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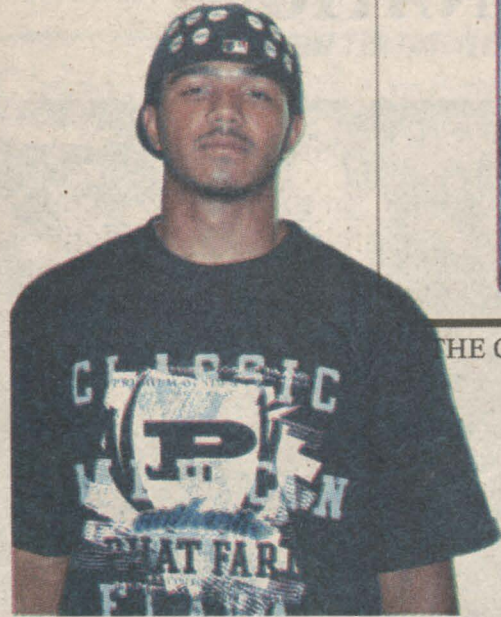
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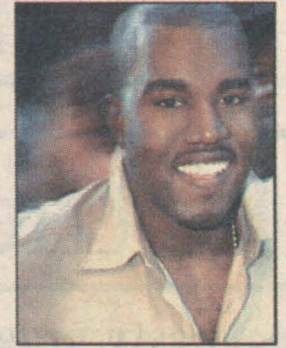


THE PANTHER

"Something inside so strong..."

THE OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Hurricane Katrina Edition



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Photo by Marques Allen

Wright gets personal: President told students that he will always be accessible to them.

Wright urges students to make responsible choices

By Anterria Brown
Panther Staff

President George C. Wright welcomed students back for another academic year last Wednesday at a general assembly in the Baby Dome. Wright opened his speech informing students that he was "very excited and optimistic for the new school year."

Wright stressed to the importance of making wise decisions and emphasized that the choices students make today will directly influence their future.

"You are responsible for your choices, suc-

cess and behavior. Everything you do counts," said Wright.

"I found Dr. Wright's speech to be very inspiring. He spoke to students as if he could actually relate to us. He also addressed a lot of concerns I had about the upcoming school year," said senior Stephanie Rufus.

Wright informed students that they could come to him personally to talk about any situation they may be encountering at PVAMU. He also spoke about several improvements being made around campus for the new school year.

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Prairie View opens its doors to Katrina victims

By Nneka Meka
Editor in Chief

Hurricane Katrina affected approximately 36 New Orleans area universities and colleges leaving as many as 100,000 college students in the region without a campus to call their own, according to the American Council on Education.

Colleges and universities all over the country have come to the aid of the displaced students, and last Tuesday Prairie View A&M University became one of the schools opening their doors.

The decision to get involved with efforts to assist victims of Katrina was one that encompassed all administration officials putting their heads together and formulating a way in which the university could serve at maximum capacity.

Tyra Metoyer, director of university relations said, "Everyone agreed it would be a good idea to help."

Prairie View will be able to accept a maximum of 300 students, and house roughly 240 in University College.

The students who decide to take advantage of Prairie View's offer will be admitted as transient students. By definition a transient student is one who is currently enrolled and in good standing at another college or university, but seeks admission into another school for a limited period of time.

"The students will be admitted for one semester based solely on proof that they were enrolled in a university affected by Katrina," said Metoyer. "If they want to stay beyond one semester they will be required to undergo a degree audit and the normal transfer student process."



Metoyer: "We are finding ways to extend support, while acting fiscally responsible."

Schools such as Harvard, Delaware State, Washington College, University of Evansville, and several others are letting these students in tuition-free; or in other cases such as at Bellarmine University they are receiving a 50 percent discount. However, according to Metoyer, the University is not in a position to offer such a hefty price cut.

"You will notice that the universities offering these students to attend for free have extremely large endowments and these fees will be paid from those funds," said Metoyer.

Instead, all Katrina victims will be allowed to pay in-state tuition, and will be able to receive their federal financial aid here at Prairie View. Also, the university has designated \$1 million in emergency tuition/fee loans not only for Katrina victims, but current students as well.

"This is a tremendous increase from the normal level of emergency loan funds which is \$250,000," said Metoyer. "We are finding ways to extend support, while acting fiscally responsible."



Photo by Otis Clayborne II

Home away from home: Students who relocate to Prairie View will be housed in UC.

In the news...

Amnesty program ends Sept. 30

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.

Times-Picayune wants FEMA officials out

UNDATED (AP) - Louisiana's largest newspaper is lashing out at the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina.

In an open letter to President Bush, the Times-Picayune is calling for every official at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be fired - especially director Michael Brown.

The editorial says "We're angry, Mr. President, and we'll be angry long after our beloved city and surrounding parishes have been pumped dry."

The newspaper goes on to say "Our people deserved rescuing. Many who could have been were not. That's to the government's shame."

The letter says "No expense should have been spared. No excuses should have been voiced."

City getting tough with last holdouts

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - New Orleans is getting tough with people who are still refusing to leave the hurricane-ravaged city.

Mayor Ray Nagin says water will no longer be handed out to people who refuse to leave.

Despite evacuations, rescues and relief efforts, Deputy Police Chief W-J Riley says some people still don't want to leave their homes while others are hanging back to take part in looting and other criminal activity.

State police are using force to get some to move. A SWAT team, armed with rifles, confronted two brothers at their home in the Uptown section of New Orleans, leaving one sobbing.

One officer says the team tried to make sure that the two men understood that food and water is becoming scarce and that disease could begin spreading.

Brownsville mayor asks each resident to donate \$1

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Mayor Eddie Trevino Jr. is urging each of the city's more than 161,000 residents to contribute at least \$1 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The money collected will be distributed to charities helping those devastated by the hurricane.

"This could very easily have been us last month, and it might very easily be us sometime in the future," Trevino said. "If we were in the kind of dire straights that the people along the Gulf Coast find themselves in, I would certainly hope that other communities would come to our aid."

Hurricane Emily hit near Brownsville recently, striking South Texas with heavy rain and high winds, but leaving mostly minor damage behind.

Brownsville officials also draw parallels between their city and New Orleans, citing large minority populations and economically disadvantaged residents, said Sally Arroyo, a Brownsville city commissioner.

Murphy oil tank in Louisiana spills

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) — An 85,000-barrel crude oil tank owned by Murphy Oil Corp. has spilled into the flood waters because of damage from Hurricane Katrina, the company announced Sunday.

It was not immediately known how much oil spilled at the Meraux, La., refinery, but the El Dorado-based company said in a release that some of the oil has been contained within the refinery grounds. The spill was discovered Saturday, the company said.

Each oil tank is surrounded by a retaining wall to keep the oil back in case of a spill, but at the time of the leak the walls were filled with flood water, Murphy Oil spokesman Kevin Fitzgerald said.

That retaining wall has since been repaired, the company said. Murphy Oil officials notified the National Response Center, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency about the spill.

Limited accessibility is hampering efforts from spill responders, who are on site trying to assess the damage, the company said. Much of the area around the spill had already been evacuated, company officials said.

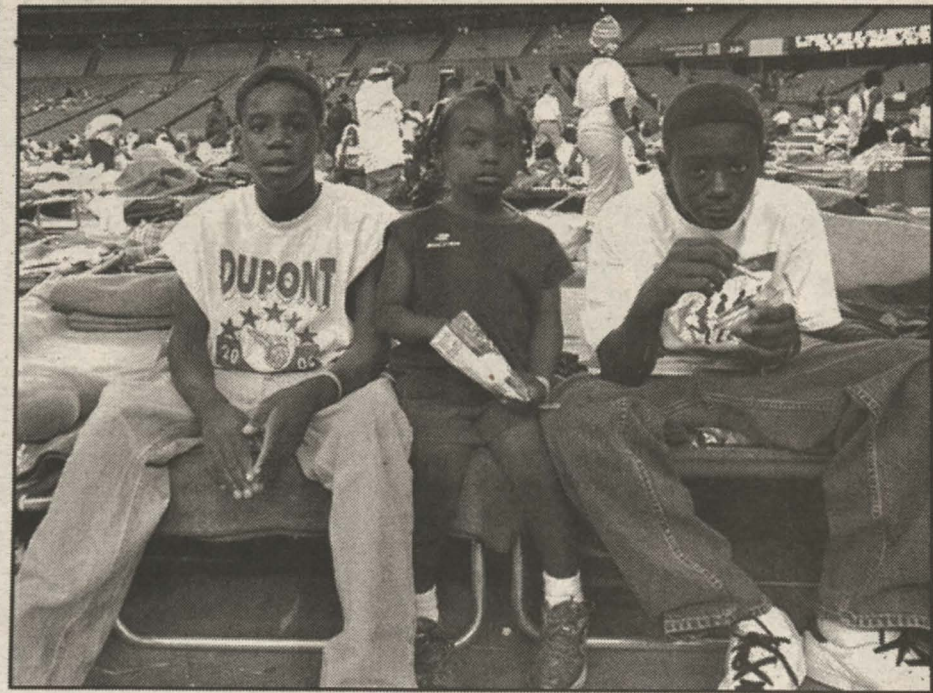


Photo courtesy AP

Starting over: New Orleans siblings sit on their cots on the floor of Houston's Astrodome Monday, Sept. 5, while their mother looks into school options.

Plan to move Astrodome evacuees put on hold

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A plan to move some Hurricane Katrina evacuees from the Houston Astrodome to cruise ships was postponed Tuesday because many didn't want to go, and a proposed airlift of refugees out of strained Texas appeared to be on hold after the federal government took over.

Officials had planned to begin moving about 4,000 evacuees on Tuesday to cruise ships docked at ports on the Gulf of Mexico.

However, officials of the Hurricane Katrina Houston Response announced Tuesday that the plan was delayed.

Incident Commander Joe Leonard said some people brought to Houston from the Louisiana Superdome want to stay where they are to concentrate on locating lost loved ones. Others want stability after having to evacuate their homes, being forced to endure squalid conditions in the Superdome and then being moved again to Texas.

"The 'Dome is home for them," Leonard said in a statement. "For residents, another immediate relocation is simply too much, too soon."

Carnival Corp. had said its Carnival Cruise Lines chartered three ships to the federal government the Ecstasy, Sensation and Holiday for six months to be used as shelters for up to 7,000 hurricane refugees.

Gov. Rick Perry had said Sunday that Texas needs other states to help manage the refugee crisis. Officials at Texas relief centers say they are simply running out of room.

An airlift to other states had been expected to begin under the direction of the Texas National Guard. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency took over the operation on Sunday and planes never took off.

It was unclear when any flights might actually leave and there was no explanation for the delay. There was no immediate response Tuesday morning to a call seeking comment from FEMA's Public Affairs Office in Washington.

FEMA spokesman Dean Cushman said Monday: "We are not coordinating it as of right now."

The state airlift plans were still in place and could be executed if needed, the governor said.

"We're ready when they are," Perry said.

Texas officials estimate about 100,000 Louisiana residents are staying in hotels and motels across the state and an additional 139,000 are being temporarily housed in 137 shelters.

Carnival cruise ship Ecstasy, normally ported at Galveston for four-and five-day cruises, and Sensation, normally in New Orleans for similar trips, were scheduled to house Katrina refugees in Galveston. The Holiday, which normally sails four and five-day Mexico cruises out of Mobile, Ala., was expected to be docked in Mobile.

Giving our sympathy and providing aid

By Latisha Johnson-Wallace
News Editor

Daily as I flip through the news, surf the net and read local newspapers I can't help but think to myself, what could have been done differently to prevent the devastation in the Gulf states.

Quickly I remind myself that I cannot go back in time, and must live for the moment.

First question that springs into my head is what can I do to help those directly affected? At this time I am not able to give monetary donations or even provide physically aid, but I know there is something that I can do.

One thing I know I am capable of doing is praying, the other is donating clothes, water, food and whatever other items may be needed.

Everyday that I step on PV's campus, I am amazed at students' conversations.

Truly we have all been affected, and all want to provide some aid.

On Wednesday at our first hump day, PV students have the opportunity to donate to the hurricane victims currently housed in Houston.



I know that students on this campus care, and would do almost anything to help those in need.

As we get ready to open up our campus to those students who have been displaced from their own institutions of higher learning I know that PV students will embrace them with open arms, and be willing to share our beautiful campus.

This alone makes me proud to be a Panther and a part of this wonderful community of generous individuals.

I know that we now must move past those statements and prepare for what is happening now, what can be done now, and what must be done now to reassure individuals of a better quality of life than what they are experiencing at this time.

Caught up in the storm



All is lost: Homes in Louisiana are flooded after Hurricane Katrina hit last Monday.

By Jovita Johnson
Panther Staff

The world was caught by surprise when Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. All three states were urged to immediately evacuate.

The city hit the worst was New Orleans, La. Those that stayed relied on shelter in the New Orleans Superdome, which was not as safe as presumed to be. The roof was partial blown away and flooding began as the hurricane pounced on the city.

Evacuees had little food and water, unsanitary restrooms and harsh living conditions.

Texas opened its arms and welcomed evacuees into the Houston Astrodome and Reliant

Arena. Other cities including San Antonio, Beaumont, Dallas and Austin also opened up shelters for evacuees.

In Houston the American Red Cross, with help from the media, sent out a request for volunteers, donations and any help that could be provided.

With more than 20,000 evacuees housed in both the Arena and the Astrodome the American Red Cross needed all the help they could get.

In the Arena there are wall to wall cots filled with people on top and all that they could salvage underneath. There were blatant smells of garbage, urine, and body odor.

Kids were running around trying in any way possible to entertain themselves and the

others took their minds off the situation by styling each other's hair or simply going to sleep.

There was a food station with boxes full of sandwiches, snacks, fruit, ice cream and drinks. They are well taken care of considering the circumstances. Evacuees couldn't believe that volunteers would come out to help people that they never met for free.

"Why would you come here to help us?" asked one evacuee.

Helping the victims was not only a good service to those in need, but it also makes volunteers aware of how much is taken for granted every day and also how much people really do care.

MSC is seeing red

Redbox DVD rental satisfies student rental needs

By Wendelene Turner
Panther Staff

Despite late financial aid and a lack of campus jobs, students are still able to scrounge up the dollar or two needed to rent a movie from the "Redbox".

The "Redbox" seen by students at the University of Houston, has finally made it to Prairie View A&M University's MSC and to the Hempstead McDonald's.

"The Redbox DVD rental is great. It is going to put Blockbuster and other movie rental companies out of business," says junior architecture major LaSean Davis. Various new releases from Constantine to the new hit comedy Beauty Shop are available for rent.

Students can rent new releases from the MSC location

for \$2 and at the McDonalds location for \$1. Because the rental machines are a relatively new development in DVD rental technology, there are bound to be a few minor discrepancies.

CEO of Urban Nites Entertainment Joseph Willis, says, "I had trouble returning the DVD at McDonald's, but the DVDs were really cheap."

Junior biology major James Buckner says that the rental machines fail to adequately inform the users on the exact return location.

"When my friend tried to return the DVDs he rented at McDonald's to the Redbox machine in the MSC, the machine would not accept them," says Buckner.

Upon renting the DVD a screen pops up informing the renter that the DVDs can be returned to any Redbox machine.

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Texas provides services to evacuees Expects reimbursement

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) From emergency food stamps to Medicaid prescriptions, Texas is delivering social services to Hurricane Katrina refugees as 240,000 begin rebuilding their lives.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Education Agency have been on the front lines dealing with evacuees. Thousands of displaced Gulf Coast residents need food and medical care and to enroll children in schools.

By Monday, 139,000 hurricane refugees were in 137 shelters in Texas, and another 100,000 were estimated to be in hotels and motels, said Robert Black, spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry. Some evacuees were believed to be in church shelters, but there was no firm count on those.

The refugees might be here for weeks or months, and some said they plan to move permanently to Texas.

While the cost of public services is quickly mounting, state officials say they don't expect Texas' budget to take a big hit.

Texas has been included in a disaster declaration by President Bush. So the state and its 254 counties are eligible to receive hurricane assistance money through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Black said.

"We expect FEMA to reimburse us one-hundred percent for everything," he said. State officials are still talking with the federal government about reimbursements for public school funding for evacuees, but the governor's office expects that to be included, too.

The governor's office, in which the state's emergency management office is located, says Texas is equipped to handle Louisiana evacuees while still caring for its own residents.

"Is there an area where we think we may be deficient? The answer is no," Black said. "We'll adjust and do what we need to do."

For instance, he said, the state class-size limit for younger elementary students might be waived in schools in Houston and San Antonio, where thousands of evacuees are being housed. Texas has a limit of 22 students per teacher for kindergarten through fourth grade.

The Texas Education Agency's latest count on Friday showed 6,100 students displaced by Hurricane Katrina had enrolled in public schools throughout the state. That number is expected to grow this week when classes resume after Labor Day.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission had provided food stamp assistance to at least 26,664 Louisiana families by the weekend, said Jennifer Harris, agency spokeswoman.

The flow of refugees seeking food stamps began last Tuesday and accelerated once more refugees began arriving in the state during the week.

Food stamps are the most immediate form of assistance the human services agency offers, and those are paid mostly through federal dollars, Harris said. The state picks up a portion of administrative costs.

The Health and Human Services Commission also is making Louisiana Medicaid clients aware of how to use their benefits in Texas, including obtaining prescription drugs. The benefits are paid through Louisiana Medicaid, Harris said.

Some HHSC offices around the state remained open over the holiday weekend to help evacuees.

The agency's Web site includes forms and information numbers for Texas pharmacies and health care providers serving Louisiana residents enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Research team spends summer participating in FaST Catalyst to accelerate development of PV's nuclear engineering program

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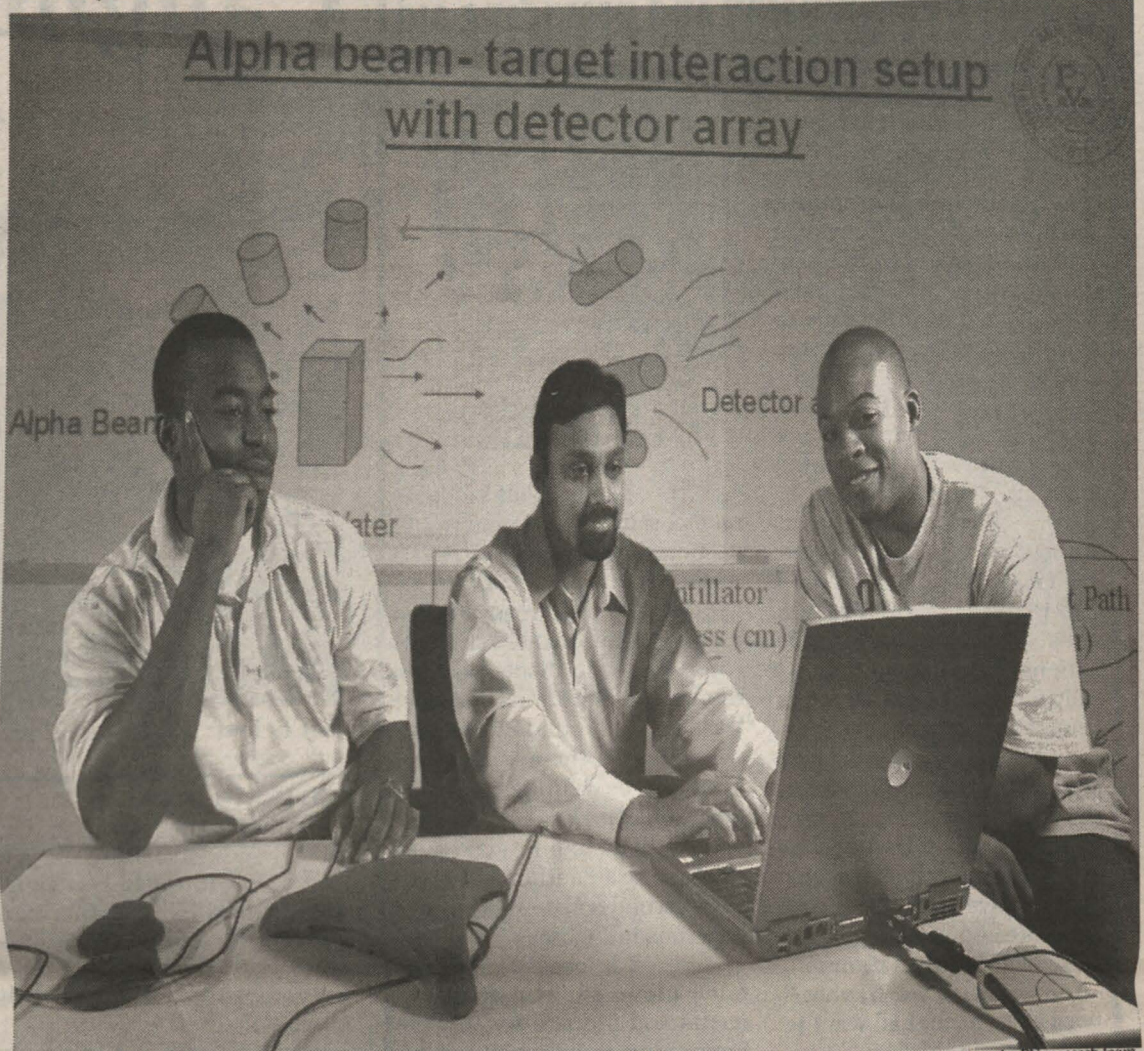


Photo by PV research team

Research at PVAMU: (L to R) Eric Wright, Dr. Sukesh Aghara, and Jerrad Deason

Press Release

Dr. Sukesh Aghara, a professor at Prairie View A&M University, and two of his students spent the summer of 2005 at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) as participants in the Faculty and Student Team (FaST) program, administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for DOE and the National Science Foundation.

The students were Eric Wright of Austin and Jerrad Deason of Houston.

Aghara says the experience will be the catalyst needed to accelerate the development of Prairie View's nuclear engineering program.

"Participation in this program provided the perfect combination of time, resources, and surroundings to jump-start nuclear-related research at Prairie View," explained Aghara.

"Our nuclear engineering program is in its infancy. As such, the limited research opportunities have provided little motivation to the students to pursue careers in research and development."

That's no longer the case for Prairie View undergraduates Wright and Deason. They traveled from the university to join Aghara in ORNL's Nuclear Science and Technology Division for 10 weeks of research, networking, and camaraderie with fellow students, faculty, and researchers from across the nation.

The Prairie View team collaborated with ORNL mentor Jeffrey Johnson to benchmark secondary neutron production from two radiation transport codes against experimental data reported in a peer-reviewed journal.

These codes – Monte Carlo N-Particle eXtended (MCNPX) and Particle and Heavy-Ion Transport System (PHITS) – are relatively new in their application to the study of heavy ion transport in the space and high energy physics arena; however, they show promise for the characterization of high energy charged particle interactions and heavy ion transport design studies.

In particular, the ORNL work supports projectile-target analysis for the Spallation Neutron Source and the pro-

posed Rare Isotope Accelerator projects.

Both Wright and Deason commented that the experience, while exposing them to research and development as well as the culture of a national laboratory, has solidified their commitment to pursue master's degrees in nuclear engineering.

The daily interactions with scientists, engineers, and other research participants were also enriching.

"The opportunity to work beside Ph.D. researchers from around the globe – all of whom are so enthusiastic to teach the next generation of scientists – as well as the organized outings with other students, created a stimulating learning environment," Deason said.

"This experience has allowed me to build a network of friends, advisors, and mentors who are from different cultures and involved in different fields of applied sciences," Wright agreed.

"It has been a very positive learning experience," he said. "The program has exceeded all of my expectations."

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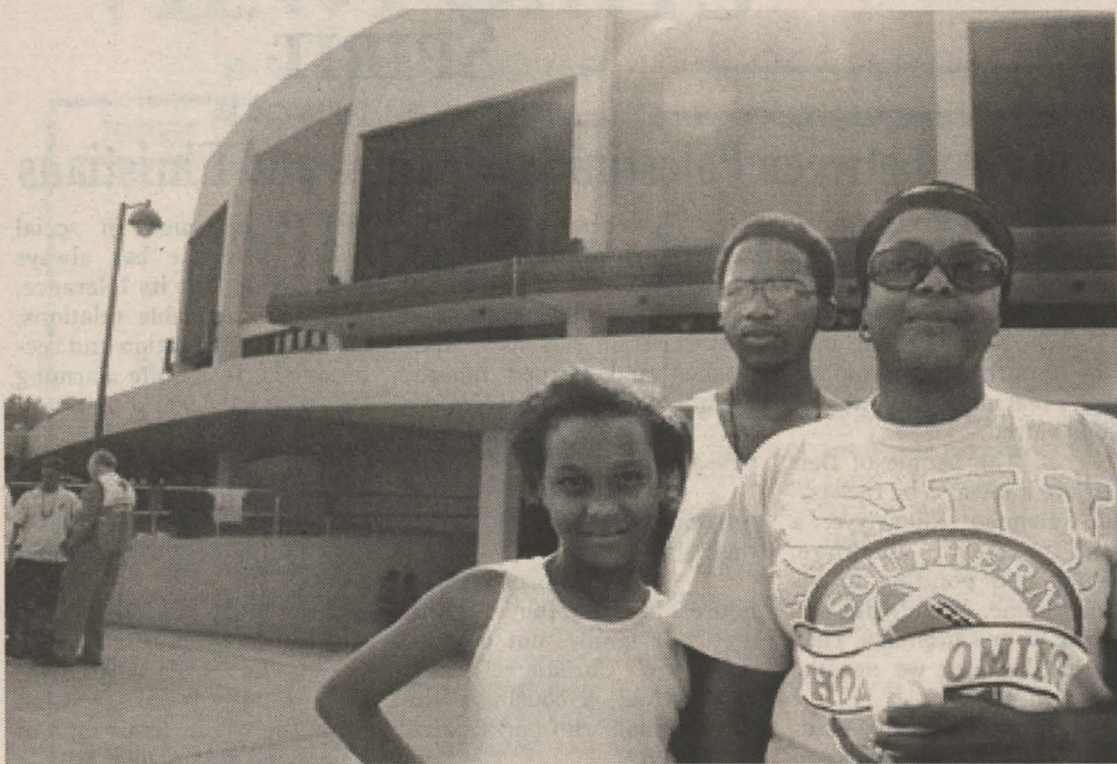


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New Orleans homemaker: Vaness Hoffman and her two children, Mia, 9, and Vance, 15, came to the F.G. Clark Activity Center on the Southern University campus in Baton Rouge.

At Southern U. "Minidome," cheer despite the ordeal

By Gabrielle Maple
Black College Wire

Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., opened its doors to 500 evacuees from southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi who managed to escape the wrath and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina since Aug. 29.

The evacuees included 9-year-old twins separated from their families, single men and women, and family groups, all staying at the F. G. Clark Activity Center. Some came the 150 miles from Biloxi, Miss., others 85 miles from New Orleans, still others from towns along the Louisiana and Mississippi shoreline.

Usually home to athletic events and concerts for students, the "minidome" became a shelter operated by the capital-area chapter of the American Red Cross. Evacuees washed their clothes and hung shirts, pants and socks from the railings of the ramps encircling it.

Inside was a calm and orderly scene of mostly African Americans looking for fresh clothing from racks of donations, and seeking meals and toiletries from Red Cross and other volunteers. The space was divided to house families in the middle, single women on the left, single men on the right.

Some were bedraggled and dirty, still wearing whatever they had on when they were rescued from the floodwaters and dropped off at the shelter by van and busload.

Yet there was an atmosphere of cheer despite their

ordeal. The evacuees could be seen sharing cell phones and helping each other sort clothing. And in contrast to some of the grim television images of anger and desperation, many were kindly and laughing, peppering any newcomer with questions, seeking news of their neighborhoods and homes.

The public was not allowed inside, and Southern University campus police and Baton Rouge law enforcement officers manned the doors to ensure that only evacuees entered. They used markers to draw happy faces on the hands of those who needed to exit and re-enter.

Children were everywhere, some dirty and obviously having been through an ordeal, others scrubbed and outfitted in donated clothes. They included the 9-year-old twins.

"When the call was sent out, we did not hesitate one moment to offer our facilities as a place of refuge to the people of New Orleans," said Southern Chancellor Edward R. Jackson.

Campus sororities and fraternities and groups from the Scotlandville community, which surrounds the Southern University campus, brought clothes and food to the shelter. Jackson said the university was searching for entertainment for the children and televisions for the adults.

"Being shut up in a place all day becomes boring. It is really depressing," he said. In addition to the official shelter, the campus became an unofficial refuge for relatives of Southern students who needed to escape their homes in the flood zone, he added. There were reports

that families were staying with students in the dorms.

"We don't have an official count of who they are exactly, but there have been reports of children and older people in the cafeterias," Jackson said. "We will not kick these people out because they have nowhere to go; however, we are trying to help them find housing by Saturday," Sept. 3, "so that we can resume classes on Tuesday with some sense of normalcy."

According to Keisha LaCour, Southern University director of media relations, the school did not lose power during the storm, though there were widespread power outages and telephone and Internet communications were difficult throughout the Baton Rouge area. All students on campus were safe, she said.

Southern University had opened for the school year on Aug. 22, but suspended classes on Aug. 29 anticipating high winds as Katrina's landfall was predicted to lash the state. Classes were to resume on Sept. 6.

The reopened campus was expected to take on yet another group: the staff and 3,050 students who cannot return to the Southern University New Orleans commuter campus.

"We know SUNO is under water and we know the damage is devastating," said Jackson, who is also the interim president of the Southern University system of campuses, which includes facilities in New Orleans and Shreveport.

SPJ and SDX Foundation to provide assistance to displaced students

By Richard Prince
Editor, Black College Wire

INDIANAPOLIS - The Society of Professional Journalists and its supporting foundation, the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation, today announced that they are making up to \$25,000 available to journalism students who are forced to relocate to another college or university due to Hurricane Katrina.

Students whose schools in the hurricane affected areas have shut and are admitted to other schools this semester will qualify for a one-time \$250 grant from the foundation to help replace books and study materials lost in the hurricane and subsequent flooding.

The Society will administer the fund. Membership in SPJ is not a requirement to qualify for this assistance.

"We commend the colleges and universities across the nation that are opening their doors to the thousands of students whose lives have been turned upside down by this natural disaster," said Irwin Gratz, the Society's president and Morning Edition producer for Maine Public Broadcasting.

"The Society of Professional Journalists is fortunate that its educational foundation has the resources to provide some measure of relief during this time when our nation needs to pull together and do all it can to help its citizens in need."

"It is one of the missions of the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation to serve the needs of students and I can't think of a time when the need has been greater," said Todd Gillman, Sigma Delta Chi Foundation president and Washington, D.C. correspondent for the Dallas Morning News.

To qualify, students

majoring in journalism and/or communications with a journalism emphasis need only complete a simple application and have the school to which they move send an official letter certifying the student's enrollment due to displacement by Hurricane Katrina.

"It's really important that each of us in our own way move expeditiously to help our fellow citizens who survived this disaster get some semblance of normalcy back to their lives as soon as they can," said Gratz and Gillman.

"It will have to be done one person and one brick at a time and will require some collective effort by many. We hope other journalism organizations will find merit in our gesture to help journalism students and do what they can."

Founded in 1961, the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that those who carry on the tradition of a free press are prepared for the challenge. Its goal is to support the educational programs of the Society of Professional Journalists and to serve the professional needs of journalists and students pursuing careers in journalism.

The Society of Professional Journalists works to improve and protect journalism. The organization is the nation's largest and most broad-based journalism organization, dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior.

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'Honor killing' feud underlines growing divide between Palestinian Muslims and Christians

By Laura Sukhtian
Associated Press

TAIBEH, West Bank (AP) — It began as yet another "honor killing," still relatively common in the Arab world: a young Muslim woman was poisoned, allegedly by her family, over an extramarital affair.

But in a twist, her lover was a Christian and 13 of his relatives' homes were burned by an angry mob, all Muslims from the dead woman's clan.

The woman's family insists they were simply dispensing tribal justice. But some Christians say they were targeted because of their religion, reflecting growing worries about a rise in sectarianism after decades of tolerance between Palestinians' Muslim majority and a dwindling Christian minority.

On Monday, dozens

of Palestinian security officers deployed in Taibeh to keep the peace, and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas asked his attorney general to prepare a detailed report on the incident. European representatives in the West Bank pressed local officials to ensure the safety of Christians.

Hiyam Ajaj, 30, worked in a sewing shop in the mostly Christian village of Taibeh. She fell in love with her boss, Mehdi Khouriyye, and for two years they had an affair. About six months ago, she got pregnant, and several days ago, her family found out.

On Thursday morning, the woman was found dead in her family's village, Deir Jreer.

Her family said she became pregnant from being raped but nonetheless welcomed her death, which they claimed was suicide, as a just

punishment. They defended the raid on Taibeh, aimed at houses of her lover's relatives.

But some Christians in Taibeh, mostly young men in the Khouriyye clan, said the attack's real motivation was religious hatred.

"The people of Deir Jreer are known to be racists," said Suleiman Khouriyye, a cousin of Mehdi Khouriyye, weeping and pointing to his burned home. "They did this because we're Christians. They did this because we are the weaker ones."

Malek Khouriyye, Suleiman's father, scolded his son for blaming sectarianism.

"We've been living together for decades and we've never had a problem," said Malek, sitting at a friend's house surrounded by his three sons and their wives, all of them now homeless.

According to the Khouriyyes and several other town residents, the mob that raided the village shouted anti-Christian slogans as they trashed and burned houses, including chants like "Let's burn the infidels, let's burn the Crusaders."

The Ajaj clan denied religious animosity motivated their attack.

"We burned their houses because they dishonored our family, not because they are Christians," said Khaled Ajaj, a cousin of the dead woman who participated in the raid.

The acts of violence and counter-violence in family feuds happen in part because there is no authority that Palestinians can rely on, she said.

"This is a very serious development," Ashrawi said. "We are witnessing some

sort of regression in social norms. Palestine has always been famous for its tolerance, pluralism, amicable relations, lack of discrimination and sectarianism. It is quite alarming that such incidents should take place."

Last year, more than 30 women are known to have been killed in the name of family honor in the West Bank and Gaza.

Such violence isn't limited to Arab Muslims.

In May, Faten Habash, a 23-year-old Christian from the West Bank city of Ramallah, fell in love with a Muslim man. Eventually, her father killed her, splitting her head open with a metal pipe. She was in a wheelchair with a broken hip, an injury she suffered when she tried to commit suicide by jumping out of her father's third-floor apartment.

Commentary

Dwelling without progress

Unite as a people to thank God for how far we have come

By Frederick Crawford
Panther staff

Let's go back, about forty years back, back into time. These are the days in which our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and others were fighting for civil rights for blacks. They were fighting so that their children could one day live in a society in which the greatest opportunity to succeed would be attainable.

These are the days of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, the young Jesse Jackson, and many others including people like Rosa Parks. A group of people who came together as a family to fight against oppression, but most importantly to pray together and ask God for brighter days to come.

Now fast forward into the present. Instead of uniting together to better ourselves, we fight among ourselves. We stab each other in the back when

another becomes successful rather than supporting that individual. "Am I my brother's keeper?" We should be. If we have a sister or brother who is in dire straits, we should care and show love for that person, rather than take the attitude of glad it's not me. How quickly we have forgotten where God has brought us from as individuals and a race.

Instead of being thankful for where God has brought us, most of us complain about being oppressed and about the situations we are in. Yes, it is true that we as a race still battle racism and oppression. But we can't blame others for our status. Most of us will never understand why we as a black race can't seem to grow out of poverty into prosperity. God tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) Let's stop dwelling in the past and start uniting and praying together for brighter days once more.

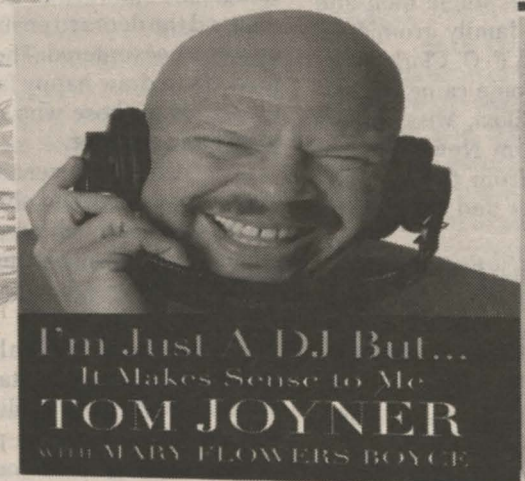
"But we have this

treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." (2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

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letter to the editor

"To the fellas"

Who am I to YOU? What am I to YOU? Don't worry, I already know... See, I don't care what YOU think or what YOU say behind my back, I only care for one thing... How YOU feel. I put others before myself. So, I give my body to YOU, to make YOU feel good. Although I may not want it, I'd rather give it to YOU than have YOU take it from me. Not saying that any of YOU would, or that some of YOU haven't, but I'd prefer to hate myself than to hate YOU. I'd prefer to hurt myself than to hurt YOU. I don't blame any of YOU for who or what I am today. I blame myself. But, what can I say? I continue to hurt my body with sex to punish myself for the past. It doesn't stop. YOU're happy and I hurt. I know GOD is not happy with me, so, because I'm not into the thought of suicide, I'll let HIM determine when it's my turn to go. In the meantime, I'll keep giving

myself to YOU to make YOU happy. I love to see YOU smile. It is a lot better to see YOU smile because YOU feel good, than to see YOU frown with anger and discontent because I won't give it to YOU. I don't want YOU to take it out on me, YOU are right when YOU say, "Everyone has already had it, why can't I?.." My body is no longer sacred; I've destroyed my temple long ago. I'm not blaming YOU for anything, I won't. For some of YOU, I won't even call it "rape", just to make YOU happy. I just learned to accept and like it. It's all I know and I accept that. I obviously can't find love because of it, so I have just come to live with it. I don't know exactly what "love" is, but I have to say, I've come to "love" what I do. Call it what YOU may, but as far as I'm concerned, "love" is doing something to make someone happy. If giving myself to YOU means making YOU happy, then I'll love what I do. YOUR happiness is my happiness. For those of YOU who didn't even try to get to know me, just hung around to use me...

YOU missed out on a great friend and a wonderful relationship with someone who truly cares about the soul! Had YOU gotten to know me, YOU'd see that for YOURself... See, I didn't pull away because I am unselfish... Why didn't YOU?

This is a little piece of my life that I would like to share with all of Prairie View... This is to hopefully help those of you who will go through this and those of you who already have... I hope this piece will make those brothers believe that their actions do reflect who they are and that what is always forgiven is not always forgotten... Please, to the freshmen females and new students, don't be the next victim! Stand up and be heard!

Just a Thought
With "Love"

Brokenhearted Senior



Ever so recently: Vision of the future

By Dr. Edward J. Schauer
Faculty Contributor

Students may have the impression that the colleges and programs at Prairie View A&M University have existed in their present forms for many years. In reality, many new, progressive programs exist at PVAMU. For example, all present elements of the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology have been developed since 1998.

In May of that year the administration of PVAMU gathered a number of visionaries - specialists representing several disciplines - to serve as a think tank. The purpose of the think tank (later known in-house as "the brain trust") was to develop new and insightful ways to effectively prevent juvenile crime. The think tank met at least once per week in those first few years to share ideas, to wrestle with concepts, and to struggle with obstacles. To stay on track in their meetings, members would regularly be reminded by their team leader, Dr. H. Elaine Rodney, "Remember, we are here for the children!"

Students majoring in Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, and Psychology may be unaware that some of their professors began at Prairie View as members of this think tank. Did you know that the founding team consisted of Drs. Charles Bailey, Bob Mupier, Richard Tachia, and Ed Schauer; and added to this think tank rather early on were Drs. Clete Snell and Anthony Carona?

These individuals were instrumental in first conceptualizing, and then in creating almost every component of what exists today in Juvenile Justice and Psychology.

They began with two tiny, struggling undergraduate programs; and based upon this foundation and guided by their insight grew the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology.

The PVAMU administrators must be commended for their insightfulness in setting up this think tank, for it has resulted in Prairie View A&M leading the nation and the world in several areas: Conceptualizations of the think tank resulted in the first doctoral degree at PVAMU, which in turn became the first degree of its kind in the world. State approval of the Ph.D. degree in Juvenile Justice also made it easier for PVAMU to get additional doctoral degrees approved.

Prairie View was also first in the world to create a Juvenile Forensic Psychology master's degree, a master's degree in Juvenile Justice, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a focus on Juvenile Forensics. PVAMU is also the first university in the world to create a College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology.

Initially, the founding members of the think tank each had a specialized task with the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center: Dr. Bailey was the Center's assistant director, Dr. Mupier - the researcher, Dr. Tachia - the statistician, and Dr. Schauer was responsible for promotion and community outreach. After the first few years of Center and College development, each of the founding members was promoted to a tenure-track teaching position. Thus, it is in the classroom now that students may feel privileged to receive the insight and ethic of these thinkers.

When financial aid fails

There is more than one way to pay for college

By Jameka Merriweather
Panther Staff

Paying for a college education is a difficult task for many students. However, there are effective and proactive solutions to pay for college.

Here on campus the financial aid office is usually frowned upon, but patience is most important when handling situations that involve the financial aid office.

The process may seem slow and tedious, but counselors are working to make sure all work is handled as efficiently as possible.

There are several opportunities for financial aid outside of campus. One is the federal Pell Grant which is awarded based on a student's financial needs and does not have to be

repaid.

Students should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to receive a student aid report (SAR), which will indicate their level of eligibility. A second type is work-study, through which students may work on campus earning a current minimum wage salary.

In addition to government assistance, there is military aid and student profile-based aid. Military aid is awarded to veterans and their dependants or students seeking careers in the military.

Student profile-based aid is awarded according to a student's characteristics, which include international students, students with disabilities, female students, minority students, and gay and lesbian students.

There is also aid for professional and graduate school according to the field of study.

Many students try to avoid loans, but loans also provide a viable method of paying for college.

Loans must be repaid with interest but budgeting money wisely can make this task easier for students. There are three types of loans: student, parent, and private loans.

Student loans include those such as the Stafford and Perkins loan, Parent loans which include the PLUS loan, and private loans awarded by private lenders such as banks.

When the financial aid office fails, do not give up but search harder. Plenty of scholarships are available from churches, businesses, and organizations.

The Hill Life...

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YEAH, AFTER HELPING AT THE DOME I'M NOT IN A PARTYING MOOD.

LETTE, THE GAME IS NO MORE. WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIES?

WHO!

Ooh, guess who I saw last night

YOU ARE WRONG!

I love Aurora, we grew up together, but why did she bring these messy hounds out their cages. I wonder where Ron is. After tonight I am really going to need some Jesus in the morning...

Thanks for inviting me Lette, I really enjoyed church. Don't worry, you and Ron will make it.

WHAT, WE WEREN'T TOGETHER LAST NIGHT?

YOU HAVE A MESSAGE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

**Ron B
2144181980
I can't keep my mind off last night.
U'R AMAZIN.
Round 2 n 15min**

What's wrong with these pictures?

The news media have been inconsistent in illustrating where to draw the line between finding and looting. Oddly enough, African Americans always seem to be the ones looting. Below is a collage from salon.com of AP photos and captions that seem to be contradictory.

AP Associated Press AP - Tue Aug 30, 11:31 AM ET
A young man walks through chest deep flood water after looting a grocery store in New Orleans on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005. Flood waters continue to rise in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina did extensive damage. [Email Photo](#) [Print Photo](#)

AP Associated Press AP - Tue Aug 30, 8:10 PM ET
As one person looks through their shopping bag, left, another jumps through a broken window, while leaving a convenience store on the I-10 service road south, in Metairie, La., Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. [Email Photo](#) [Print Photo](#)

AP Associated Press AP - Tue Aug 30, 3:41 AM ET
Two residents wade through chest-deep water after finding bread and soda from a local grocery store after Hurricane Katrina. [Email Photo](#) [Print Photo](#)

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What is your opinion on the response time of the aid for those affected by Hurricane Katrina?



It took too long to get those people out of a chaotic situation. Race is also a major factor, if those people would have been white they would have been rescued immediately.

**-Chanel Hearn
Sophomore
Nursing**



Timing was terrible. They should've used the same urgency they used with 9/11. Somebody is putting Bush to the test right now, and he is failing.

**-J. Coles
Sophomore
Communications**



Response time could have been quicker. When the chaos started, then the government got serious. Now Beaumont is New Orleans.

**-Ryan Ruben
Junior
Communications**



I don't think the government did enough to get to the victims quickly. People were dying and they needed help.

**-Laskia McNeil
Junior
Nursing**



Photo courtesy of Rashad Morgan

My whole city behind me: A former captain of his high school football team in New Orleans, wide receiver Tony Taylor, 5-10, is ready for this season.

Football player loses everything in hurricane

Although many of his possessions are gone, Taylor still has hope

By Lori Mason and
Rashad Morgan
Panther Staff

Freshman wide receiver Tony Taylor is the only football player from New Orleans, La. A graduate of McDonough 35 High School in lower Ninth Ward, Taylor has never played for a team with a losing record.

"I decided to come to Prairie View because I was offered a scholarship," said Taylor.

"Before I got here I researched Prairie View's past seasons and decided that it would be a good fit for me.

Because of the fresh coaching staff and players, this program is about to make a turnaround and I wanted to be a part of that."

Being from New Orleans Taylor's life changed without him even being there. "When I first heard about Hurricane Katrina, I called my family two days before it hit and they informed me that they made it out okay, and they were now in Baton Rouge with other family."

The industrial canal levee broke just one block away from Taylor's home, in the heart of Ninth Ward.

"Both of my parents are

deceased, so my grandparents raised me. I had only a couple of pictures of my parents, but I left them back home, so now they are gone."

Luckily none of his family or friends was hurt during the storm. "All of my closest family and friends made it out safely." Taylor said he would love to return to New Orleans to check on the condition of his home, but as of now no one is allowed into the city.

If time permits, Taylor would like to contribute his time to volunteer and help the victims of the city he once called home.



Photocourtesy of associated press

What once was: Piles of rubble and debris like this are distant memories of New Orleans residents' homes.

Panther athletic Web site has new home

New site offers information on the university's 18 sports

By Andrew Roberts
Panther News Service

Prairie View A&M University Department of Athletics has a new home on the World Wide Web at <http://sports.pvamu.edu>.

The site provides students, alumni, fans, parents of student-athletes and supporters with information on the university's 18 sports — 10 women's and eight men's sports.

"We are excited about our new Web site," said Charles McClelland, athletics director. "We know that sports.pvamu.edu is the kind of Web site that our students, student-athletes, alumni and fans can be proud of.

It is user friendly and we now have the ability to

manage and release information in a timely manner."

The home page includes news headlines and upcoming athletic events as well as links



sports.pvamu.edu

to purchase paraphernalia, directions to the campus, team schedules and rosters.

Visitors to the site will also be able to link directly to the NCAA, SWAC and Prairie View's corporate sponsors Web sites.

As media guides are

produced for football and men's and women's basketball, they will be available online. Biographies will be available for every student-athlete and coach.

"When we started this project six months ago our goal was to dramatically improve our athletics Web site," said Stefann Robinson, assistant athletic director for sports information and promotions director. "We are confident that the new site will serve as an important avenue for media personnel to

gain pertinent information about our programs. We look forward to receiving input and feedback about the new look and functionality as we seek opportunities to continuously improve and enhance the new site."

It's bigger than us, show some love



By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

In the wake of the recent catastrophe caused by Hurricane Katrina, a lot of true colors have begun to show.

I'm mainly talking about people of upper-class America, primarily celebrities, entertainers, and athletes.

It's very disappointing to know that there are some people in this country who could really contribute a lot to

the victims of this disaster, but are knowingly doing nothing at all. Who knows why, maybe they're driven by greed, inconsideration, ungratefulness or maybe they are just insensitive to the tribulations that have been forced on the residents of Louisiana and Mississippi.

That's really messed up, especially when you have citizens who work 40-hour a week jobs volunteering at the Astrodome to comfort and donate to a needy family.

It's bigger than that, where are the billionaire owners of these sports teams who pay these athletes millions of dollars and the employers of these wealthy entertainers, like Universal, Atlantic, Sony, and Jive.

Lady Panthers soccer suffer shutout against Indians

By Dustin Daniels
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers dropped their second consecutive contest in as many tries, suffering a 6-0 road shutout at the hands of Louisiana-Monroe's Indians on Friday.

Louisiana-Monroe came out the aggressor, sending a number of attempts to the defense of the Panthers goalie Amy Miller. Their efforts reaped benefits when, at the 28:05 mark, Louisiana-Monroe's Tara Balogh struck pay dirt. Minutes later, Louisiana-Monroe's Amanda Wing scored on an assist by Rachael Hobson.

At intermission, the Lady Panthers trailed by two,

thanks in part to the aggression of Louisiana-Monroe. The Indians had attempted 17 shots in the opening stanza, while the Panthers had only mounted three.

The second half saw Louisiana-Monroe continue to pour it on. As Balogh and Hobson struck once more, Bologh tallied her second goal, and Hobson racked up her second assist. Hobson would later score unassisted, en route to dominating the Panthers.

For the game, Louisiana-Monroe totaled 27 shots, while limiting the Lady Panthers to four. Prairie View will return to Blackshear Field for back to back home contests versus Dallas Baptist, Sept. 6, and Texas State, Sept. 11.

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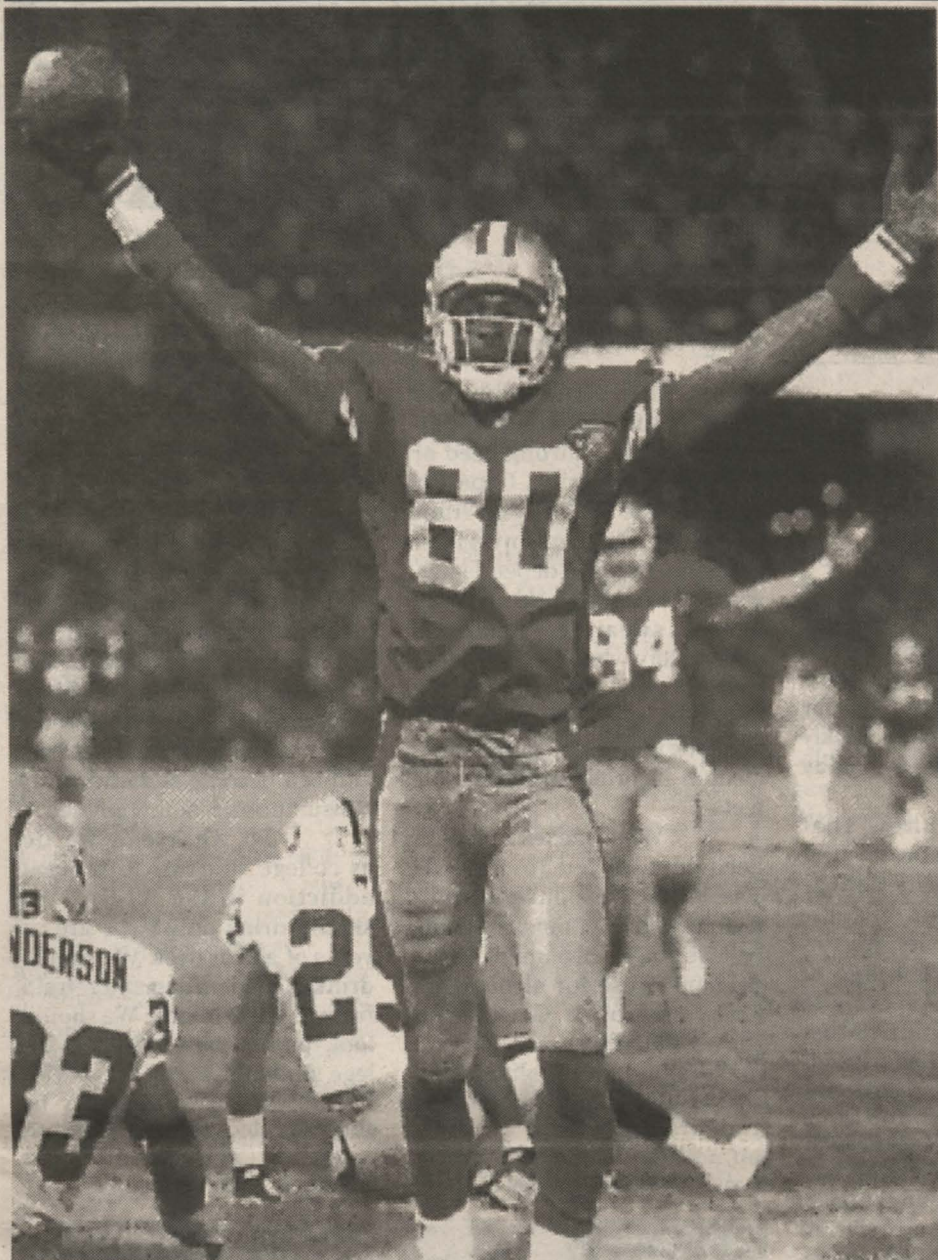


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A living legend: Undoubtedly the best receiver of all time and arguably the greatest player to play the game, Rice announced his retirement after preseason with the Broncos.

Rice retires after 20 NFL seasons

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

The greatest receiver of all time realized he would be no better than the fourth receiver for the Denver Broncos. It was no way for Jerry Rice to end his career, so he called it quits after 20 sensational seasons.

"I never thought I'd ever see this day," Rice said Monday during an emotional news conference at Broncos team headquarters. And the NFL may never see anyone like Rice again.

The 42-year-old receiver, a first-round draft pick out of tiny Mississippi Valley State in 1985, leaves the field with 38 NFL records, including the most career receptions (1,549), yards receiving (22,895) and touchdowns receiving (197).

But as much as the numbers, it was the way he did things that made the biggest impression — the right way.

He was a slave to details, a master of route-running precision, a good guy off the field and a workout junkie both in season and out.

Revered by fans and his peers, Rice told the players he was retiring during a short meeting held after his public announcement. The Broncos gave him a standing ovation.

"Not many people who own all the records give that type of commitment in the off season," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "That's why, in my opinion, he's the greatest player to ever play the game."

Next, it's time for that debate, and nobody can accuse Shanahan of overstating it.

Rice led the 49ers to three Super Bowl titles and helped make Joe

Montana and Steve Young look great. He mastered the West Coast offense and made a career of turning short catches into long gains.

His work ethic and attention to the little things gave an entire generation of receivers someone to look up to.

After some early trouble adjusting to the mile-high altitude, Rice looked in shape and ready for a 21st season. About halfway through training camp, he moved ahead of Darius Watts, to Denver's No. 3 receiver spot.

When Watts improved, Rice was bumped back down the depth chart in the third preseason game.

After the finale, Shanahan told Rice he'd be a No. 4, at best, competing for playing time with youngsters Charlie Adams and Todd Devoe.

Talk about a generation gap — Adams said he has Rice posters on his wall at home.

"He worked hard every day," Adams said. "He didn't take any days off, he didn't take any plays off. That's how he did it. He never took the easy way out."

Now that he's acknowledged it's really over, Rice said he was grateful for the last few years of his career, when he finally took the blinders off and paid attention to the fans who chanted his name.

An avid golf player who was often spotted playing at the resort hotel where he stayed while in Denver, Rice said he is "looking forward to the next phase of my life."

"There are opportunities out there. I'll approach them like I did football, with determination and pride," he said.

Saints debate where to move home games; LSU is top choice

Associated Press

Forced to find a new place to play their home games, the New Orleans Saints would prefer to play close to home.

The Saints said Sunday three options are being considered: LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La; the Alamodome in San Antonio or at the stadiums of all their opponents.

From general manager Mickey Loomis to coach Jim Haslett to star receiver Joe Horn, the entire organization seems to want to relocate to Baton Rouge, which is only about 75 miles from New Orleans yet did not sustain anywhere near the kind of damage from Hurricane Katrina that ruined the Superdome.

"If we can uplift anyone, obviously that's worthwhile to us," Loomis said. "We're representatives of the people of Louisiana and the people of New Orleans."

The team has moved its day-to-day operations to San Antonio and will

begin practicing in the area Monday.

Loomis, Haslett and Horn all agreed staying there and playing games in the Alamodome would be better than having to play all 16 games on the road.

The Saints already are down for nine as NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has moved their home opener to Giants Stadium, home of their foe, the New York Giants.

"After talking to all the people yesterday I know that the fans want us to be as close as possible, so LSU would be the best choice," he said.

Haslett said NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue "put us behind the eight ball" with the decision to play at the Meadowlands in Week 2. Loomis said Sunday the Saints are planning to keep their temporary head-

quarters and practices in San Antonio all season, regardless of where they end up playing their home games. Everyone

involved in the organization, and their families, fled New Orleans a few days before Katrina hit. It was evident soon after the storm that the Superdome wouldn't be available for this season.

Tiger Stadium

holds almost 92,000, although there might be issues of whether the turf can handle LSU games on Saturdays and Saints games on Sundays.

Several coaches and players



Photo courtesy of associated press

Home advantage: Even though the Saints have moved their day-to-day operations to San Antonio, the team will most likely play their home games at Tiger Stadium.

visited Kelly on Sunday. Loomis said the first person their caravan came across was a former team employee whose son now works for the organization.

The man was taken back to the team hotel, where he was to be reunited with his son. Their names were not immediately released.

The Alamodome seats about 60,000 for football and has only a few dozen of the moneymaking luxury suites teams crave, part of the reason the nation's eighth-largest city has never been a serious candidate for getting a team via expansion or relocation.

Loomis also announced that the team is creating a relief fund for the hurricane victims. He said Saints owner Tom Benson and his family would make the first donation.

"We are still the New Orleans Saints," Loomis said.

"Our commitment to our city is stronger than ever. We want to be on the forefront of rebuilding our city. We'll play this season with the same toughness and resiliency of the people of New Orleans."

Progress is the key

Tippin' the bottle



By Alanna Jones
L/H & A/E Editor

Hurricane Katrina is the top story that everyone has heard about for the past week. We watched the storm approach the Gulf Coast, and destroy the lives of people in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, the hardest hit.

As we look at the news we, as minorities, get easily angered by how we believe the evacuees are being treated, how we believe the government did not send out help fast enough, how the media have chosen to portray our culture, and so on. But the question is: What can we do?

Although we were not directly affected by the devastation, the aftermath will become a part of our history at PV soon enough. So when we have Louisiana natives

enrolling in school, what are we going to do? Are we going to complain, or are we going to have open arms so we as students can help their lives move forward.

True, we are in school and may not have the resources to give what most can, but do what you can when the opportunity presents itself. Progress should be the main focus on our mind in helping these people who are essentially a part of mankind as we are, and help them to continue a life of hope and promise.

We need to not forget that there are fellow students living next door to us who have lost their families and homes. There are also students living off the yard who are housing people in their homes. Being there for someone else may be a greater blessing to someone other than money or clothes.

All in all, we need to take this time and remember how blessed we are to have a roof over our heads, food, clothing, and a place to go to school. It is so easy to take these things for granted, but when a situation like this is presented to us in this way, it is time to start praising God for what we have. It is time for us to get on our knees and pray for evacuees and ask God to direct them in the direct of faith.

By Chelsea Johnson
Panther Staff

Budweiser, Hennessy, Absolute, Vodka, and Crown Royal are all common terms on many college campuses across the country.

Although not all college students drink or consume alcohol, it is a large part of many students' lives. Most students restrict their drinking to parties and social settings, but for some students, alcohol quickly becomes a part of everyday life.

Studies show that alcohol consumption on predominantly minority college campuses are at an all time high. Many students are unaware of the percentage of minorities with addictions to alcohol consumption. Most minority students believe that Caucasian college students consume more alcohol than minorities. On the contrary, a study on about.com stated that though Caucasians might have a drink everyday, minorities consume more weekend ounces than Caucasians do in a week.

There is a difference between a person who occasionally drinks and an alcoholic. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism or NIAA describes an alcoholic as an "alcohol dependent person who continues drinking despite repeated alcohol-related

problems, such as losing a job or getting into trouble with the law."

The NIAA separates the symptoms into four categories: Craving- a strong need or compulsion to drink, Impaired control- the inability to limit one's drinking on any given occasion, Physical dependency-withdrawal symptoms, such as nausea, sweating, shakiness, and anxiety when alcohol use is stopped after a period of heavy drinking, and Tolerance- the need for increasing amounts of alcohol in order to feel its effects.

What makes a person become addicted to alcohol? The typical response is environment. In fact most students believe the environment is the primary cause for alcoholism. A new study by Dr. Cassi Vieten shows that there is a genetic component in alcoholism. This study shows that the choices students make with alcohol, can not only affect their lives- it can affect the futures of their

children. It can seem harmless to have a drink frequently, but alcohol is a drug and with unregulated consumption a person can quickly become addicted.

Can an alcoholic stop drinking without help? The answer is hard to say, but the NIAA states that it would be very difficult for a person who is addicted to reduce his or her amount of alcohol without any assistance i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous. Alcoholism is a serious problem in all communities, despite common knowledge alcohol is a drug and can become addictive if its consumption is not regulated.

So what can we do as college students to prevent addiction in the future? We should drink only if we are 21 years of age or over. We should drink in moderation and refrain from binge drinking. We should look out for one another as college students. Be up front with friends who we think may be abusing alcohol and strive to create an environment where alcohol is under control.



Photo By Associated Press

Shelter residents drink tainted water

By Associated Press

Biloxi, Miss. Officials closed a shelter Saturday because more than 20 people there fell ill. Doctors believe the patients may have contracted dysentery from tainted water.

Another 20 people in the area were also treated for vomiting and diarrhea.

The shelter at a Biloxi school had been without water and power since Katrina hit Aug. 29. About 400 people were staying there, and doctors said some may have ignored

warnings to stay away from water.

Some running water came back late Friday, but it was not safe to drink, to use to brush teeth or wash, said Dr. Jason Dees, a volunteer working at Biloxi Regional Medical Center.

Most of the patients were treated with antibiotics. About 30 ill residents were taken to a hospital in Mobile, Ala., while the rest were bused to a shelter in Thomasville, Ga.

Biloxi police Cpl. Kayla Robert said

she had no idea what caused the illnesses.

"Who knows what they swallowed before they got here," she said. "Half of them were swimming in stuff that we don't even know what it was."



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HHS chief declares public health emergency in Texas

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press Writer

SANANTONIO(AP)

The nation's top health official on Monday declared a public health emergency in Texas, saying it would speed up federal assistance for the state as it contends with almost 240,000 evacuees created by Hurricane Katrina.

Mike Leavitt, Health and Human Services secretary, made the announcement after he, Gov. Rick Perry and local leaders toured San Antonio's emergency shelters on the former Kelly Air Force Base.

"It will allow us to move the red tape and any roadblock out of the way in order to serve people," Leavitt said of the declaration.

Leavitt ticked off a long list of needs for those displaced when the violent storm struck a week ago - health care, housing assistance, child care, education and more.

He thanked Texas for quickly stepping up to help in Katrina's aftermath.

"One nation under God" - that phrase has new meaning to me," said Leavitt, former Utah governor. "It is one great nation, and it is nowhere better exemplified than in the outpouring of care, love, compassion and capacity than what I've seen in the state of Texas."

Leavitt said he will pass along his observations to President Bush at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday.

"He will, I am sure, have his heart warmed to know that his fellow citizens of Texas are doing as they always have," Leavitt said.

The secretary also said that the state will not have to bear the financial

burden of accepting the Katrina evacuees.

"This is a national emergency - Texas has responded," he said. "The national government will step up in ways that I feel every confidence will make certain that your generosity is made whole."

Perry directed Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, state health commission, to draw up a statewide plan that focused on the short-term and long-term health needs of evacuees while they remain in Texas.

"We will work to identify every need and meet every challenge," Perry said.

A number of the top Health and Human Services officials were in Texas on Monday.

Dr. Mark McClellan, head of Medicare and Medicaid and an Austin native, was in Dallas, Leavitt said, and the secretary was traveling with Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control.

Gerberding said she's been impressed by steps taken to control any disease outbreaks in the Texas shelters, including isolating sick evacuees.

"What we've seen in the centers that we've visited so far is the remarkable emphasis on preventing the spread of infections," she said. "But any time you have this kind of crowding and people under stress, we have to be concerned."

Dr. Francisco Guerra, San Antonio's health chief, said medical students have been going cot to cot with questionnaires to identify any public health risks.

Evacuees have also been given a variety of vaccinations - hepatitis A, tetanus and more - as a precaution, Guerra said.

Chaos among medical help

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. Volunteer physicians are pouring in to care for the sick, but red tape is keeping hundreds of others from caring for Hurricane Katrina survivors, as health officials worry about potential outbreaks.

Among the doctors stymied from helping are 100 surgeons and paramedics in a state-of-the-art mobile hospital marooned in rural Mississippi.

"We have tried so hard to do the right thing. It took us 30 hours to get here," said one of the frustrated surgeons, Dr. Preston "Chip" Rich of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In a phone interview Preston stated that it "is just mind-boggling" that government officials can't straighten out this mess and get evacuees assigned to a relief effort now that they are just a few miles away.

While the North Carolina doctors waited Sunday, the first predictable signs of disease from contaminated water emerged on Saturday: a Mississippi shelter was closed after 20 residents got sick with dysentery, probably from drinking contaminated water.

However, the country's leading health official Dr. Julie Gerberding, told The Associated Press in an interview at a triage center Sunday that her biggest concerns are tetanus and childhood diseases.

"Tetanus is something we'd be especially concerned about," said Gerberding, head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tetanus lives in soil and can enter the body easily through a scratch, and many flood survivors have endured filthy conditions.

Gerberding also urged health care workers in the growing multitude of shelters to try to find out a child's shot history and, "If you can't establish that a child has been vaccinated, then vaccinate. We can't take chances."

Diseases such as measles and whooping cough could rapidly spread in the cramped quarters, thousands of flood victims are now sharing.

So far, there have been relatively few cases of diarrhea and infections, Gerberding said, but "we're early in the process."

The CDC chief, who traveled to Louisiana with Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, Surgeon General Dr. Richard Carmona and other top health officials, spoke with the AP after visiting an impressive triage center on the basketball court at Pete Marovich Center at Louisiana State University.

Next door in Mississippi, the North Carolina mobile hospital waiting to help also offered impressive state-of-the-art medical care. It was developed with millions of tax dollars through the Office of Homeland Security after 9-11. With capacity for 113 beds, it is designed to handle disasters and mass casualties.

Equipment include ultrasound, digital radiology, satellite Internet, and a full pharmacy, enabling doctors to do most types of surgery in the field, including open-chest and abdominal operations.

It travels in a convoy that includes two 53-foot (16-meter) trailers, which on Sunday afternoon was parked on a gravel lot 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of New Orleans because Louisiana officials for several days would not let them deploy to the flooded city, Rich said.

Yet plans to use the facility and its 100 health professionals were hatched days before Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, doctors in the caravan said.

Other doctors also complained that their offers of help were turned away. A

primary care physician from Ohio called and e-mailed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services after seeing a notice on the American Medical Association's Web site about volunteer doctors being needed.

An e-mail reply told him to watch CNN that night where HHS Secretary Leavitt was to announce a Web address for doctors to enter their names in a database.

"How crazy is that?" he complained in an e-mail to his daughter.

Dr. Jeffrey Guy, a trauma surgeon at Vanderbilt University who has been in contact with the mobile hospital doctors, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, "There are entire hospitals that are contacting me, saying, 'We need to take on patients,' but they can't get through the bureaucracy."

"The crime of this story is, you've got millions of dollars in assets and it's not deployed," he said. "We mount a better response in a Third World country."

Dr. Bill Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of health affairs for the Defense Department, acknowledged there were problems and said it's a priority "to get the medical community at work and up and operating as soon as possible."

Many other doctors have been able to volunteer, and were arriving in large numbers Sunday in Baton Rouge. Several said they worked it out through Louisiana state officials.

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PV's Freshest



Photo by Rashad Morgan

Name: Ashley Leonard**Age:** 18**Hometown:** Dallas, TX**Building of Residence:**

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Major/Minor: Business/ No Minor**Post-Graduation Plans:**

Ashley plans to own a business and make money

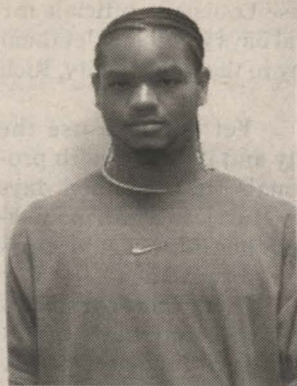
Why she chose to attend**PV:** Family tradition**Transition to college:** Easy so far but more expensive**Did PV live up to her expectations:** Yes**Hobby:** Chillin'**What organizations interest her:** P.A.L.S**Favorite Artist:** Young Jeezy**Words to live by:** "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

Photo by Marques Allen

Name: Justin Samuel**Age:** 18**Hometown:** Beaumont, TX**Building of Residence:**

#45

Major/Minor: Chemical Engineering/ no minor**Pre-Graduation Plans:**

Justin plans to remain active through doing volunteer work.

Post-Graduation Plans: Justin plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering after attaining his master's and doctorate in this field. Justin also plans to give back to his community.**Why he chose to attend PV:** Historically Black University and good engineering program.**Transition to college:** Justin found his transition to college to be very easy because he came in with 24 credit hours from Lamar University and there was not a noticeable change in atmosphere.**Did PV live up to his expectations:** Yes and no. Justin heard negative things about PV, prior to attendance, but he has been impressed with the friendly environment since he arrived. But Justin is also disappointed because it is a large walking campus and there is not enough shade.**Hobbies:** Writing poetry**Organizations of interest:** P.A.W.**Favorite Artist/CD:** Kanye West/ Late Registration**Special Talents:** Reciting poetry**Words to live by:** "If you want to be a goose, then fly with geese; If you want to be an eagle, then soar with eagles."

By Lillian Barry

Kanye West speaks his mind

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK. It began, fittingly enough, with jazz from New Orleans natives Harry Connick Jr. and Wynton Marsalis.

But "A Concert for Hurricane Relief," a heartfelt and dignified benefit aired

on NBC and other networks Friday night, took an unexpected turn thanks to the outspoken rapper Kanye West. Appearing two-thirds through the program, he claimed "George Bush doesn't care about black people" and said America is set up "to help the poor, the black people, the less well-off as slow as possible."

The show, simulcast from New York on NBC, MSNBC, CNBC and Pax, was aired live to the East Coast, enabling the Grammy-winning rapper's outburst to go out uncensored.

There was a several-second tape delay, but the person in charge "was instructed to listen for a curse word, and didn't realize (West) had gone off-script," said NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks. West's comment about the president was cut from NBC's West Coast airing, which showed three hours later on tape.

The host was NBC News' Matt Lauer, who invited viewers to contribute to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by phone or on the Web. Some 18 presenters performed musical numbers or gave information on the tragedy's huge scope.

Louisiana native Tim McGraw teared up as he told Lauer, "I know the citizens that weren't affected by this directly are gonna stand up and do good things for people." He sang two songs, then

became the first of the evening's stars to sign a Gibson Les Paul Special guitar to be auctioned online.

Faith Hill, a Mississippi native, sang "There Will Come a Time," with the inspiring lyrics, "The darkness will be gone, the weak shall be strong. Hold on to your faith."

New Orleans son Aaron Neville performed Randy Newman's soulful "Louisiana 1927"

food."

While allowing that "the Red Cross is doing everything they can," West — who delivered an emotional outburst at the American Music Awards after he was snubbed for an award — declared that government authorities are intentionally dragging their feet on aid to the Gulf Coast. Without getting specific, he added, "They've given them permission to go down and

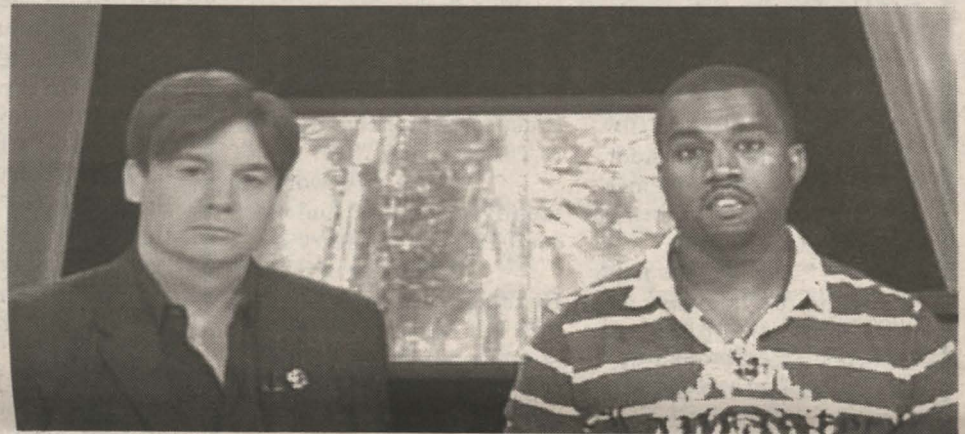


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Mike Myers and Kanye West speak out on MSNBC.

with the memorable chorus, "they're trying to wash us away, they're trying to wash us away."

New York governor George Pataki presented the Red Cross with a check for \$2.5 million (euro1.99 million) and promised, "This great state will do far more."

"In terms of property damage," said actress Hilary Swank, "the estimate is at least \$26 billion in insured losses and perhaps twice that in uninsured losses over a 90,000-square-mile area — approximately the size of Kansas."

Other speakers included Lindsay Lohan, Eric LaSalle, Glenn Close, Richard Gere, John Goodman and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Comedian Mike Myers was paired with West for a 90-second segment that began with Myers speaking of Katrina's devastation. Then, to Myers' evident surprise, West began a rant by saying, "I hate the way they portray us in the media. If you see a black family, it says they're looting. See a white family, it says they're looking for

shoot us."

After he stated, "George Bush doesn't care about black people. Please call —" the camera cut away to comedian Chris Tucker.

Concluding the hour a few minutes later, Lauer noted that "emotions in this country right now are running very high. Sometimes that emotion is translated into inspiration, sometimes into criticism. We've heard some of that tonight. But it's still part of the American way of life."

Then the entire ensemble performed "When the Saints Go Marching In."

In a statement, NBC said, "Kanye West departed from the scripted comments that were prepared for him, and his opinions in no way represent the views of the networks."

"It would be most unfortunate," the statement continued, "if the efforts of the artists who participated tonight and the generosity of millions of Americans who are helping those in need are overshadowed by one person's opinion."

The Fashion Fanatic

By Jovita Johnson
Panther Staff

Women

Color: Red
Hair: Shoulder length w/ high-lighted layers
Style: Vintage

Look of the Week Casual

Top:
Vintage Tee
Bottom:
Plaid dress gaucho pants or Bermuda shorts
Converse
Accessories:
Chauffeur's cap
Thin bangles
Large hoops
Vintage tote bag
Thin belt

Look of the Week Dress

Top:
Sleeveless V-neck fitted shirt
Bottom:
Bohemian skirt
Single band slide no more than 2 inches
Accessories:
Long necklace that accents neckline

Mid-face earrings
Thick bangle bracelets
Thick belt
Medium Sequined hobo purse

Men

Color: Navy blue
Hair: Short/Fade/Dreads
Style: Simple

Look of the Week Casual

Top:
Polo style shirt
Bottom:
Khaki Pants
Loafers
Accessories:
Stainless steel watch
Braided belt

Look of the Week Dress

Top:
Solid Button down Shirt
Vest
Bottom:
Pleated slacks
Round toe lace up Oxford
Accessories:
Dress Watch (Silver, Gold, or Platinum)
Leather swivel belt
Satin tonal striped tie

Be Subtle

Keep in mind that less is more. Makeup does not have to be caked on your face to provide the effect that you see in the magazines. The natural look is the best way to go. A suggestion: don't go completely without makeup but wear as little as possible.

Here are a few tips for applying makeup for a natural look. Starting with the eyes; color in the brow with a metallic brown, then lightly brush a cappuccino color on the lids, finish off the look by applying eye liner around the entire eye for a bolder effect. When applying mascara, remember not to pump the applicator, this causes air to enter the tube allowing the product to dry up. The cheek should be a subtle, yet noticeable feature. Try mixing the blush with a bronzer to create a highlighted effect. Remember the blush should be applied from the cheek upward to the middle of the ear. Finally, the lips should be bold. Start by applying a lip liner that's slightly darker than your lip color, apply the lip color and finish off the look with a clear gloss.

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Events for September 8-14, 2005

Thursday, 9/8

Withdrawal with a grade of an automatic "W" begins

Open house for student organizations MSC
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Saturday, 9/10

Volley at North Texas
Denton, TX
TBA

PV vs. Paul Quinn
Blackshear Field
6 p.m.

Monday, 9/12

CAB board meeting @ NSCI
5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Wednesday, 9/14

Back to Basics
Etiquette Dinner
MSC
6 p.m.-9 p.m.

CAB Hosts
Hump Day
Outside MSC
12 noon- 2 p.m.

Friday, 9/9

Volleyball at North Texas
Denton, TX
TBA

Sunday, 9/11

Soccer: PV vs. Texas State
Prairie View @
1 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/13

TBA

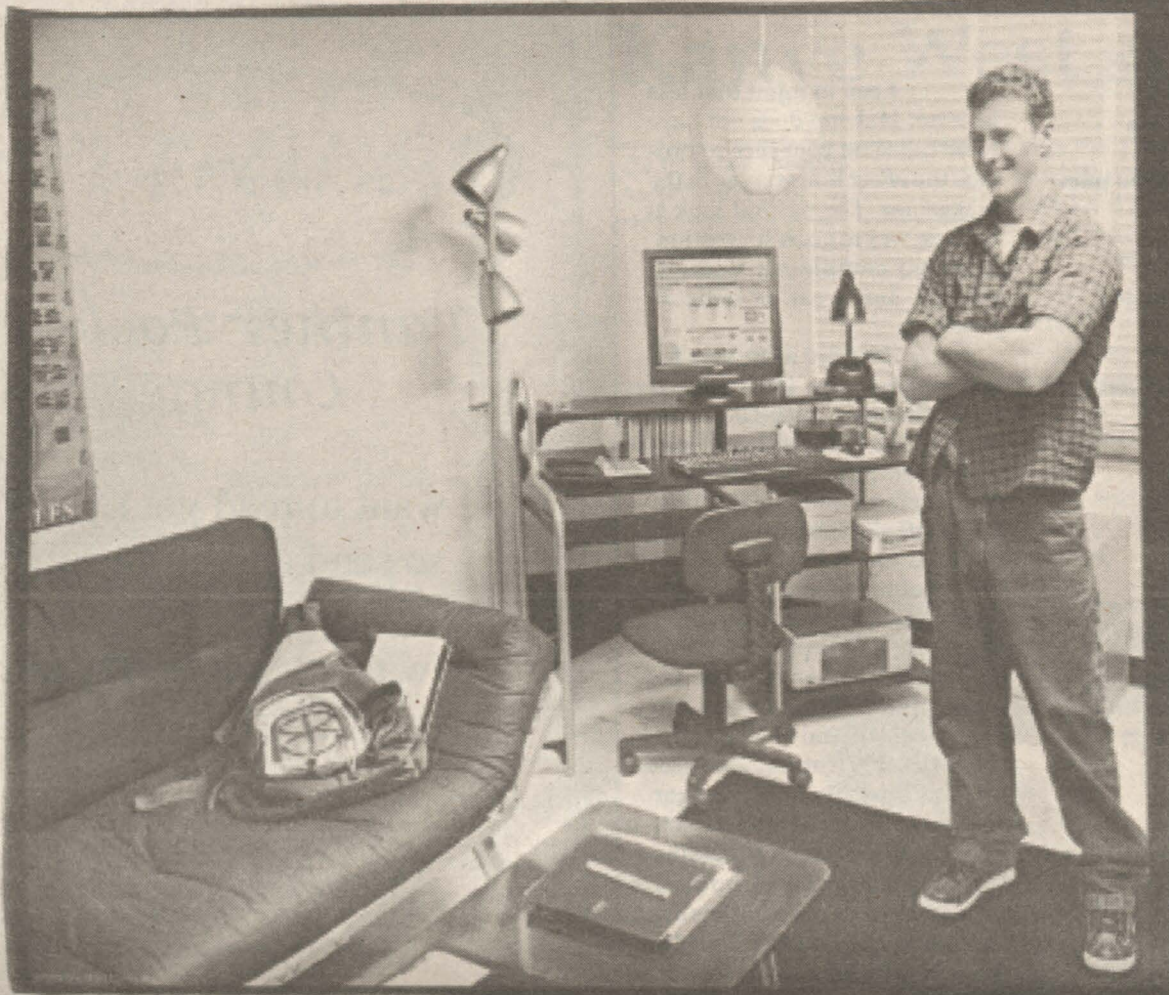
Organizations are not allowed to have events until the 12th class day.



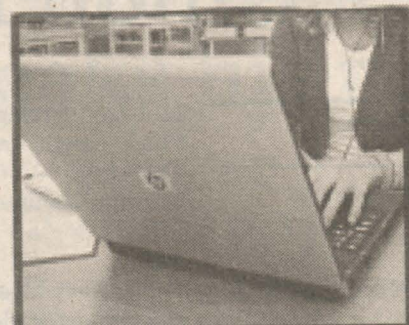
1. Since the Labor Day Classic was canceled does that mean God saved us from a defeat?
2. Will the football team lose to Paul Quinn or will we keep our guaranteed win of the year?
3. Who is the freshman girl walking to and from UC giving out favors?
4. Does she think that will make her knees more athletic?
5. Will the Black Foxes wear ponytails for the first game?
6. When will dark girls stop puttin' in blonde highlights?
7. If you are light-skinned does that excuse you from putting on lotion?
8. Which cheerleader is in need of a flat iron?
9. Why do the biggest people wear the smallest clothes?
10. Do they not have enough money for extra material?
11. If you are gay and running for class king isn't that hypocritical?
12. How shady will SGA be this year?
13. Who is the boy who wears white socks with black dress shoes?
14. Should that have been one of the pep-rally's dos and don'ts?
15. Why does the band look like they are going through a recession?
16. Are they also affected by the lack of incoming freshmen?
17. Since the president says he is for the students will he ensure that no one will be dropped on the 12th class day?
18. When are people going to stop buying fake Jordans off the Internet?
19. Can't you wait till overpayment and get the real ones?
20. What do you think?

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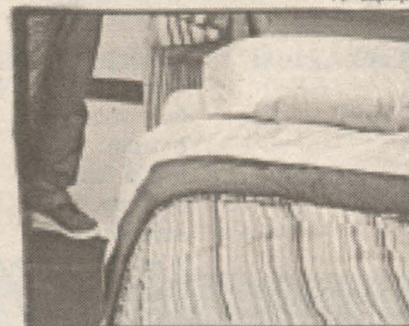
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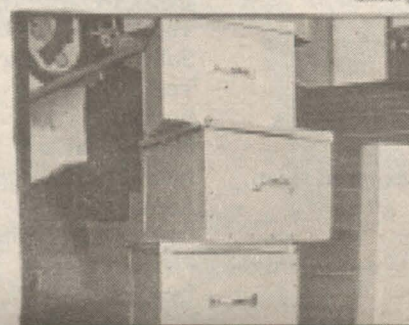
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"The assembly was very informative. I am a freshmen and I am still learning so much about the campus. This assembly really gave me some insight about what to expect for the upcoming school year," said freshman Kelly Lee.

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