Terrance Anine Falls, also known as Anine, is a proven testimony that "Prairie View produces productive people."

Falls is a graduate of the MBA program at PV and has furthered his business aspirations by forming a partnership in the plumbing industry. "I am partners with James Tates, pas-



Terrance Anine Falls formed a partnership called Christian Brothers Plumbing.

Photo by Ous Clayborne II

tor of new Covenant in Hearne, Texas. Together we formed Christian Brothers Plumbing," Falls said.

23-year-old Falls began plumbing in his early teens working for his grandfather's business Champ Plumbing. "While in high school I worked for the Construction Education Foundation program such as Don Burden & Associates and T.D. Industries," he explained.

Falls has also won various awards

"I have a proven record in the plumbing field for quality work at an honest price."

in the plumbing field such as placing 18th in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America plumbing competitions, and was also awarded the Jerry Junkins Minority Scholarship. "I also was gaining experience for my plumbing career while attending Skyline High school in Dallas, Texas, by joining the plumbing cluster and participating in many competitions.

Falls said, "I have a proven record in the plumbing field for quality work at an honest price. Christian Brothers plumbing is looking forward to serving future customers with any and all of their plumbing needs."

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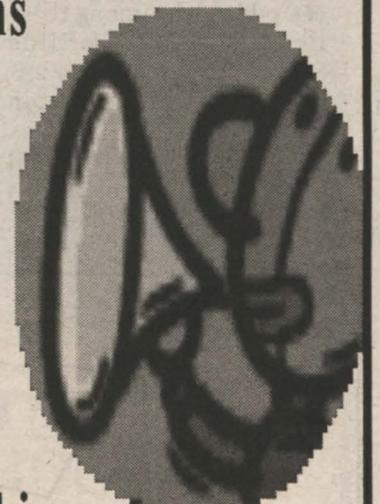
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PV True Life... I'm Greek (Pt. VIII)

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 Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913 by 22 young women. The purpose these women sought to carry out by organizing this Greek letter sorority was to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships, provide support to the underserved, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

There are roughly 64 active members of the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. on PVAMU's campus today. Among those illustrious ladies is Nina S. Wright. Wright is a 23-year-old native of Houston who's career aspirations are to become a physical education teacher and a dance coach upon her up-

coming graduation. In the fall of 2000, Wright was initiated into this organization under the line name Diction- #83.

There are many reasons why students choose a certain organization to become part of, but Wright's main in-



Photo by Otis Clayborne II

Nina S. Wright, a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

spiration was her mother. "I follow everything my mother does, whether it's wrong or right, and I was impressed with what she was doing with the Deltas." Wright continues to say

that, "I was also impressed with the seminars the Deltas held. Plus, all the members were nice looking and pretty."

For Wright, being a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. has had a life changing effect. "Being a member has changed my campus life for the better. I got to know a lot of positive people." The Deltas are known for many services around campus, but Wright is most proud of the "Campus Clean-up" and "Walk for Literacy" where the organization raises money for students at H.T. Jones Elementary to buy books.

Wright is a very busy woman who tries to balance work, school, and being a member of the Classic Dance Ensemble. "I always feel like there's not enough time in the day. Everything is time consuming. School is important, so I have to put myself on the back burner."

In closing Wright wants to give PV students some advice. "Have fun. Be mindful of what you do and have fun doing it and remember, Delta women are never forgotten."

Raising the curtain on depression

By Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

All college students have been there. Bad grades, bad break-ups, long way away from home, loved ones died, or simply just feeling at an ultimate low. These are obvious reasons why one would feel like falling in depression, but the question is: is this true depression or heart ache? There is a fine line be-

tween diagnosable depression that needs to be treated and just feeling the effects of depression that students need to be aware of.

Depression is not just a feeling, but a state of mind. In people with depression there has been a physical change in the brain which is connected

to an imbalance of a type of chemical that carries signals to the nerves. Sixteen percent of Americans will experience depression in their lifetime. Anyone can get depression, but women are twice as likely to become depressed as men due to hormonal changes. In men, depression is usually covered up by anger, hostility, or alcohol/drug abuse. Men are four times more likely to kill themselves during depression than women are. With the elderly community, depression usually occurs with the loss of loved ones, physical illness, and aging.

Depression often results due to a combination of things. Such things can be that depression is genetic, caused by trauma and stress, pessimistic personality- low self-esteem, physical conditions- heart disease, can-

cer, HIV, and etc., and other psychological disorders such as eating disorders and anxiety.

There are several related mood disorders associated with depression. The most severe type of depression is MDD (major depression disorder) which can be associated with constant feelings of sadness, appetite change, sleeping too much, and thoughts of suicide and death. Dysthymia is a mild depression disorder that usually lasts every day for a two-year period.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is marked by the recurrence of depression during certain seasons. Postpartum depression is usually experienced by a woman after child birth and can interfere with the bonding of a mother and her newborn.

At [\[hoo.com\]\(http://hoo.com\) it is stated that there is a general regimen for the treatment of depression. Most patients seek psychotherapy-counseling and patients are often given antidepressant medications to help restore the chemical balance in the brain.](http://www.health.ya-</p>
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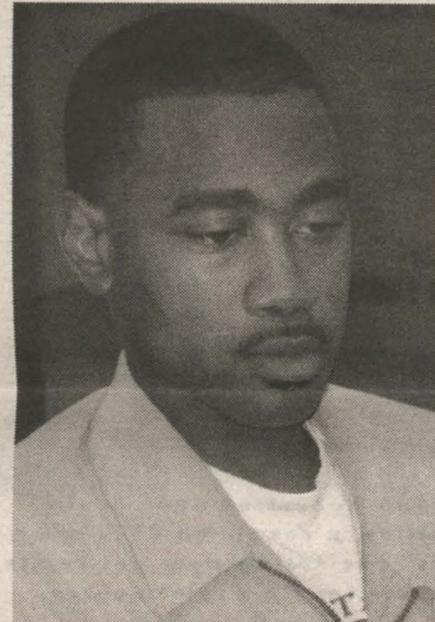


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Senior Jerrell Hudson illustrates how a depressed person may look. The article does not reflect his personal life.

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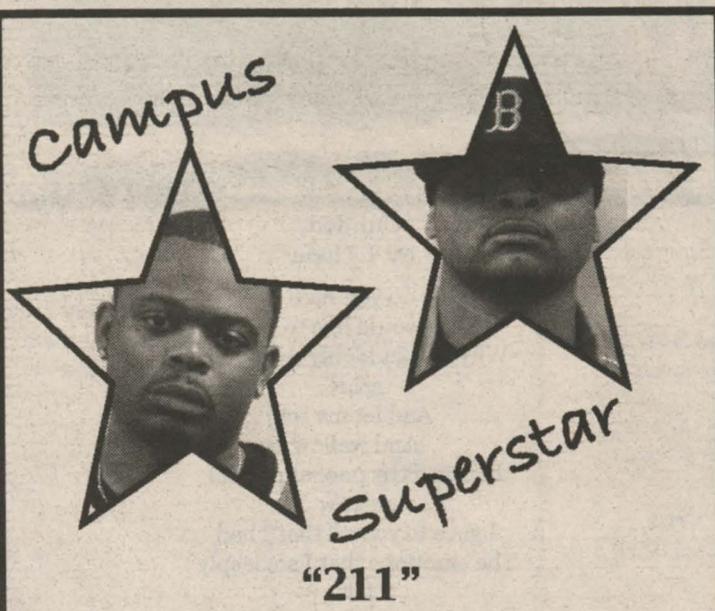
Where can you find it?

Within yourself.

Pick of The Week



Photo by Associated Press



DeAndre Ray "D-Ray"
Age- 22
Fort Worth, Texas
Senior
Electrical Engineering

Anthony Johnson "Ant B"
Age- 23
San Antonio, Texas
Senior
Mechanical Engineering

Q: How long has 211 been rapping, and who or what inspired you to start?

A: I have been rapping since the 3rd grade, but the group has been together for two years. My inspiration came from listening to NWA, UGK, 2-Pac, and Scarface. I started rapping by imitating their style of rap. I could relate to the street life they rhymed about as it related to my family and what I saw every day.

Q: Before forming 211 how were you making yourself known in the rap game?

A: I was making mix-tapes and featured on "22-inch Minimum," "Jurassic South," "Throwback Money," and "April 27th Mr. Rogers Birthday Mixtape," my freshman year under DSF Entertainment.

Q: Most students recognize your lyrics featured on CDs under the record label DSF Entertainment. When and why was 211 formed?

A: We decided to form 211 about a year ago. We thought since we accepted each other's style that we should promote each other and help each other out in our endeavors. All of our styles are so much alike that we figured by being one group, we would become a force to be reckoned with that can't be stopped.

Q: Where does the name 211 come from?

A: That is the police code for armed robbery. We are not trying to say that we are going to commit a robbery, but we are going to hit the rap game like an unexpected robbery.

Q: Are there any other members in your group that are not featured in this story?

A: There is a third member by the name of Shannon Whitfield, but he goes by the name "Young Black." He is a former student at PVAMU, but a vital member of 211.

Q: What artist has 211 collaborated with?

A: Killa Kyleon with Boss Hogg Outlaws, Lil' B-Slab, and the Slo' Mo' Click. In the future we hope to work with UGK, Young Jeezy, Slim Thug, The Diplomats, Scarface, and any member of the Hot Boys.

Q: Does the group have any CDs out, and are any in the works?

A: We have been featured on the CD titled "Mr. Rogers.com Mixtape," and our first CD will drop mid-summer titled "Armed Robbery Mixtape" under Skys Da' Limit Entertainment and DSF Entertainment. Anything that 211 raps on can be found at Mr. Rogers.com and downloaded from the website.

Q: What is the motto 211 lives by to keep your dream moving forward?

A: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," and "though I walk through the Valley of Death, I shall fear no evil."

*D-Ray spoke on behalf of 211

By Alanna Jones

Mike Jones... who?

By Raqiyah Mays
Associated Press

NEW YORK - The only ordinary thing about Mike Jones is his name. Thanks to innovative marketing schemes like making his personal phone number public and saying his name as often as possible, the Houston rapper has managed to shoehorn his "Still Tippin'" single into heavy rotation nationwide. Now comes his debut album, "Who Is Mike Jones?", which promises to spread his Texas drawl even further. He spoke with The Associated Press about phone bill y 9 70 8 782 9 0 9 and grandmamas.

AP: Mike Jones is a pretty common name. Has anyone ever confused you with another Michael Jones?

Jones: A lot of people started booking fake Mike Jones shows. There was a rapper saying he was Mike Jones, he went to a radio station and told everybody in New Orleans he was gonna come to their show. They pump it up, he stepped on stage singing, "Who? Mike Jones." And (the audience) was like, "That ain't Mike Jones!" People was throwin' stuff at him.

AP: Your phone bill must be crazy!

Jones: I had the crazy cell bill. Now it ain't nothing but \$150 (euro116) a month. I had a 281-455-1858 number but Cingular was charging me like a \$1,000 (euro771) phone bill every month. I left them and got another company. And now the phone number blew up so big, I got all different phone companies wanting to sign me to promote their phone.

AP: Now the world knows your cell number along with your first and last name. You may as well just give out your middle name too.

Jones: Oh, I can't let the world know that one. (Laughs.) See my mom gave me the Mike Jones and my grandma gave me that middle name. She got it from some (TV) show. I'm like, "Man, I ain't tellin' nobody that name."

AP: But your grandmother was the one who also told you to use 'Mike Jones' as your stage name. What else did she tell you?

Jones: My grandma, Elsie Mae Jones, is the main reason I'm doing what I'm doing now. Her main things was to treat people how I like to be treated. I listened to everything, I didn't always agree, but I listened. Now I'm thinking, "Damn, I wish I would've blown up sooner to where whatever the illness was I could've fixed it. She just passed almost two years ago."

AP: Some say when a close family member passes they come to you in a dream. Has that happened to you?

Jones: Yeah, it's scary man. Like she'll just be sitting up smiling and some dreams she's just looking. It only happened once. One time I was listening to the song I made for my grandma, called "My grandma." It was very touching and after I laid it, I was crying. I have a tattoo that covers my whole left arm with a picture of my grandma and a picture of my cousin in jail. And I know all the money in the world can't bring her back.

AP: Sounds like you

were a grandmama's boy.

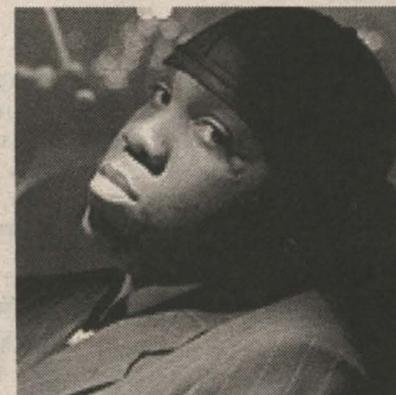
Jones: Yeah, I was. I used to always stay home with her. So when I couldn't go outside she had me sitting there watching those stories, like "One Life to Live," "Guiding Light," "Young and the Restless." It came to a point where after I was on punishment, I'd tell my friends, "Hey I'ma (meet) y'all at 2," so I could watch the soap. And pretty soon I'd start askin' about what happened.

AP: But if you weren't, would you?

Jones: Yeah. I mean, I don't know. I can't really say. It was something my grandmama used to really watch. Men don't watch that stuff, but she had the alarm clock up so you could watch every episode. And now it went from that to (me watching) "The Wire," which is like a soap opera, and "The Pretender." It's all the same thing.

AP: Your grand-ma would be proud.

Jones: Out of ten people, my grandmother was the only one who said I could do (this rap thing). I went against all nine and went with her. And I'm glad I did.



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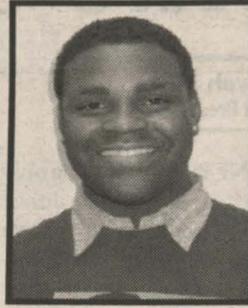
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Panther Poetry Lounge

Untitled
by T. Hope

Why do you hate me?
I sure would like to know
Why you suddenly threw me
aside
And let me rot
And wallow
In this filthy pool of painful
sorrow
I gave to you all that I had
The emotions that I so deeply
felt
I sincerely expressed
Yet you continually hurt me
With your carelessness
So now there's nothing left
But hate and regret
Regretting that I let you see
What was buried
So deeply inside me
You took my heart
And threw it in the raging
flames of hell
And let me slowly burn to death
in agony
You selfishly stole the light of
happiness
That you planted inside of me
So this one question
Still remains
Why do you hate me?

Cornel West speaks out on students' dress

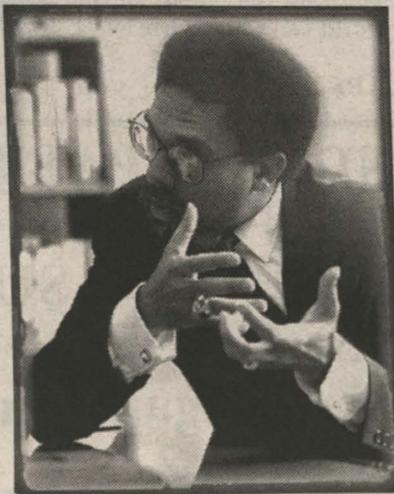
By Bonnie Pfister
Associated Press

BORDENTOWN, N.J.- Young people who model their attitudes on TV images are not "keeping it real" for themselves, but for corporations that exploit them, celebrated black scholar Cornel West told a group of teens at a juvenile detention center Wednesday.

The Princeton University religion professor and author of the best-selling "Race Matters" spoke to about 50 boys and girls at the Valentine Residential Community Home, a facility operated by the state Juvenile Justice Commission. It houses juvenile offenders who are sentenced to supervised housing for as long as 18 months.

Dressed in his trademark three-piece suit and frequently referring to rap artists, West said programming on MTV and Black Entertainment Television fosters the idea that nothing matters more than money and image.

"Walking around with your Nike and your Tommy Hilfiger you're just a walking commercial for corporate America," he said. "The peacock struts because he can't fly." West advised them to



reject the mind-set of the "survival of the slickest" in favor of building relationships with people who care about them.

"You don't have

to be tough all the time. You have to be willing to fall on your face, to be open," he said. "You can change your life by opening yourself to care. You need a friend. You need a partner."

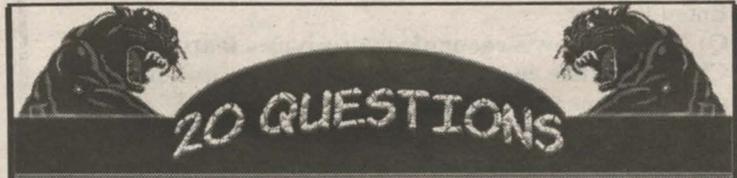
West, 51, said having the courage to be an individual was easier a generation ago. He described growing up surrounded by "so much love I didn't know what to do with it," with neighbors who kept tabs on each others' children.

"It was a neighborhood. It wasn't a 'hood," he said. "They are widely different."

Speaking afterward, 16-year-old Valentine resident Natasha Lindsay said West's comments "made me feel something," particularly about building solid friendships.

While friends were with her when she got into trouble, only Lindsay was sent to the juvenile center a month ago. She said she hasn't heard from those friends since.

"I was sent here by myself, I'm in by myself, and I'm going home by myself," she said.



1. When did the bookstore start selling weave?
2. Does that mean they are going to be closed on Mondays?
3. Whose line name and jacket is Pitiful?
4. What is the Eta Beta Delta Sigma Theta Chapter... and God?
5. When is their next line?
6. Who is going to try to pledge?
7. Did you really think 20 questions would end?
8. Did Miss Prairie View win by default?
9. How many freshmen are actually going to have a good enough GPA to get accepted next year?
10. Better yet, how many sophomores will be able to come back?
11. Who fell out of their chair in the library trying to talk about somebody else?
12. Which contestant in the Miss Twenty Pearls pageant knew her skirt was too short with those orange panties on?
13. Did she not look in the mirror before she walked on stage?
14. Who almost cried when Mrs. Pat won at the PV choice awards?
15. Was there a need for a singing coach before the pageant last night?
16. Whose ears are still ringing the day after?
17. Why didn't the Omegas let their queen walk the stage after she was crowned?
18. What fraternity and sorority will take over in the fall?
19. Will you miss 20 questions during the summer?
20. What do you think?

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April / May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: Church @JPAFC 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Every Sunday: Poetry Night@ Pae- sanos 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Every Monday: Goodtimes @ Grass- hopper (506 Main) 9 p.m.</p> <p>Alpha Lambda Omega Bible study@ NSB 8 p.m.</p> <p>2nd: FINAL EXAMS</p>	<p>Every Tuesday: Gamma Phi Delta Bible Study @ JPAFC 7 p.m.-9 p.m.</p> <p>Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday: City Council Meet- ings@ Community Center 6 p.m.</p> <p>3rd: FINAL EXAMS</p>	<p>Every Wednes- day: CAB Hump Day on the Hill @ MSC 12 p.m.</p> <p>27th: DEAD DAY</p> <p>Music/Drama Senior Recital @ HBT 12 p.m.</p> <p>4th: FINAL EXAMS</p>	<p>28th: DEAD DAY</p> <p>Delta Sigma Theta (Zeta Sigma Chap- ter) "Bring 'em Out Party" @ Fu-kim ballroom 9:13 p.m.</p>	<p>Every Friday: The Heist@ The Vault (723 Main) 6 p.m.</p> <p>29th: FINAL EXAMS</p>	<p>Every Saturday: Mahogany Soul Suite @ Clarks (314 Main) 9 p.m.</p> <p>30th: FINAL EXAMS</p> <p>High School Drum- line Competition @MSC 3 p.m.</p> <p>7th: Army ROTC Commissioning Cer- emony @ MSC 7 a.m.</p> <p>COMMENCEMENT</p>

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Bldg# 40 celebrated its end of term with a social, "Past Meets Present, the Class of 2005 Meets the Class of 2009.

Bldg# 47 hosted PV instructor Ms. Ann Johnson in a "Dressing for Success in a Business Casual World" seminar.

Congratulations to freshman Andy Narido of Bldg# 36 for his participation in the Men's Tennis Team that won SWAC and is heading to the NCAA..Good Luck Andy from UC!!

BLDG #48 celebrated the end of the year with a "Treasurable Occasion Banquet."

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