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Students revved up to ride shuttle

By Wendelene Turner
Panther Staff

The PVAMU shuttle has become a popular mode of transportation this semester. For those PV veterans who can recall the public transit system that ran through the campus until the spring of 2003, this new shuttle is a modified reflection of the past.

Since the start of this fall semester there have been two shuttles that run in a uni-direction picking up students from various locations around the campus.

"I didn't even know the shuttle existed," said junior Maury Lovett. "One morning a group of people standing outside New Science told me all about it, and I've been riding ever since."

Recently, shuttle stop signs have been installed at

locations like Hobart Taylor, and across the street from the MSC by the Baby Dome. The shuttle makes frequent stops at all of the campus apartments and even the post office and washtaria. Students can catch the shuttle at no charge at one of the stop signs, at the old bus stops, or by gaining the attention of the driver by simply raising a finger or a hand.

As a courtesy to the drivers, students do not have to wave their hands frantically or run after the shuttle. The shuttle is here as a service to the students and all are encouraged to join the shuttle experience.

In the near future students can expect to see an improved transportation system including more shuttles and routes that are bi-directional.

"The shuttle is nice," said senior Latonya Walker. "But the old transit used to take

you to Wal-Mart and Katy Mills Mall, with the way gas prices are now the shuttle would be better if it went a little further."

Students must keep in mind that although the shuttle system is increasing in popularity, it is by no means meant to eliminate all walking on campus. However, on a hot summer afternoon or a rainy day, the shuttle experience is ideal for transportation from one side of the campus to the other.

"Walking the yard is one of the ways I get in a workout every day," said Walker. "So I don't think I am going to start solely relying on the 15-passenger van to get me from point A to point B."

For more information about the PVAMU shuttle system, visit the Harrington Science building or call (936)857-2923.

*PVAMU Shuttle runs from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Photo by Marques Allen

Connected: Student accesses Internet in MSC without wires.

A campus without wires

PV can now get online from virtually anywhere

By Shara Boykin
Panther Staff

What students have long anticipated has finally happened. Prairie View has gone wireless. Students can now access the Web just about anywhere, from the comfort of their apartment to the majority of the buildings on campus.

It is expected that by the end of the year Prairie View's entire campus will be wirelessly connected.

Chief Information Officer James Hobb said, "Prairie View has come a long way in the last two years since we have planned to implement this program. Last year wireless connection was only in University College and now you can receive a wireless connection anywhere here at Prairie View."

"Prairie View also has one of the best configurations of any university," said Hobb. Hobb hopes that with Prairie View going wireless it will cut down on the overcrowded computer labs here on campus.

Sophomore Joy Atchison agrees. "Having wireless internet in my room will keep me from having to go to the crowded library, especially

with my crazy schedule," she said.

Students on campus are thrilled to finally be able to get rid of their wires and cords and be able to get a wireless connection all around campus. "I think it is a good thing, because I have a laptop and the less cords and wires the better," said freshman Chariti Davis.

If you have a computer and want wireless Internet "then you must have a centrino chip installed, but if not one can be purchased at a Best Buy, Circuit City or any other computer store and buy a network card, they also have ones for desktops," said Hobb.

The cards can range from \$30- \$100 depending on what kind of computer you have. To ensure security and install wireless access on your computer you should pick up a brochure which can be found in all University College Buildings, and in the MSC.

The brochure will tell you everything you need to know for installing your computer with wireless Internet, but if you do run into problems, you can call (936) 857-2525, the information help desk number or you can email Hobb at jhobb@pvamu.edu.



Photo by Brandon Garrett

Get on the bus: Students can now beat the heat and the fight for a parking space by taking the PVAMU shuttle.

In the news...

City's amnesty program

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas _ The city of Prairie View will be offering an amnesty program for all individuals with outstanding city warrants.

The amnesty program will begin on Aug. 29 and end on Sept. 30, 2005.

Warrants will be waived for all persons who take advantage of the amnesty program.

For additional information contact the City of Prairie View Municipal Court at (936) 857-5327.

Missing kid located after overnight search

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) _ An overnight search for a 2-year-old girl ended happily Monday when she was found in a wooded area near the residence of a relative she was visiting when she apparently wandered away, a Lewis County dispatcher said.

Brooklyn Rae Carroll was reported missing by her family about 5:45 p.m. Sunday, prompting an Amber Alert, until she was located about 7:54 a.m. Monday.

"She was just wet and dirty and cold," said dispatcher Twila Pigg. "She was in the woods."

Pigg said rescuers searched all night.

Auto industry analysts predict slowdown in August

PAYBACK TIME: Auto sales are expected to fall in August after a summer of blistering sales. The Big Three's heavily promoted discounts, which allowed customers to pay the employee price for many models, have depleted dealers' inventories of 2005 vehicles and satiated consumer demand.

DISCOUNTS CONTINUE: General Motors Corp., which started the employee-pricing discount in June, has extended the promotion until Sept. 30 and has added some 2006 trucks and full-size sport utility vehicles to the mix of discounted products. DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group has indefinitely extended employee-pricing on some 2005 models. Ford Motor Co. hasn't yet announced whether it will extend employee-pricing past Sept. 6, when it's scheduled to end.

WHAT'S NEXT: Automakers report August sales figures Thursday.

Superdome roof leaks as Katrina peels off sheets of metal; thousands sheltered inside

NEW ORLEANS (AP) _ Howling wind from Hurricane Katrina peeled holes in the roof of the Superdome on Monday morning as thousands of people huddled inside seeking shelter.

Pieces of metal sheared off, leaving two holes that were visible from the floor. Water dripped in and people were moved away from about five sections of those seats.

The development, around 8 a.m. (1300 GMT) as the storm neared its peak outside, did not create any visible fear among the estimated 8,000 to 9,000 people who spent the night in the huge arena. Some watched as sheets of metal, flapping visibly, rumbled loudly. From the floor, looking up more than 19 stories, it appeared to be openings of about 6 feet (1.8 meters) long.

General Manager Glenn Menard said he did not know how serious the problem was. "We have no way of getting anyone up there to look," he said.

Bush weighs tapping petroleum reserves

WACO, Texas (AP) _ President Bush weighed a decision on whether to release some oil from the nation's petroleum reserves to help refiners hurt by Hurricane Katrina, administration officials said Monday. A decision was expected later in the day.

The storm already forced the shutdown of an estimated 1 million barrels of refining capacity along the nation's Gulf Coast.

Administration officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly, said Bush seemed likely to authorize a loan of some oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve but that details remained in flux.

In 2004, the president authorized loans from the reserve to help refiners make up for missing supplies when Hurricane Ivan struck.

Meanwhile, Bush got a briefing on the powerful storm from Michael Brown, the director of the Federal Emergency Agency, White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters as Bush headed to Arizona for a speech on Medicare after leaving his Texas ranch.



Photo courtesy AP

Where the magic happens: Texas Legislature met at state Capitol in the spring to decide on new laws and reforms.

Texas makes some changes New state laws take effect Sept. 1

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) _ The law for punishing capital murderers in the nation's No. 1 death penalty state is about to change as Texas juries get the option of sentencing defendants to life in prison without parole.

Whether the new law will mean fewer executions remains unknown, though some death penalty opponents say it will. Attorneys aren't so sure. Texas has executed 12 inmates so far this year, and 348 since the state resumed the death penalty in 1982.

"Texas is still going to get a lot of death sentences," said Keith Hampton, legislative chair of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

The life without parole law is one of hundreds of new laws taking effect Thursday following the spring legislative session. Others include reforms to child protective services, limits on lawsuits stemming from asbestos- and silica-related illnesses and a requirement that unmarried girls under age 18 get parental consent for abortions.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry signed the parental consent bill because it gives parents the right to decide whether a daughter should receive an abortion, just as they must consent to her getting a tattoo or an aspirin at school, Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said.

Abortion rights advocates say the law is unnecessary, since the state already requires abortion providers to notify a parent before a girl receives an abortion.

Some new laws took effect over the summer.

One made it more difficult to buy cold and allergy medicines containing pseudoephedrine, which can be used in illegal methamphetamine production. Buyers must provide identification, and pharmacies must keep the medicine behind the counter and a sales record for two years of products containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine.

Another new law bans someone from having conversations over the Internet with a minor or someone believed to be a minor with the intent of meeting a child for sexual activity. Before, a predator had to show up at an arranged meeting place to be charged. Now, a predator can be prosecuted for the Internet conversation that sets up a meeting.

"It really helps us widen the net on child predators," said Rob Kepple, executive director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

The life without parole bill gained momentum in the final days of the legislative session after years of political bickering.

Until now, jurors in Texas capital murder cases had two sentencing options: execution by lethal injection or life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years. The new law takes away any chance of parole.

"I'm very pleased that we're at this point," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, who kept pushing the legislation. "I think the winners here, and, I hate to say it, it's bittersweet, are the families of victims. They're going to have some kind of closure."

The new sentencing option will let victims' families and jurors know that a capital murderer sentenced to prison for life won't ever be released, Lucio said.

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New Electrical Engineering Building opened its doors Aug. 25

PV restructured

Other new structures in development stages

By Alexis Benton
Panther Staff

The campus of Prairie View A&M University has been under ongoing construction since the fall semester of 2004. Where there is the demolition of an old building, a new one will take its spot.

The new developments are a sign of changing times. As the number of students continues to rise, the campus has to expand in order to maintain a healthy learning environment for potential Panthers.

The new developments range from the reconstruction of the student park, to the unveiling of two multi-million dollar buildings, the architecture building and the electrical engineering facility.

The 48,787 square foot building was designed to promote an intellectually stimulating environment for students. Funding for the building resulted from the Texas Commitment funding provided by the Texas Legislature in 2001.

The student park which has also been under reconstruction this past summer will receive a total renovation that includes basketball courts and a larger picnic area.

Other developments include a new Juvenile Justice

and Psychology facility that will be located near Delco. "I think it's great that they are replacing the older buildings with new ones. It is expanding our campus," stated Shatonya Randle a junior psychology major.

"There were too many majors in one building and classes were overcrowded. I hope the new buildings will allow for more availability of classes when trying to register," she also stated.

Following the development of new buildings there will be additional parking lots added as a long awaited answer to students' requests for more parking spaces.



35th Annual Career Fair

Two dates scheduled for technical and non-technical career choices

By Frederick V. Roberts
S.I.F.E Sponsor

More than 70 of America's top companies, government and law enforcement agencies, graduate schools and non-profit organizations will converge on the campus of Prairie View A&M University September 21 - 22 for the 35th Annual Fall Career Fair, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Due to increased demands and a strategic focus, this year's event will be held in two parts with the technical and non-technical job fairs on Sept. 21 - 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Career Fair is an opportunity for the students to meet with corporate recruiters and to secure full-time, part-time, and internship positions.

The increased use of the Internet to pre-screen candidates for possible employment has caused many companies to scale back in their recruitment

levels and participation in career fairs.

However, the competition for qualified candidates to fill professional vacancies and the need for building a diverse workforce, makes it important for the companies to continue to participate in programs that have yielded past success.

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

The decision to separate the Job Fair is due in part to the increased demand and the need for a more strategic focus on technical and nontechnical requests we have received.

According to Glenda Jones, assistant director, "We have sponsored two job fairs before, however, the demand was greater in the technical fields so we went to one day. That trend has changed so we decided to return to the 'glory' days of a two-day career fair."

Prior to the Career Fair,

the center will sponsor the Annual I. C. Gordon Banquet to honor those students who participated in co-op and internships during 2004-05 academic year at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Mr. Laurence Stuart of College to Career Seminars of Houston is the guest speaker.

Each year the career center sponsors this event in honor of the late Dr. I. C. Gordon who served as Director of Cooperative Education and Upward Bound for many years.

The center will also conduct several professional development seminars to assist students in preparing for the corporate campus interviews which include Interviewing Techniques, Resume' Writing, Dress for Success, Salary Negotiations, and Corporate Etiquette

Students are encouraged to register with the Career Services Department and have their resumes critiqued.

Want to stay informed with campus news?
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A new direction

New director of student activities takes charge

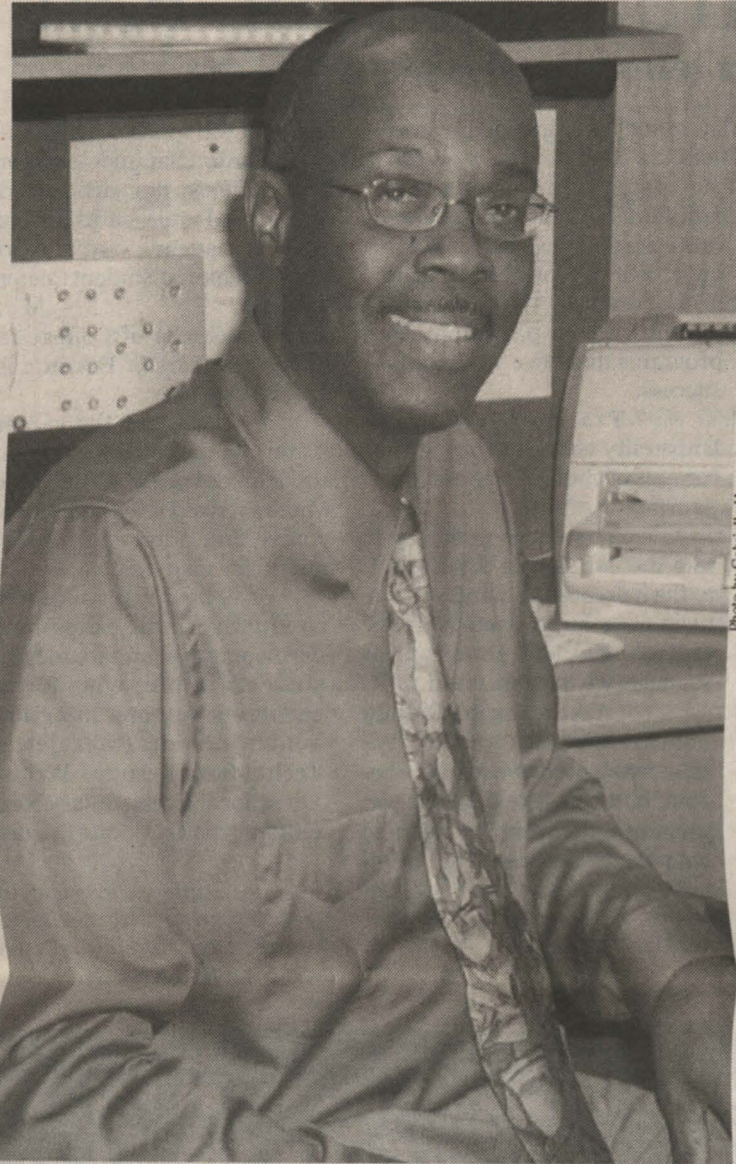


Photo by Gabrielle Howard

A new face: Director of Student Activities Steve Ransom.

By Brandie Terrell
Panther Staff

There is an innovative Panther on the prowl, ready and willing to assist in elevating the student body. Steve Ransom, an extremely witty gentleman, is the new Director of Student Activities.

Ransom received both his undergraduate degree in Telecommunications and master's in College Administration from Indiana University.

While attending IU, Ransom was a resident assistant as well as a graduate resident advisor, and is therefore familiar with activities that students encounter while on campus.

Ransom worked at Miami University in Ohio where he served for 16 years as the Director of Student Activities. Ransom has since relocated to Pantherland with knowledge of the importance of being responsive to students' emerging needs and concerns in a timely fashion.

Upon visiting Prairie

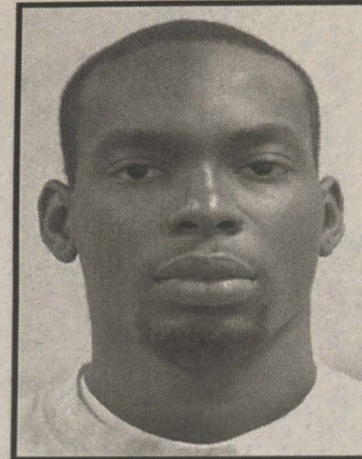
View A&M University, Ransom felt the need to contribute to the rich tradition. He revealed that, "Being a part of a Historically Black University has special significance." Ransom expressed his excitement to have already met several enthusiastic and driven students here at Prairie View.

Ransom plans to interact with students in order to gain knowledge of what types of activities would be of interest. He feels that focus groups would allow for student voices to be heard. Ransom also believes that it is essential for students to be intellectual and practice critical thinking.

He aims to incorporate more events reminiscent of the evening that Panthers spent with Dr. Cornell West. Other areas of concentration for Ransom are weekend activities and homecoming.

Ransom has an open door policy and is anxious to hear what Panthers have to say. With the help and support of the students, Ransom hopes to enhance the proud tradition of this university.

SGA Speaks Out



SGA President Oludayo Olusanya

Welcome back, fellow Panthers. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and productive summer. We have a great year ahead of us. Fall elections for class Justices, Kings, Queens, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Senators will be held on Tuesday September 20. Applications are available in the student government office, in room 223 MSC. All applications are due on Tuesday, September 6 at 12 noon, SGA membership applications are available in the SGA office.

Pep rally for the football, volleyball and soccer teams will be held on Tuesday, September 1 in the Baby Dome at 6:30 p.m. Come show your support.

Positions up for election:

1. College of Business I & II
2. College of Arts & Sciences I - V
3. College of Education - I & II
4. College of Engineering I - III
5. College of Nursing - I & II
6. College of Juvenile Justice I & II
7. College of Agriculture
8. School of Architecture
9. Graduate School
10. Housing I - III
11. Band
12. Freshman Class: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, King, Queen
13. Sophomore Class: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, King, Queen
14. Junior Class: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, King and Queen
15. Senior Class: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, King and Queen
16. Class Justices, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman

Applications can be picked up at the SGA office Room 223 MSC
Applications are due: 12pm, September 5, 2005

The Panther newspaper staff welcomes
all new and returning students for
a great 2005-2006 school year!

The Editors, staff and writers

Getting to know Dr. Kirby

An interview with the interim associate vice president for student affairs



At the helm: Engineering professor and interim associate vice president Kelvin Kirby.

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

Dr. Kelvin Kirby, an associate professor of engineering, has been appointed interim associate vice president for student affairs.

The Panther got a chance to interview Kirby, who answered a range of questions concerning his background, his goals, and advice for students.

Panther: Start off by giving us your official title.

Kirby: I am the interim associate vice president for student affairs.

Panther: Please talk about your academic background.

Kirby: I am an associate professor in the College of Engineering and I work within the department of electrical and computer engineering. I am a 1978 graduate of Prairie View A&M University in electrical engineering. My master's and doctorate degrees are from Texas A&M University.

Panther: Talk a little about your working background and

experience.

Kirby: Upon graduating from Prairie View A&M University, I spent 13 1/2 years in the army. I worked with communications and automated data processing. I returned to Prairie View in 1992 where I started as an instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Panther: Describe your time in the military.

Kirby: I really had a chance to grow up in the military. I learned a lot about being a professional and a lot about responsibility.

Panther: What are your duties and goals for this year?

Kirby: My duties involve leadership and management responsibilities for student activities. I am also responsible for the Chapel, Office of Career Services and the Department of Disability Services. We hope to have a joint effort with the cheerleaders and intramurals. My goals while I am in this position are to restore and enhance quality services to all students in all areas.

Panther: Is there a satisfac-

tion you get from working with many students?

Kirby: I really enjoy watching students grow and develop. When they arrive on campus, it may be their first time away from home; it's good to see them grow into their own being.

Panther: What advice do you give to students who are new to the campus life and are not sure of what they want to do?

Kirby: I think the first thing students have to do when they come to the campus is to learn about who they are. They need to understand the person that they are, away from home and away from the supervision of parents, because now they are 100 percent responsible for themselves.

Panther: What advice do you give to students who are finishing up with school and are about to enter the business world?

Kirby: Students should start preparing to enter the business world around their sophomore year. Students should look into opportunities to intern at professional places.



Give me all you got: Some gas stations are using humor to deal with soaring gas prices.

Up, up, and away!

As gas prices continue to soar, students find new ways to save on commuting costs

By Jeremy Easley
Panther Staff

Gas prices have been going up for the past three and a half years and it doesn't look like the trend will change.

The first was that there is a state tax on gas. Because state tax is higher in some states and lower in others the gas prices vary across the nation. On average, state taxes add about 19 percent to the actual gas prices.

Different regions will generally have higher prices than others. For example the western states have higher fuel costs than the southeastern states. "This is ridiculous," says Jonathan Brinkley, a graduate student. "Those things have been going on well before 2002. It's Bush. He owns refineries, now what does that tell you?"

With Texas being in the southwest, the state taxes aren't as high as the states going farther to the West. The next reason that I had found was that in 2004 new air regulations had been put in place on the refineries. These regulations are forcing the re-

fineries to produce low-sulfur fuels.

With them having to do this, the refineries aren't producing more fuel but are spending more money on cleaning the fuel and thus, causing the cost of gas to rise. There are many more reasons but those were just a couple.

So after finding out why, a few students, both commuter and resident, shared how they felt about the gas prices.

"I commute," senior Rhonda Luckadue said and with the gas prices being so high, it keeps me from wanting to go to my classes."

Others who live on campus say that they just walk to their classes instead of driving. "I walk everywhere now, I don't even like to go to the store when I need something," says sophomore Nikki Gertnan.

The national average now is \$2.60 and the Texas average is \$2.57 compared to last year's national average of \$1.87 and Texas average of \$1.76. The question now is, when will these gas prices go back down?

'Nawlins' French Quarter battered but unbowed



The Big Easy: Residents believe "the big man upstairs" saved The Big Easy from Hurricane Katrina.

By Allen G. Breed
 Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Gail Henke could think of no better way to celebrate the French Quarter's survival of Hurricane Katrina than to belly up to a bar on Bourbon Street with a vodka and cranberry juice. Call it a libation to the storm gods.

"You know what? There's a reason why we're called the Saints," the 53-year-old tour booker said Monday as she communed with 20 or so other survivors in the famed neighborhood. "Because no matter what religion you are, whether you're a Catholic, whether you're voodoo, whether you're Baptist or so on, so on, and so on — we all pray. We all pray."

"I'm not a religious fanatic. But God has saved us."

Neighborhoods outside the Vieux Carre — as the French Quarter is known to locals — were inundated with up to 15 feet (4.5 meters) of water. But the old city, built on the highest ground around, weathered the glancing blow from the Category 4 storm in grand style.

Among the damage: Some chimneys collapsed into streets, and the famed rues were littered with roof slates and Spanish tile. And over on Burgundy Street, a two-story brick outbuilding that once had been slave quarters collapsed.

Arnold Steinbrenner was riding out the storm in his second-floor apartment next door when bricks began falling into his building. He said a woman who was in the collapsed structure emerged unscathed.

"They were in the process of renovating it," he said.

"It was coming along. It just didn't get there fast enough."

In the courtyard behind the 278-year-old Cathedral St. Louis, two massive oaks toppled, their roots pulling up a 30-foot (9-meter) section of iron fence. Carrie Hanselman marveled at how the branches straddled a marble statue of Jesus Christ but, miraculously, knocked off only the thumb and forefinger on its outstretched left hand.

"He was right in the middle of it," the 47-year-old pastry chef said. "Jesus and his mother were watching out for us. I had that candle burning all night."

Terry Ebbert, chief of homeland security for New Orleans, said the French Quarter appeared to survive Katrina better than any of the city's neighborhoods.

After the storm passed, police circled the quarter with bullhorns shouting: "The French Quarter is closed. This is state of emergency. Please, please get off the streets or you will be detained."

But that couldn't dampen the indomitable spirit of one of the nation's most famous — and infamous — neighborhoods.

Tamara Stevens, 45, and her boyfriend Rick Leiby, 65, found their way to Johnny White's Sports Bar before the winds even stopped blowing. After spending a harrowing night in their swaying apartment, they needed to be out among people.

"This place will still be here," Leiby, a tour guide, said as he sipped a vodka cocktail from a plastic cup. "And it ain't gonna quit."

Amid new classes, keep God first

By Harry Bailey
 Panther Staff

First, I would like to welcome all of you back from the summer break. As we embrace a new school year, I can't help but notice the preparation students are making for academic success. Many of us have flocked to the bookstore to purchase supplies, and set goals to obtain higher GPAs. Some study groups have already been formed along with a network of tutors. There is no doubt that our primary purpose for being here is to get a quality education, but as a senior, I've come to understand that much of the learning usually takes place outside the classroom.

You see, college is a pivotal point in one's life because it simulates the real world. Here, we have to make decisions, balance our time and be responsible just as those with a 9 to 5 job. College also affords us the opportunity to have an extensive

social life. Our dorm rooms and the MSC are common areas where social gatherings take place. This daily interaction with other students on campus is significant because it establishes the framework in which our character is molded.

Unfortunately, the peer pressures of college life can distract even the godliest person from focusing on God. The bar of morality can drop tremendously if students disregard their spiritual life on a college campus. We have the freedom and liberty to be who we want to be without parental consent, yet in the midst of this freedom, we must not compromise our values taught to us. God still holds us accountable for the way we live even if nobody else does, so I encourage each of you to pay close attention to your spiritual life. There may not be any courses available or a syllabus to follow for this subject, but local churches and bible studies are around.

It is my hope that we



Bailey: College life can distract even the godliest person from focusing on God.

are vigilant and aware of the spiritual pitfalls of college life. This is a critical stage in every student's life, and to neglect God during this time can be disastrous. After reading this article, I challenge you to examine your spiritual life and where you are with God. It will only take a moment, but can affect eternity.

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Welcome Back Panthers



By Latisha Johnson-Wallace
News Editor

Welcome new and returning students! I hope all are prepared for a great year here at Prairie View A&M University.

I am looking forward to experiencing a brand new year, with my fellow Panthers on campus.

I hope all enjoyed their summer break, and are geared and ready for the long haul ahead. It is my dream that we all enroll in our classes, ace our tests, get along with

our professors and maintain our high GPAs.

I encourage all new students to learn the ways of campus life, and to join your fellow Panthers in living up to our motto 'Prairie View produces productive people.'

I look forward to interacting with freshmen as a part of P.A.L.S, helping students be heard by working with The Panther, and enjoying my last year on the yard.

I cannot wait until our first "Hump Day on the hill," going to the classic, cotton bowl and homecoming. Truly if this is your first year on "the yard" you will not be disappointed.

Enjoy the loyalty, the creativeness and overall wit of Prairie View students.

I hope that all students will continue to remember their morals and values and display these great qualities throughout the school year.

Always remember that you can succeed at anything. Make your goals attainable, be prepared for

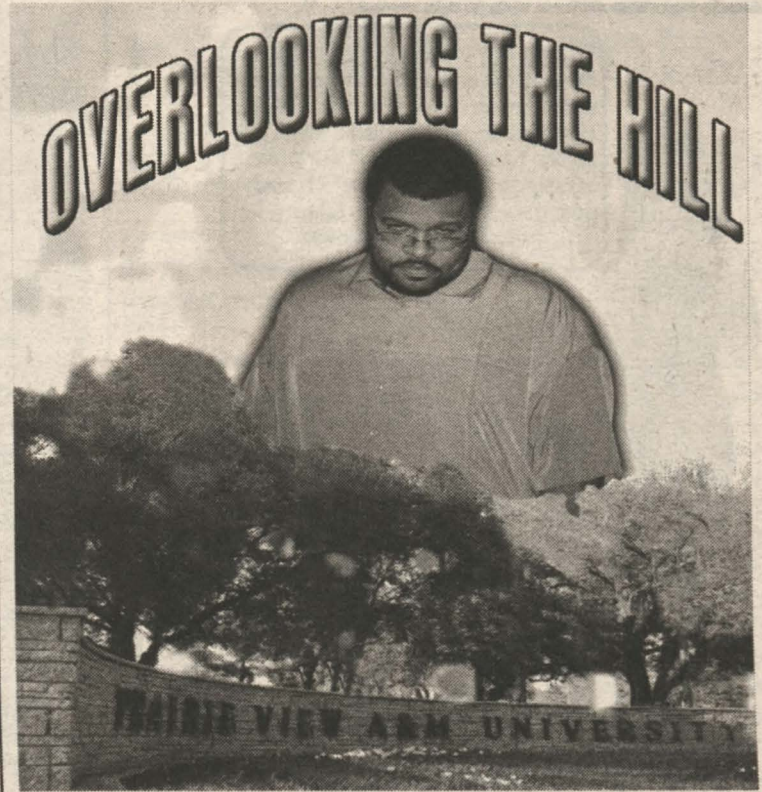
some failure, it is a part of life, and do your best.

Once your best has been given, then look back and smile, and know that you've given it your all. Prairie View is a place to hone your skills, make lifelong friendships and learn a lesson or two about life.

I encourage all students to actively participate in any organizations that interest them, get involved, have your voice heard, because you can make a change, but you must first set out to actively make that change.

Do not complain about problems on campus, when you are not being a part of the solution. Remember that you do have a voice, you do have choices, utilize what you have, do what you do and enjoy your experience here at Prairie View.

I extend a hearty handshake to all my new Panthers and and old ones alike. God Bless.



Template for producing productive people

By Dr. James Jones
Faculty Contributor

When one examines successful people, certain commonalities appear. If you examine several successful individuals, you will realize that all of these individuals have applied the same principles of success: planning, pride, ability to complete tasks, and commitment to their future.

Despite thousands of examples of success, it remains elusive for the average person. I have noticed that the principle of success often eludes some of my favorite students. Typically we meet as a result of their having no plan. I repeatedly remind them that PVAMU is the perfect place to succeed; however, we must first create a success plan. They are a bit surprised to discover that there are certain things that all successful individuals do to increase their chances of success. Fortunately for PVAMU students, they are surrounded by instructors who not only know, but are willing to share these principles with them. Despite the many responsibilities of professors, increasing students' chances at success is still our foremost priority.

In an effort toward helping PVAMU students suc-

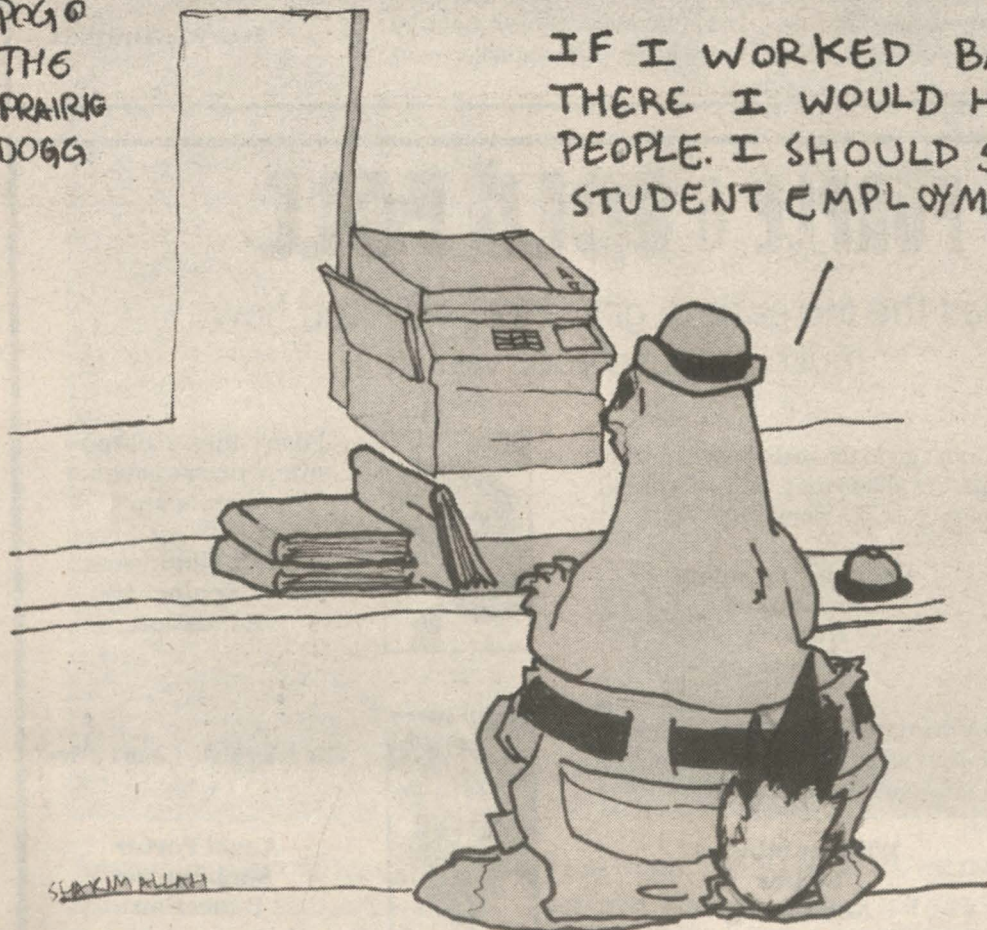
ceed, I am offering students a tried-and-true recipe for academic success which will ultimately allow PVAMU to succeed.

Students should:

1. Arrive to class on-time (five-to-ten minutes before the class begins) and prepared to participate.
2. Make sure your instructor knows your name --- you will need letters of recommendation at a later time, let alone mentorship.
3. Commit to studying at least 3 hours for every hour of instruction (for a 3 hour course, students must study at least 9 hours).
4. Make a study schedule for this academic year and stick to it.
5. Find a study partner who is pursuing his/her education more seriously than you.
6. Actively pursue a mentorship with a PVAMU professor.
7. Develop a best-case scenario of where you will be professionally in ten years and make it happen.
8. Seek out a mentor in your profession of choice and follow the advice you are given.
9. Love yourself enough to give yourself a chance at life.
10. Realize that your education is the foundation upon which your future rests.

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IF I WORKED BACK
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PEOPLE. I SHOULD SEE
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT.



SEAN KIM MULLIN

The Hill Life...

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What it do? It's ya girl Colette. I'm a 20-year-old junior who can best be described as an "In-da-mix" kind of girl. Don't get me wrong: I'm all about my books. I happen to have "VIP" membership to "Club Coleman" (Translation: the John B. Coleman Library, for those who don't know).



Some people are born lucky.

Anyway, meet my best friend Angel, a CA in UC. A lot of people hate on my girl because she has a nice car and she stays fly, but to know her is to love her.



Baby who is that?

Lette...chill you know my phone be trippin'

Ladies...get it off your mind. He is very taken. Yep, that's my man Ron B. His classification? Unknown, but he's been here about seven years running the yard with Delta Omicron Gamma and promoting the hottest parties. I LOVE him, but he's always having cell phone problems.



20 MINUTES AGO



Welcome to undergrad life...My life on the Hill

'RING, RING, RING, RING'

TO BE CONTINUED...

If ONLY you knew...



By Nneka Meka
Editor in Chief

I know you are expecting about 250 words welcoming you back and wishing you good luck for this semester... not going to happen. I love you Panthers, but we have a problem.

This summer, like many of you I was drawn into the vortex of www.thefacebook.com, and while browsing through the groups I ran across one entitled "20 Questions: the ONLY reason I pick up The Panther." As of today this group has 362 members. In fact it is one of the biggest groups on Facebook.

Now I know many of my peers do not understand how many hours it takes to put the paper together, so let me enlighten you. Writers are assigned stories on Mondays that are due by Friday. Once Friday afternoon hits section editors and myself begin the pro-

cess of copy editing and page layout. Our main production night (Tuesdays), can sometimes drag on until 3 a.m. on a Wednesday morning.

"20 Questions," which most often are submitted by the victims' best friends are received via email to panther@pvamu.edu, and take less than 15 minutes to copy and paste on to a page.

So just imagine how it makes The Panther staff feel to know that the ONLY reason you pick up the paper is for 15 minutes of out of 28+ hours of our time every week.

By the way, welcome back.

What is your motivation?

It was a usual hot summer day on the campus of Prairie View A&M University. The date was Monday, August 22, 2005, the first day of class. The Memorial Student Center, better known as MSC, was packed with both people and excitement. Some were greeting old friends while others were discovering the floor plan. Through the midst of all the excitement and confusion, the sea of people was truly a beautiful vision.

My vision soon became blurry as I began to actually listen to my peers and their thoughts and future plans for the school year. I watched as many students remained in the same spot for hours. Even when I went to class and came back, the same students were still in the same

spot. I began to wonder did they not think it was important to go to class on the first day?

I continued my observation and realized that the students were more focused on outfits, hairstyles and who has and has not changed. Very little effort was actually being focused on achieving new goals for this school year. Don't get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong with having a social life, but know where to draw the line.

This is a fine university and many choose not to take advantage of the opportunity that not many get. There are many resourceful places to go to expand our minds like, the library, yet time is spent on chat room Web sites and at parties. Of course the library is used for a last minute class project, but why not read a book for enhancement

sake? What's the point in fighting for financial aid when we're not going to class anyway? Many students have lost the value of education.

Our future is at stake here. Get serious about why we are here, because how we act now will affect us for the rest of our lives. Years from now no one will care who was dating who, whom had the craziest hairstyle or outfit or even the organizations joined. All that will matter is having a degree and getting a job in that career field.

Always remember that many things can be taken away from you except your education, which is here to stay.

Ivory L. Townsel

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

Has the increase in gas prices effected how much you use your vehicle?



I can't go to the mall everyday or the parties all the time, only school and home.

Courtney Fontenot
Sophomore
Nursing



I don't drive. Y'all know overpayments have not come in yet.

Brian Thompson
Senior
Education



My car stays in the Phases unmoved. I drive when I have to. I'm about to get me a skateboard.

William Stinson
Senior
Accounting



Gas is so high, I don't drive I walk!

Angel Porter
Sophomore
Education



Photo courtesy of sports information

Against all odds: In his first season as head coach, Henry Frazier III, led the Panthers to their most wins since 2001, including a 25-7 win over Texas Southern at last year's Labor Day Classic. That was the first time in 15 years that the Panthers defeated the Tigers.

Frazier wants a winning season

By Elton Simmons II and
Rashad Morgan
Panther Staff

Henry Frazier III is beginning his second season as Prairie View A&M's head football coach. In 2004, he was given the task of turning around a football program that had gone 28 years without a winning season.

A former coach of the year, Frazier's record proves he has the tools to turn an organization into a power house. He led the Bowie State Bulldogs to three consecutive winning seasons. He currently holds the record for most victories for any coach at Bowie State. In his first year he got the Panthers off to a 2-0 start, which included a win over archrival Texas Southern in the Labor Day Classic.

This is one of the most anticipated seasons for the Panthers, given that Texas Southern wants revenge and that the pressure is on for them to outdo their 3-8 record for last year, which included two close losses towards the end of the season, Mississippi Valley State 34-42 and Arkansas Pine-Bluff 23-24.

Frazier recently sat down with The Panther to give his take on some of the returning and new players, his goals for this season, and how he feels about coaching at Prairie View.

Simmons: How do you think the returning players will impact this year's outcome for the season?

Frazier: We are counting on the returning seniors to take us to the next level because we know they are very capable. We are also expecting big things out of the other returning players because they all have a good chemistry to win it all.

Simmons: What about the transfer students and new recruits?

Frazier: We expect them to step in wherever they are needed and play an important role in a winning season this year.

Simmons: What is your goal for this year's team?

Frazier: Basically, just to win and help Prairie View get out of the media eye of being a bad program for football because of the 29-year slump.

Simmons: How has your goal changed from last year to this year, if it has changed?

Frazier: It really hasn't changed at all. Really I just want to have a winning season.

Simmons: What do you expect from your players on and off the field?

Frazier: I expect one-hundred percent effort on and off the field. I'm more about developing the man instead of the player. I want to help my players succeed in life and that will help them succeed on the field.

Simmons: How has your coaching staff supported you since you have been coaching?

Frazier: I have absolutely tremendous support from my coaching staff. Even though we lost a lot of coaches, we upgraded in loyalty.

Simmons: If it was one player you could single out to be the unsung leader of the team who would you chose?

Frazier: I couldn't really single out one but I'm expecting some players to step up this year and be leaders; Michael Hill, Bennet Fagan, Anthony Gibson, Chris Peters, Riante Jones, Van Sawyer, Vincent Mayer, and Marcus King are just a few, I expect big things out of them this year.

Simmons: How would you rate your coaching since you have been coaching here?

Frazier: I'll leave it up to the critics, media, etc.

Simmons: How have the players taken you in since their last coach?

Frazier: We don't talk about that because we have a new attitude.

Simmons: Finally what do you expect Prairie View's record to be at the end of the season?

Frazier: Just a winning season. Over .500. Maybe 6-5 even 7-4. Even playoff-bound.

Simmons: If there was any other sport you could coach what would it be?

Frazier: Golf hands down. I would have the players sick of me because I would always want to practice.

Football schedule features four home games

By Jamyen Robinson
Panther Staff

"The ultimate goal is to have a winning season", states the second year Prairie View Panther Head Coach Henry Frazier III, in reference to his expectations of the new upcoming season. Last season, the Panthers' record was 3-8.

This season, the Panthers are confident in the new, improved performance level that the team has strengthened through demanding practices and organization.

The Panthers will begin this season with 23 new recruits, 18 from high school, and five transfers, two from junior colleges.

Although Frazier does not illustrate favoritism among the players, he is expecting leadership this season, especially the backbone of the team, the returning players. Micheal Hill, quarterback; Anthony Gibson, tight end; Chris Peters, wide receiver; Bennett Fagan, offensive lineman. As a whole, Frazier settles for nothing less than 100% from his players on and off the field.

The Panthers will be supported by their home front in great expectations for the new season.

The Panthers have eleven games scheduled; four games will be located at the Blackshear Field, Paul Quinn

(Sept. 10), Mississippi Valley State University Homecoming (Oct. 29), Jackson State University (Nov. 12) and Alabama A&M University (Nov 19).

There will be one game held in Dallas, Grambling State, *State Fair Classic* (Oct. 1). There will be five games played outside of Texas, Southern University, Alcorn State University, Alabama State University, Lincoln University, and Arkansas Pine Bluff.

The team appears to be improving productively in practice and is "confident that this year will bring new opportunities to the forefront" says Arnell Fontenot (starting running back).

In general this season should be promising for the Panthers. In a previous interview with Coach Frazier, he stated, "As long as the team plays hard, and they execute the game plan, we should win."

The Panthers will host the TSU Tigers Saturday, (Sept. 3) *Labor Day Classic*. It will be held at the Reliant Stadium in Houston, at 7:00p. m.

The Panthers look to defeat the Tigers for the second consecutive year. The team aspires to exceed new goals this season, planting a new foundation for the Prairie View Panthers in the future.

A rivalry reborn: Labor Day Classic XXI



By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

A 59-year old rivalry continues as the Prairie View A&M Panthers face the Texas Southern Tigers in Houston this Saturday, for the 21st annual Labor Day Classic.

Last year the Panthers annihilated the Tigers, 25-7, in a very convincing victory that ended a 15-year losing streak. They look to post-consecutive victories against the Tigers since 1963 and 1964, when they were under the coaching of university legend William "Billy" Nicks.

Labor Day Classic XX was played in front of over 30,000 spectators at the Reliant Stadium in Houston. The Tigers who were shook-up by the Panthers' defense committed

many costly turnovers that made the game out of reach for a comeback. The Panthers held the Tigers to an embarrassing 50 total yards.

This year will be no different as the Panthers return eight starters on offense: Daylon Deal, Bennett Fagan, Cory Roy, Anthony Gibson, Chris Gibson, Arnell Fontenot, Kerry Wilson, and Kameco Andrews, and seven starters on defense: Kingsley Adebisola, Corey Barrett, Chris Mercer, Jeff Smith, Vinson Moye, Terrance Bell, and Riente Jones.

The team has also accumulated a talented pool of newcomers and signees. Among the top talent returning are juniors Eric Hernandez and Corey Barrett. Both were selected for the 2005 All-SWAC preseason team.

Hernandez, a two-time All-SWAC punter from Pleasanton, Texas, led the conference in punting by averaging 43 yards per kick.

Defensive end and two-year starter Corey Barrett

led the Panthers in sacks last season with five and a half, and recorded 31 tackles.

The defense will also have a new look under the coaching of first-year defensive coordinator Heishma Northern.

When asked about the game, Coach Frazier said, "I anticipate seeing a much improved team. We're preparing for them with the same intensity as last season. We won only three ball games last year so we can't take any team lightly. Coach Wilson will have his Tigers prepared."

If Frazier succeeds he will be the only coach other than William "Billy" Nicks to accomplish the feat of defeating Texas Southern consecutively, in the history of Prairie View. When asked about having his name alongside Nicks, Frazier said "It's an honor just to have my name mentioned in the same sentence as Coach Nicks. To be able to say I accomplished anything that he did would be a tremendous honor for myself."

2005 Football Schedule

September 3	vs. Texas Southern	7:00 p.m.
10	vs. Paul Quinn	6:00 p.m.
17	@ Southern	7:00 p.m.
24	Open	
October 1	vs. Grambling State	6:00 p.m.
8	@ Alcorn State	2:00 p.m.
15	@ Alabama State	7:00 p.m.
22	@ Lincoln	1:00 p.m.
29	vs. Mississippi Valley	5:30 p.m.
November 5	@ Arkansas Pine-Bluff	2:30 p.m.
12	vs. Jackson State	2:00 p.m.
19	vs. Alabama A&M	2:00 p.m.

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Department of Student Activities & Leadership

September 2005

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Football walk-ons try to earn position on team

Second chance is only chance left for athletes trying to compete at the collegiate level



Photo by Arthrayia Love

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

When the college recruiting season comes around, big stars go to big schools and live the superstar life on a full-ride scholarship.

For others, the fight is just beginning. Not every athlete is fortunate enough to go to college with all expenses paid, for some, they show up on campus and try to impress coaches by showing that they can excel on the college level. These students are called walk-ons.

On the first day of school, potential walk-ons gather at the football field with a tape of their best game highlights in hand and wait, as the coaches review the tapes and administer various drills which show what kind of skills these kids can offer.

Before a kid can try out, he must show in his highlight film that he can make plays.

When the day's drills are done, and the best of the best have shown what they can do, they become part of the scout team. The scout team is the unit that the starters use to gauge what

the upcoming opponent may do.

Prairie View assistant coach Michael Bryant estimates that anywhere from 15-30 kids show up on the first day of walk-on tryouts and fight for maybe three or four spots on the team.

In order to actually make the team, you must show them and there that you can contribute to the team, because the odds are severely stacked against you from making the squad.

In Bryant's history, he mentioned a few kids that played their heart out as a walk-on and went on to have a successful collegiate career.

One such kid was from his last stop at Bowie State. "Kendall Stewart was a walk-on who came onto the team and contributed greatly. He played safety and scored touchdowns and won a few games for us."

Coach Bryant's advice to potential walk-ons is to work hard. Even though an athlete wasn't recruited for a scholarship, if they have the passion to compete, they can still follow their dream by trying out as a walk-on and going from there.

Free-for-all: Walking on is the last resort for many athletes who do not have the media exposure and who are not recruited by a college after high school. If you weren't recruited walking on isn't a bad idea, some players eventually earn athletic scholarships after walking on.

SWAC season opens in classic fashion

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All ten Southwestern Athletic Conference football teams will open the 2005 season on September 3, 2005 in seven different contests. Five of the seven games on tap will be "Classic" games with four against inter-conference foes.

The week one line-up will start at 1:00 p.m. with Jackson State taking on the 2004 MEAC Champion Hampton in the Detroit Labor Day Classic at Ford Field. At 2:30 p.m. on ESPN2 TV, 2004 SWAC Champion Alabama State will face MEAC Co-Champion South Carolina State at Birmingham, Alabama in the MEAC/SWAC Football Challenge.

A 4:00 p.m. kick-off is set for the Chicago Football Classic pitting Mississippi Valley State against the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. At 6:00 p.m., Alabama A&M tackles Tennessee State in the John Merritt Classic in Nashville while Alcorn State hosts Grambling State in Alcorn State, Miss.

The final games of the day, set for a 7:00p kick-off, will feature Texas Southern versus Prairie View A&M at the Labor Day Classic in Houston, Texas and Southern traveling to play McNeese State in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Gotta Make Em'



By **Alanna Jones**
L/H & A/E Editor

Hello Panthers! Welcome back for the 2005-2006 school year.

As the new "lifestyles, health, arts, and entertainment" editor, I am very excited about the quality of information that I hope to bring to the student body for the upcoming year.

I hope that the content The Panther writers and myself bring forth every week is

valuable, and meaningful to the masses of students on the yard.

For this issue of the paper I was instructed to say something influential for my fellow peers.

This summer I had a lot of time to think about how important decisions are. It's a rather simple word, but can make such an impact if you choose the wrong thing to do.

The choice you have made by attending college is a decision that is going to put us, minorities, at the top of our game. We don't want to ever fall short of our superior potential.

As students, we should decide to stop making excuses for ourselves and get on the grind because in the end it's only going to be us to account for ourselves.

I have faced decisions in my life that have steered me the wrong way many times. It is understood that the inevitable is going to happen, but as long as you take it as a lesson learned there is only the fullness of your life to gain.

Homesickness equals stress

By **Sharonda Peals**
Panther Staff

Every year our campus overflows with new students. Do you ever wonder what life is like for them? Can you take yourself back to your freshman year and remember all the thoughts going through your head? Different places, new faces, and not any family in sight. All of these components can lead to homesickness, which causes stress.

Common symptoms of stress overload can be body aches, skin problems, and extreme changes in behavior. Changes in appetite can also occur which can result in an eating disorder, malnutrition or obesity. Other serious signs are sleepless nights and drug and alcohol abuse.

Students have found ways to cope with stress and anxieties of homesickness.

Jasmine Herron, a freshman, states that she re-

ally likes PV but she misses her friends back home because it is hard to make friends with other girls in her building, but realizes that as long as she makes school her first priority, everything will be alright. She did admit that Panther Week helped her adjust to college life.

There are many ways to cope with stress. A local

for school, be prepared to wait in long lines especially at the beginning of a semester, try not to associate with people who worry too much because they will inevitably cause you to do the same. Keep your house and school materials organized so you can find needed items quickly, don't agree to tasks you don't have time to complete and,

last but not least, do not procrastinate. Don't put important things off until the last minute. These are all helpful tips that will help students deal with stress.

If you are dealing with homesickness, call home and talk to friends and family who love you. Involving yourself in activities and surrounding yourself with

people you enjoy will make the transition to college life much better. Take care of yourself, stay up on your school work, and surround yourself with good people and adjusting to college life will be a breeze.



Courtesy of Associated Press

psychologist, who wishes to keep his identity confidential, outlines techniques on how to lessen day-to-day stress: waking up fifteen minutes earlier in the morning will give you more time to gather materials needed

P.E.A.C.E prevents sexual assault

By **Alexis Benton**
Panther Staff

As the school year begins students are introduced to a new environment with many unfamiliar faces. Though the college lifestyle is centered upon interpersonal communication, what many students are unaware of is the fact that most sexual assaults occur during the first twelve weeks of school. This happens because many students, the majority being female freshmen, are unaware of such information.

The lack of knowledge on such a sensitive subject increases the chance of being a victim of sexual assault. Here at Prairie View, there is a prevention and advocacy program that offers assistance to anyone that has been involved in a sexual assault crime.

The P.E.A.C.E project which stands for: Prevention, Education, Awareness, Courage and Elimination, works to help victims become survivors and take control over their lives.

The project director, Sylvia Cedillo, founded the

program in the spring of 2000, shortly after the tragic incident involving Kirsten Tarver, a Prairie View student that was killed on campus by her boyfriend who then turned the gun on himself.

Gay Wells, the administrative assistant over the pro-



gram stated, "This information is very crucial for students to know, most importantly female freshmen. They need to know that it could happen to anyone I know, I've been there."

Some of the services that are offered include informa-

tion on victimization, assistance with protective orders and filing police reports. Though it does not give counseling, it refers victims to counselors located on campus for additional assistance.

Students who wish to seek more information about the program can visit the office located at 116 Owens-Franklin Health Ctr., or by email at peace@pvamu.edu; all inquiries are strictly confidential.

This program does not want to discourage student relationships but help prevent any form of sexual assault. Some advice that students should follow would be to report any allegations immediately for your safety, and to remember to play it safe when dating. The majority of assault cases happen between two people who have known each other over a period of time.

Wells offered this advice, "Keep critical conversation and make sure you have common ground with that someone. Take it slow, you are young and have so much more to experience."

Soul Survivor

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PV True Life... I'm a single mother

By **Jamyen Robinson**
Panther Staff

Pregnancy in college can be one of the most challenging times for young adults. Educational careers are detoured to the full-time job of parenting, keeping a social life, and trying to juggle a job at the same time. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 10 per cent of all college women become pregnant each year. It is stated that younger mothers are more likely to not finish high school or college. Also, it is additionally estimated that as many as 80 per cent of unwed mothers end up on welfare. As if living with the pressure of succeeding as an African American female isn't hard enough already, being a young mother delays the pace of receiving a slice of the American Dream.

"I'm not going to lie and give you a fantasy story; being a mother, going to school, and working is hard", says senior Sharita Griffin. Griffin is a Management Information Systems major, and a member

of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated. Sharita works Monday - Friday here on campus between her classes.

"My daily routine is getting up at 6 a.m., making sure I get dressed, and finish my homework. At 7 a.m., I wake up my 9-month-old daughter, change her diaper, feed her, and get her ready for daycare. From 8 a.m. -5p.m. I spend my time here on campus studying, going to class, and then to work. At 5:45, I pick up my daughter from daycare and head home."

When asked what was the number one thing that motivated Sharita to continue her education, she suggested that it was her daughter. "Eighteen years from now, my daughter will be in college, and I want her to understand that there will be obstacles that may be thrown in her path to prevent her achieving her goal, but through Christ Jesus, you can do all things." Griffin attends St. Paul Baptist church in Houston, TX, and in her spare time she likes to shop and catch up on her rest. Griffin's social life has in no way diminished, she just simply manages her time wisely.



Photo By: Marquese Allen

Mother and child. Sharita Griffin with daughter Tierra.

"Although it gets tough at times and I want to stay in bed all day", says Sharita, "I realize that determination, diligence and self-discipline will take me far toward reaching my goal. The world does not end because I have a child. Through any struggle that I may go through, I always know that there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Step your game up

By **Brandie Terrell**
Panther Staff

It is no secret that there are students on this campus who have no dilemma getting to know new people. There are those who don't even have to try; people just flock to them. Then there are those whose game is pathetic, and their efforts are constantly unsuccessful.

Game can be defined as: the ability to obtain what you desire. What determines the quality of your game is the method used to obtain your desires. Anytime a person encounters another, some type of game is being played, and everyone wants to win.

Scouting: Before one attempts to run game, they must first have a thorough understanding of their opponent. A person gains this understanding through observation and inquiring about the challenger.

Tip Off: The initial impression sets the tone of the game. A player aims to grab their opposition's attention and take control of the floor.

Initiating Offense: Knowing your next move is essential. Any type of hesitation may cause you to trip up and turn the ball over. In order to win the game, the ball should remain in your court.

Trying to Score: Detecting an open opportunity is key. Don't be afraid to take a chance. Confidence is imperative as well as your God given skills. Make sure that your opponent knows who you are as well as what you have to offer. Leave the challenger in high regard of your cleverness.

Playing Defense: A good player always enters the game with their guard up. The possibilities are infinite, so peeping game is key when trying to step up your game.

A person with grade 'A' game has no reservations. They have claimed every desire as their own, and have mastered every skill from scouting to playing de-

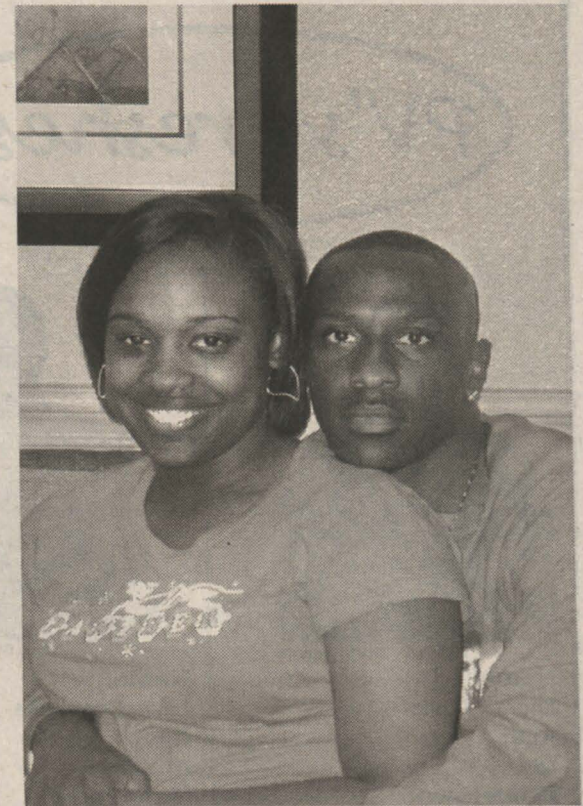


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Get the digits? Photo only represents models and have no relation to the content of story.

fense. Of course, no one came out of the womb with grade 'A' game. Therefore, there is still a chance for those of you who have yet to claim what you desire. Remember that game is perfected through practice, so if you are one of those pathetic players step up your game!

Do you have a story to tell that will make an impression on someone's life, or do you want to spotlight your Greek or non-Greek organization?

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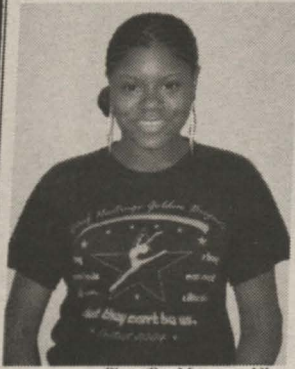


Photo By: Marquese Allen

Name:
Sharell Davis
Age:
18

Hometown:
Cypress, TX
Building of Residence:
Off-campus
Major/Minor:
Accounting/No minor
After Graduation Plans:
Sharell has not finalized her plans after graduation but is planning a promising career in her major field.

Why she chose to attend PV:

She feels that PV is a good school.

Words to live by:
"Love everyday as if it were your last."

By: Lillian Barry
Panther Staff

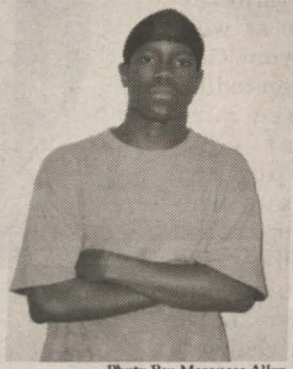


Photo By: Marquese Allen

Name:
Larry Onyejiaka
Age:
18

Hometown:
Houston, TX
Building of Residence:
#43

Major/Minor:
History/ Criminal Justice
After Graduation Plans:
Larry plans to attend law school to become a lawyer and after that a judge. Larry also plans to get married and have three children.

Why he chose to attend PV:

Larry likes the fact that PV is not too far from home and the climates are very similar.

Words to live by:
"Life is a privilege, live it for those who don't have it."

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The Review

Kanye West: The College Dropout Returns

By Jeremy Easley
Panther Staff

Once again, the Louis Vuitton Don hits us with another instant classic. Kanye's new album "Late Registration" dropped Tuesday, August 30, 2005.

The hidden track *Late*, has a s mellow beat and sampled voice. Kanye got personal on this album by dedicating a song to his mother. On the track *Hey Mama*,

Kanye mentions how his mother struggled working late nights to keep the lights on. *Hey mama* let me know how much I take advantage of my own mother.

Then Kanye shocked the world by crossing enemy lines, by producing a collaboration between himself and Nas in the song titled *We Major*. For the few of us who don't know, Nas and Jay-z have been feuding for the past eight years. The track features a jazzy beat, and

seven minutes of pure lyricism.

One of the top tracks on the album is *Drive Slow*. The song features Swisher House's own, Paul Wall, and of course, he does not disappoint. *Drive Slow* is telling the fellas to watch out for who they are messing with. As a tribute to screw music, the end of the track is slowed down. This album is full of heavy hitters including, Common, Game, Brandy, and Jay-Z just to mention a few.

Kem: Album II

By Ivory L. Townsel
Panther Staff

While many new but similar pop, and neo soul artists scramble their way up the charts, one stands its own ground as a compilation masterpiece of R&B, funk, and smooth jazz. That particular album is the sophomore release of the Detroit native, Kem.

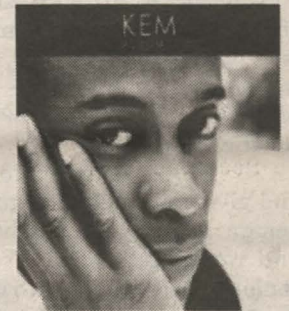
The album, titled Album II, dropped on May 17, 2005. His one of a kind soft, whispering but falsetto voice exerts itself over eleven tracks of mellow sounds and jazz bass-lines.

Kem is currently signed to one of the most respected record labels in the world, Motown. He truly resurrects the classic sound of old fashioned love and

romance on not only this album, but his debut, *Kemistry* released in 2002. While his lyrics speak of spiritual love and raw and unselfish emotion, his personal story is one of a struggle in which success followed.

He was once homeless and a drug addict, then he financed his first album waiting tables and singing top 40 wedding songs. In a recent interview, he stated that his career did not take off until he tapped into his spirituality. He also said that he loved to walk in faith and that most of his songs are about love and the human condition.

The only major collaboration on this album was with icon and label mate Stevie Wonder playing the harmonica on the song "You Might Win."



Courtesy of Associated Press

Other keynote singles include "Heaven" and "I Can't Stop Loving You," which made its debut at No. one on several charts. Album II sold 140,000 copies in its first week. Need a break from the normal sound? Pop in a copy of *Kem Album II* and smooth it out.

The Skeleton Key

By Shara Boykin
Panther Staff

If you are looking for a mild, make you think kind of thriller then *The Skeleton Key* is just for you.

New York Times Manohla Dargis calls it, "one of the most enjoyable movies of the season"; this skillfully mastered movie follows a live-in nurse, Caroline, played by Kate Hudson who travels to Louisiana to take care of an elderly man and his eccentric wife. This mild thriller gives you enough

thrill as it does everything else, *The Skeleton Key* also gives you a wonderful look into a hidden world of voodoo.

Caroline is dedicated to her job, but is constantly side-tracked because of ghostly images, a crazy woman, disoriented man and scary noises coming from the attic. Caroline is given one key by Violet, the wife of the elderly man, the key opens every door in the house. As Caroline opens a room in the attic she stumbles into a world of witch craft, unanswered questions, and a world that she never knew

existed. This movie takes you into the world of voodoo's dark secrets of spell casting and conjuring of spirits. The ending of the movie makes the movie one of the best thought out pictures of the year. It also steers away from the typical scary movie endings where we all know the ending before the movie ends.

The Skeleton Key has a star-studded cast with stars like Kate Hudson, Gena Rowland, Peter Sarsgaard, John Hurt and Joy Bryant. This mild thriller gets a PG-13 rating with some violence, and disturbing images.

The Fashion Fanatic

Fall fashions

By **Jovita Johnson**
Panther Staff

Women

Color: Teal
Hair: Wild & Crazy Cuts
Style: 1950s and 1960s influence

Look of the Week Casual

Top:
Corduroy Jacket w/ lace cami
Bottom:
Jeans and strappy sandals
Accessories:
Triple-linked Necklace
Dangle Earrings
Medium Handbag

Look of the Week Dress

Top:
Crochet Shrug w/ stretch tank
Bottom:
Gaucho Pants
Peep-toe Heel
Accessories:

Chandelier Earrings
Bangle Bracelets
Small Hobo Purse

Men

Color: Brown
Hair: Short/Fade/Dreads
Style: Comfort

Look of the Week Casual

Top:
Collared Button down Stripped Shirt
Bottom:
Dark Relaxed Jeans
White Tennis Shoe
Accessories:
Thick Band Watch

Look of the Week Dress

Top:
Solid Button down Shirt
Bottom:
Slacks
Square Toes dress Shoe
Accessories:
Dress Watch (Silver, Gold, or Platinum)

Fashion Dos & Don'ts

It is important to have your own style, but there are some things that should never be done.

Do:

1. Ladies wear a bra with a spaghetti strap tank; just because it says support doesn't mean that it has support for everyone.
2. Coordinate jewelry appropriately i.e. gold should not be mixed with silver.
3. Wear clothes that complement your shape.
4. Practice good hygiene.

Don't:

1. Wear white socks with predominately black shoes.
2. Ladies, don't wear short skirts if you have a lot of body.
3. Over accessorize i.e. wear every color, style, or shape at once.
4. Men, don't wear sandals if your feet are extremely lighter than the rest of you.

Panther Poetry Lounge

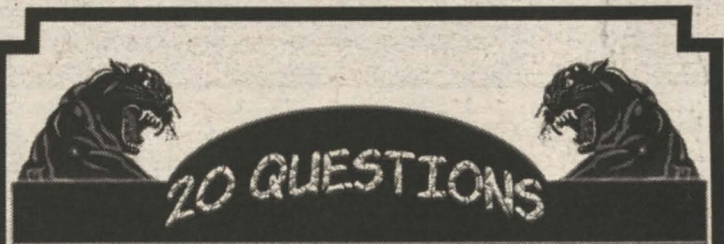
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Events for September 2005

<p>Saturday September 3 TBA</p>	<p>Monday September 5 Labor Day (University Closed)</p>	<p>Wednesday September 7 1. Census Date (12th Class Day) 2. Courses Dropped for Non-Payment 3. Last Day to Drop Course(s) without record</p>	<p>Friday September 9 TBA</p>
<p>Sunday September 4 TBA</p>	<p>Tuesday September 8 TBA</p>	<p>Thursday September 8 Withdrawal With Automatic Grade of "W" Begins</p>	

Organizations are not allowed to have events until the 12th class day.



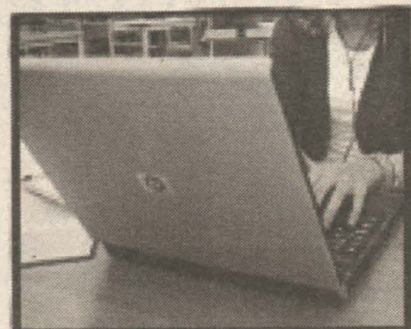
1. When is the band going to stop playing "Toxic?"
2. What happened to the crunk songs like "Swamp"?
3. What will a freshman girl do for a Klondike Bar?
4. Isn't this the year we were supposed to have the new football stadium?
5. Does that mean we will get a refund on our athletic fee?
6. If the PALS are already loud why are their shirts louder?
7. If entrance requirements continue to increase will the school go through a depression?
8. Is that what happened to all the freshmen?
9. Now that Cynthia Cooper is here will the girls' basketball team win a game?
10. Or will they be like the football team and be happy they beat the team who did not win a game their whole season?
11. Since we're hiring retired professional athletes can we hire Magic Johnson, better yet Jordan?
12. When did the Shuttle bus become a van?
13. Who actually had a first day of school outfit?
14. Will they wear it to the classic too?
15. Who is the freshman with the jheri-curl?
16. Why is he picking it out like it's a 'fro?
17. Who is the guy with the Tweety Bird backpack purse?
18. Who was the 23-year-old scoping out the freshman?
19. Don't you think it's time to graduate?
20. What do you think?

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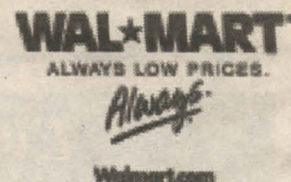


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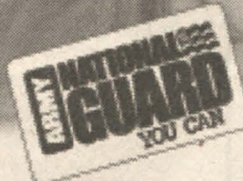
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