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Tuition hike leaves students in search of money tree

Fee increase projected to be the highest in Texas A&M University System

By Latisha Johnson-Wallace & Nneka Meka
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University students will begin their fall 2005 semester with less cash in their pockets, due to fee increases expected to hit the university.

PV is not the only institution of higher learning in the Texas A&M University System expected to increase fees, but it is expected to make the largest jump. "If they continue to increase fees like they are, several students will leave and go to UH or another cheaper school," said senior biology major Harvey Bowden. "In addition to that, people who would have come here in search of an affordable education may just stay at home instead."

With designated tuition alone, PV has gone from around \$800 to nearly \$1,100 in the fall, an increase that PV students are told will result in higher pay for faculty and staff as well as assist in paying for the new buildings sprouting up all over campus. Yet financial aid will not increase to meet these rising costs, and 95 percent of Prairie View's student body is dependent on some type of aid. "If you're going to add and increase stuff, then subtract a couple of things also," said senior education major Scott Sampson. "...like the athletic fee. I mean where is the new stadium?"

Explaining the increase, President George C. Wright in his memorandum on "Tuition, Fees, and the Future of the University" said, "As we have all learned in re-

cent years, tuition and fee increases have become a part of academic life as more of the cost of higher education has been shifted from the state to the student." Additionally, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Dan Williams assured students that any increase is for the betterment of PV as a whole. Williams said Wright's biggest contribution while he is at PV is to "enhance the value of the degree earned," and to increase the value of the degree and PV's reputation for alumni as well as future graduates.

However, the damage to students' pocketbooks does not end with school fees. Students can also expect an increase in their housing bills. When University Village Phase I was opened in 1997, a four-bedroom apartment cost \$295 to rent a month, and as of fall 2005 it will be \$408. Same room, same location and same amenities but a \$113 increase. Additionally, rent is going up across the board, from University College to Phase III. "The Phases are continually going up, and I see no improvement," said Sampson. "They need to provide more security and make the interior of the apartments more durable."

All in all, several students have surrendered to the monetary fight. "I wish there was something I could do or someone I could call about it," said sophomore health major Denne Alexander. "But when I'm honest with myself, I know there is nothing I can do about it but get another job or take out a bigger loan."



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SGA reflects on previous year, welcomes new officers at banquet

By **Jemma D. Hepburn**
Panther Staff

involvement in SGA this year and with Redmond and Calloway. Additionally, she talked of how rewarding the year has been for her with the former officers, and encouraged students to never "burn bridges" with those you come in contact with, in that you may never know when you may

The Student Government Association held its annual End of Year Banquet last Sunday in the MSC ballroom. The banquet was a quaint gathering of SGA members, administration and faculty members. The banquet served not only to reflect on SGA this past year and to close out the year, but also to inaugurate its new officers and welcome the prospects of SGA in the 2005-2006 school year.



Dr. Doris Price swears in 2005-2006 SGA President Oludayo Olusanya.

Stepping down from office was 2004-2005 SGA President, Nigel Redmond. The banquet also saw the stepping down of Tracie Calloway, SGA vice president for the 2004-2005 academic year.

One of the highlights of the night was the official swearing in of Oludayo "Olu" Olusanya and Courtney Smith as the new president and vice president.

Also highlighting the night was a moving speech by Dr. Doris Price, associate vice president of student affairs. Price spoke of her

need their assistance.

Moreover, Price emphasized to the new officers, and the audience alike, how important it is to be respectful as an SGA officer.

The university's president, Dr. George Wright, also spoke fondly of SGA and touched on maintaining proper leadership skills and showing respect.

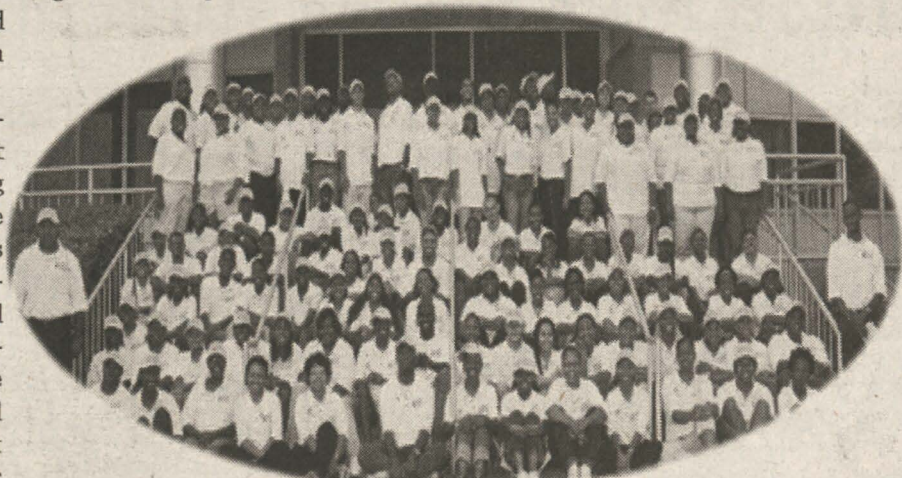
Recognition and rewards were also given to SGA graduating members, outstanding members and its special, dedicated members.

PALs host a festive, fun-filled week

By **Katriska Cotton**
Panther Staff

The Panther Advisor Leaders are hosting a number of activities during the week of April 18-24, and all of them are free. The kick-off event "Chilling with the PALs" was held Monday, April 18, outside the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event featured music and ice cold popsicles. Later that night was the "What is Leadership and What is a PAL? Seminar," held in the MSC ballroom at 7 p.m.

PAL President Courtney Smith said, "If you are interested in becoming a PAL please come out and join us. This seminar will be very helpful and also fun."



The Panther Advisor Leaders

Courtesy of www.pvamu.edu

from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The attire was black and white. "I just want everyone to come out and have a good time with us, we are all one big happy family," said Smith.

On Wednesday, April 20, the organization "Strut Off" was to be held during Hump Day from noon to 2 p.m. in front of MSC. The "Water Battle" (TBA), will be held off campus on Thurs-

day, April 21. On Friday, April 22, at Phase III Clubhouse it's the PAL's Mixer from noon to 2 p.m.

The Field Day Reunion Picnic will take place on the MSC lawn from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, where there will be free drinks, food, and games. At the

campus All Faith's Chapel on Sunday, April 24, it's PALs Service with speaker Reggie Bachus at 11 a.m.

"PALs are here to help in any way possible, this week will be one of the most exciting weeks ever, and I look forward to many more to come," said Smith.

PV offers alternative teaching certification

Press Release

The Prairie View A&M University Alternate Teacher Certification Program is currently accepting applications from qualified individuals who are interested in choosing teaching as a career.

Career-changers and new college graduates can now take advantage of an "Express Route" to acquiring teacher certification in the state of Texas.

At the conclusion of one academic year of internship, applicants become eligible for recommendation for certification

upon completion of all program requirements, including required course work and passing scores on the state teacher examinations. During the internship year, applicants are also eligible for employment as full-time teachers in cooperating school districts. The ATCP "Express Route" to teacher certification enhances the current certification program in that it now allows qualified applicants to take content area examinations upon entry into the program, which facilitates employment opportunities.

To enter PVAMU's ATCP "Express Route to Certi-

fication," interested applicants must:

- (1) Have at least a bachelor's degree in any field with an overall GPA of 2.5,
- (2) Pass the state THEA Test,
- (3) Meet individual interview requirements.

For more information, including making an appointment for a transcript analysis, application packets, and program costs and deadlines, please contact the ATCP Office at 936-857-2257. The ATCP Office is located on campus in the Delco Building, Room 120. The Director of the Program is Dr. William H. Parker.

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PV Weather

April 20-April 26



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 81°
Low: 65°



Friday
T-Storms
High: 87°
Low: 63°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 75°
Low: 57°



Monday
T-Showers
High: 76°
Low: 63°



Thursday
T-Storms
High: 82°
Low: 64°



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 80°
Low: 55°



Tuesday
T-Storms
High: 79°
Low: 49°

Capturing the Essence of a Prairie View Woman Contestants make a run for the title of Miss PV



Lameka Yvette Anderson
Anderson, a 20-year-old senior Biology major, is the daughter of Mr. Jerome and Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson. A graduate of S. P. Waltrip High School in Houston, Texas, Lameka aspires to become a pharmacist. In her spare time she enjoys dancing, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, reading, and many outdoor activities on a beautiful day.



Corlis De'Lauren Henderson
Henderson is a 22-year-old senior drama major. She is the daughter of Mr. Tommy Mack and Mrs. Beverly Carol Henderson. A graduate of Lawrence E. Elkins High School in Missouri City, Texas, Corlis aspires to become a professional actress. In her spare time, she enjoys acting, arts and crafts, reading and spending time with family and friends.



Cortney Renae Davis
Davis, a 20-year-old sophomore chemical engineering major, is the daughter of Mr. Lee Author and Mrs. Gwendolyn Davis. A graduate of Alief Elsik High School in Houston, Texas, Cortney aspires to become a biomedical engineer. In her spare time, she enjoys acting, sports, and spending time with family and friends.



Ashley Nichole Shaw
Shaw is a 20-year-old senior biology major. She is the daughter of Mr. Leo Shaw Jr. and Mrs. Norma Shaw. A graduate of DeSoto High School in DeSoto, Texas, Ashley aspires to obtain her doctorate of physical therapy. In her spare time, she enjoys playing basketball, praise dancing, and spending time with family and friends.



Johanna Lyth Thomas
Thomas is a 19-year-old sophomore business management major, the daughter of Ms. Jennifer Thomas and the granddaughter of Mrs. Hazella Thomas. A graduate of Georgetown High School in Georgetown, Texas, Johanna aspires to attend law school to become an entertainment lawyer. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, and shopping.



Brandy Marie Byers
Byers, a 20-year-old junior criminal justice, is the daughter of Mr. Lee and Mrs. Michelle Byers. A graduate of Tucker High School in Tucker, Georgia, Brandy aspires to become a family court judge. In her spare time she enjoys reading, singing, mentoring young women, and spending time with her family and friends.

J. Stone, Keke to headline SIFE talent showcase

Panther News Service

Talent is in great supply at Prairie View A&M University and the SIFE Team plans on showcasing them to the world with its Changing the World Talent Showcase III and Competition on Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the MSC Auditorium. Last year's winners Willie J. Stone and Shake-la "KeKe" Fields will headline the performance, in addition to the 15 contestants competing for the 2005 title and prizes.



Keke and J. Stone

The team chose to showcase J. Stone and KeKe, rather than have them compete in the show because of their professional status in the music industry, and the fans they have amassed at the university. Both artists are rising stars in their own right and are currently preparing for solo careers in the immediate future.

KeKe is a junior accounting major from Dallas and aspires to be a successful artist and ghostwriter for other artists. Keke served as the PVAMU Mascot during the 2002-03 school year. Additionally, she won Best Talent

in SIFE Showcase II, first place in the University's Wreck the Mic Contest, and second place in the Springfest Talent competition.

J. Stone is a sophomore communications major from Killeen and plans on a career in the entertainment industry. He reigned as Mr. UC 2003-2004, and is a six-time Campus Showtime at the Apollo Winner. He is also the founder of the Self-Empowerment Association, a member of the Campus Activities Board and the Baptist Student Movement.

In order to expose the talent to the entertainment industry, the SIFE Team will also sponsor a music business seminar at 1 p.m. in the MSC Auditorium. Representatives from the industry will be on hand for the seminar.

Judges for the talent competition include entertainment executives from record labels, talent agencies and other professionals from the industry.

Advance tickets are \$3 and \$5 at the door. Tickets are available from SIFE members in room 218 Evans Hall. Or call SIFE office at 2120.

SpringFest 2005: A wrap up



Student infuriated by SpringFest events

First I want to congratulate "whoever" for successfully completing the worst "Spring Mess" ever.

Someone needs to stand up and accept responsibility for this debauchery. I mean was it absolutely imperative there be a charge for the step show. Wasn't the rest of the week agonizing enough? I mean we deserve some reparations! Also it is time to stop recycling the "GLOW ZONE PARTY" theme! Is

there anyone who forgot that it was whack the first time. Not to mention we are not buying the "lame duck story," you know the, we did all we could story to solicit sympathy.

In real life individuals were presented with possibilities of events this year and years past, but they elected not to acquiesce to these suggestions. We know the individuals who possess this type of notoriety, and also how often these individuals choose to

exercise this supremacy during the month of April every year.

Finally to offer some insight, it is the civic duty of these individuals to exhaust every resource possible to satisfy your consumer. By no means, should freshmen be reduced to kicking it in U.C.'s parking lot during a step show. If you are offended by these expressions, this was my intent, and by the way we (students) want a refund. ONE.

-Name withheld

I wouldn't play for a crowd waving confederate flags



By A.J. Griffith
BlackCollegeWire.org

When I was five years old, all of my friends watched the television show "the Dukes of Hazard." I wanted to watch it, too, but we weren't allowed to do that in my house because of the Confederate flag that was painted on the car in the show.

At five, I learned that the Confederate flag represented white domination of black people. I learned that the KKK, the Aryan Nation, the skinheads, the American Nazi Party and 500 other extremist groups use this as their emblem. I learned to see the Confederate flag as the symbol of hate that it was meant to represent, and learned that the pride that Southern white

folks say the flag stands for has nothing to do with fair treatment of black people.

When Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, racist white folks waved that flag! When black men and women were hanged from trees and torched for the amusement of Southern white folks, that flag was waved. The swastika was a symbol of peace before it was a Nazi symbol. When you see one now, what comes to mind? Is it something you would wear on a T-shirt?

Fans of Louisiana State University have been waving purple-and-gold versions of the Confederate flag at sporting events. They're saying that their motives are not racist and that they are merely trying to represent their Southern heritage.

Maybe, for many, the Confederate flag is a symbol of Southern history and a proud heritage. That history and heritage, however, includes the brutal enslavement and degradation of black people in America.

I just can't see how anyone who knows the history of this

flag and who understands the racial hatred that it represents can still wave it proudly. I can't see how black students at LSU can tolerate white students waving this flag in their faces at events.

I understand that black people make up 80 percent of the athletic community at LSU. (On the national championship billboard outside the LSU stadium that shows several white hands reaching for a trophy, not one black hand is shown. Hmmm.)

I can't see how all of those black athletes can represent on the field and on the court while those white fans sit in the stands waving symbols of hatred at them.

It's like the people with those flags are saying, "RUN N****R, RUN! CHASE THE BALL, N****R! DUNK THE BALL, N****R, DUNK IT! IN HIS FACE N****R, IN HIS FACE!"

If I were an athlete at LSU, I wouldn't play for a crowd of people calling me "nigger." They're not worried about that over there, though. They're too busy chasin' balls for "massuh."

Purple & Gold Poll

Did you enjoy SpringFest?



"SpringFest was good, I enjoyed the Jazz and Poetry Festival."

Seressa Nickerson
Freshman
Criminal Justice



"No, because it was the same week as the Kappa and one was here."

Donivan Allen
Freshman
Criminal Justice/Psychology



"To a certain extent there could have been better activities."

Hanaiya Payne
Sophomore
Health

By Kristina Rogers

Handwritings On The Wall

"When I discover who I am, I'll be free"

Ralph Ellison
(1952)

What's your motto to live by?

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

F.A.S. spotlight



Gregory "Greg" Milan

Position: Custodial worker
Spouse/Children: Married five years/ four children, two stepchildren, and one grandchild

Hometown: Prairie View, Texas
Favorite Food: Seafood (fried catfish and shrimp)
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Music: Blues
Cannot live without: Peace of mind
Advice for freshmen: For right now, just enjoy life, but be attentive to your appearance
Advice for seniors: Be as professional as you can in your field
Who you admire most: Martin Luther King



S.G.A. Speaks Out

Hello Panthers! The Student Government is working hard preparing for the academic year to come, keeping your concerns and desires as our number one priority.

Last Sunday was a reflection of the accomplishments of SGA during the 2004-2005 school year and the official swearing in of your new SGA officers.

We are confident that Student Government will continue to provide an excellent forum for communication between student and administration.

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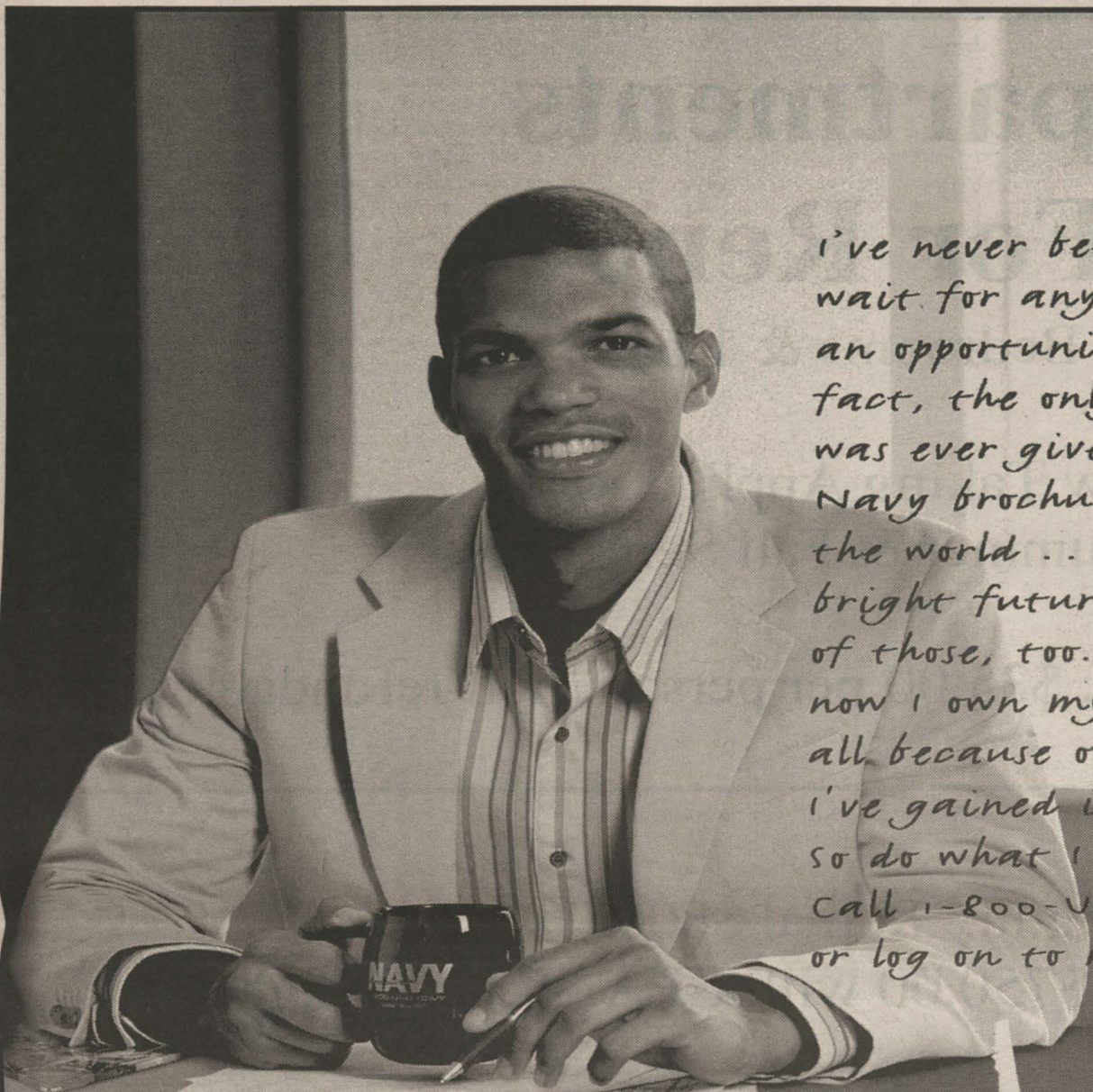
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Grambling ends eight-game losing streak against Panthers

Panther News Service

The Grambling State Tigers closed out the weekend baseball series against the Prairie View A&M Panthers with a clean sweep of the doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Tiger Field.

The Tigers won the first game 3-2 and the

A solo home run to left field by third baseman Courtney Jones at the bottom of the sixth inning proved to be the deciding factor in the Tigers' victory in the first game.

Righty Branden Waters went the distance in this complete game victory by striking out five batters while allowing only one walk and one earned run along

only three hits and no walks while striking out four batters.

In the second game, the Tigers took a 4-0 lead by scoring a pair of runs in both the first and second innings and never looked back en route to their victory.

First baseman Marvin Mercer went two for two at the plate while driving home a pair of runs with a double to left field in the first inning.

Catcher Carl Johnson hit a two run homer to dead center field to score the Tigers' final runs of the game in the second inning.

Center fielder Gerald Bartholemew was two for three at the plate while scoring a run.

Righty Demetrius Marshall went the distance in this complete game victory by striking out ten batters while allowing only three hits and one earned run.

Prairie View A&M was led by shortstop Wilford White who went one for two including a run batted in along with scoring a run.

Righty Fernando Almaguer was said to be responsible for the loss in this game.

with five hits in this game.

Prairie View A&M was led by catcher Brian McGinty who was one for three at the plate while driving home a run along with scoring one.

Righty Mathew Chase got the loss despite a valiant effort while allowing

second game 4-1 thus ending an eight-game losing streak. The Tigers improved to 12-25 overall and 7-11 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference's Western Division while the Panthers dropped to 25-21 overall and 12-9 in league play.



Student-athletes checked on drugs, gaming

Black College Wire

The hallway floors of the Compliance Office at the Howard University Athletics Department are filled periodically with an array of awkwardly positioned student bodies. The student-athletes are trying to create their own surfaces to write on, sometimes using their legs and arms.

A.B. Williamson

Photo credit: Howard University Of drugs and gambling, A.B. Williamson says, "We simply don't tolerate it."

They are filling out paperwork, checking on eligibility or just swinging by to say hello to Adrea Washington, the assistant director of compliance, or A.B. Williamson, the head director.

On the walls are posters from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, warning student-athletes of the consequences of professional, collegiate or high-school gambling, and of using illegal substances.

The images are potent. The stated consequences are suspension for a year or immediate ouster from school.

To make sure that students are fully aware of the drug policy at Howard and at the NCAA and MEAC, each student is asked to fill out an NCAA drug-testing form and an NCAA gaming form that spells out its regulations.

Also enclosed in the typical athlete's paperwork is a Howard University drug policy

form that outlines the cooperation needed from students to pursue a college career at Howard.

A first offense requires suspension, depending on the nature of the drug, or the extent of the gaming. A second offense calls for suspension and an in-depth investigation, and the third offense usually calls for expelling the athlete from the team and/or the university.

Additionally, the compliance office has the option of forwarding the information to the NCAA. Howard is not obliged to provide the results of its drug testing, but must relay all information regarding gaming.

Do the posters, compliance information sheets and pamphlets, and team and coaches' meetings really spread the importance of being drug- and gaming-free?

Andre Beasley, assistant athletic director, said, "Compliance has done an excellent job creating atmosphere in which students have no choice but to be aware of what is anticipated from them. The posters, meetings and forms are all exceptional measures to ensure that students as well as athletics here at Howard stay afloat."

Do You Want to be a PAL?

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The tennis team defeated Alabama A&M for the SWAC championship. Ranked 18th in the nation, the team will now represent SWAC in the NCAA men's tennis championships.

Men's tennis team wins SWAC championship

By Andrew Roberts
Sports Information

The Prairie View A&M University men's tennis team captured its first SWAC tennis title since 1970 and 18th overall with a 4-2 victory over Alcorn State in the SWAC championships at City Park Tennis Complex in Alexandria.

The number one seeded Panthers defeated Alabama A&M 4-0 in the semifinal round on Friday, April 15 and came out strong to capture the doubles points. Prairie View's number one doubles team of senior Blessing Bvunzawabaya and sophomore Kudzai Chiridza

defeated the Alcorn State tandem of Abhay Prakash and Tim Verlin 8-5.

Prairie View wrapped up the doubles point when the number three team of junior David Herrera and 91st ranked nationally (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) junior Xavier Godoy posted an 8-3 win over Alcorn State's Dmitry Beloossov and Roman Levochkin.

Prairie View clinched the championship with wins at the number one, three and six singles. Freshman Nicolas Bateman defeated ASU's Beloossov 6-3, 6-1 while the 91st ranked Godoy posted a solid win over Alcorn

State's Levochkin with a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Freshman Andy Narido, playing at the number two spot, defeated ASU's Marcos Hernandez 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 to clinch the match for the Panthers.

Fourth-year head coach John Cochran, who guided the Panthers to the SWAC Tournament finals last season, was elated with the victory.

"It feels very good to be SWAC champions. I am so proud of my players because I knew we could get it done," said Cochran. "Winning the SWAC title was a goal we set after falling in the finals last

year and now we've achieved our goal. We took no one for granted and did what we had to do in order to bring the championship home to Prairie View."

With the win, the Panthers earned an automatic bid and will represent the SWAC in the 121st NCAA Men's Tennis Championships. The first round will begin on May 13 against an opponent and at a site to be named later.

Singles

1. Abhay Prakash (ASU) def. Blessing Bvunzawabaya (PV) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2
2. Andy Narido (PV) def. Marcos Hernandez (ASU) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4

3. Nicolas Bateman (PV) def. Dmitry Beloossov (ASU) 6-3, 6-1

4. Tim Verner (ASU) def. Kudzai Chiridza 6-4, 6-1

5. David Herrera (PV) vs. Shashank Kulkarni 6-5 (susp.)

6. Xavier Godoy (PV) def. Roman Levochkin 6-0, 6-0

Doubles
1. Bvunzawabaya/Chiridza (PV) def. Prakash/Verlin (ASU) 8-5

2. Hernandez/Kulkarni (ASU) def. Bateman/Godoy (PV) 8-2

3. X. Godoy/Herrera (PV) def. Beloossov/Levochkin (ASU) 8-3.

45, 48 dominate University College relays

By Rashad H. Morgan
Sports Editor

All year University College has been putting together various activities for the freshmen. The University College relays got underway yesterday at Blackshear Stadium.

Unlike your average track meet this one was one of the most watched events in track & field, the sprinting events.

Men's and women's buildings participated in the 100m, 200m 4x100, 4x200, 1600m, and the big man relay.

The men from building 45 entered the competition the crowd favorites, claiming they had the fastest guys in the UC.

The 4x100 was the first event. The runners from each building took to the lanes to await the gun's first shot. Building 45 proved their blazing speed by cruising to the obvious victory with a time of 44.24. Not too far behind was building 43 with a time of 44.62, and building 36 with a time of 45.60.

The 4x100 women's event was next and building 48 took the victory with a time of 54.04.

Building 43 took first place for the men in the 100 meters, while 48 won it for the women.

Building 45 continued to dominate winning first place in four out of the six events of the day. Even in the big man relay, residents of 45, Demario Black, Super Dave, Chris Lawson, and Dion Tatum took home first place.

In total points the women of 48 took home first place with 58, 39 tallied 22 points, and building 40 was a close third place.

The men of 45 took home first place with a total of 48 points, 36 had a near 32 points, and buildings 43 and 47 tied for third.



Photo courtesy of Rashad H. Morgan

The men of University College's building 45 took home first in the University College relays. They won first place in four of the seven events to be crowned "the fastest building in U.C."



Photo courtesy of Joshua Keeton

UC relay participant "Papa" gets ready for the big man relay.



Box Scores

Baseball

Saturday's Results

Game 1
Prairie View 2
Grambling State 3

Game 2
Prairie View 1
Grambling State 4

Tennis

Friday

Prairie View 4
Alabama A&M 0

Saturday

Prairie View 4
Alcorn State 2

Upcoming Games:

Baseball

Wednesday

vs. Baylor

Friday

vs. Paul Quinn

Saturday

vs. Paul Quinn

Softball

Saturday

vs. Sam Houston

Track & Field

Saturday

@ Baylor

Tennis

NCAA Championships
TBA

University College Relays

Men

First Place- Building 45
Second Place- Building 36
Third Place- Building 43 and Building 47

Women

First Place- Building 48
Second Place- Building 39
Third Place- Building 40

Cardinals select Germany's Joseph Ratzinger as next pope

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (April 19) - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of the past century.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me - a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he said after being introduced by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estivez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new pope said. "I entrust myself to your prayers."

The crowd responded to the 265th pope by chanting "Benedict! Benedict!"

Ratzinger turned 78 on Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

The new pope is the oldest elected since Clement XII, who was chosen in 1730 at 78 but was three months older than Ratzinger.

Cardinals also had faced a choice over whether to seek a younger, dynamic pastor and communicator - perhaps

from Latin America or elsewhere in the developing world where the church is growing.

Ratzinger is the first Germanic pope in nearly 1,000 years. There were at least three German popes in the 11th century.

Benedict XVI decided to spend the night at the Vatican hotel, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, and to dine with the cardinals, said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. He was to preside over a Mass on Wednesday morning in the Sistine Chapel and will be formally installed on Sunday at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT).

Ratzinger served John Paul II since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In that position, he has disciplined church dissidents and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms.

He had gone into the conclave with the most buzz among two dozen leading candidates. He had impressed many faithful with his stirring homily at the funeral of John Paul II, who died April 2 at age 84.

President Bush called him a "man of great wisdom and knowledge."

"We remember well his sermon at the pope's funeral in Rome, how his words touched our hearts and the hearts of millions," Bush said. "We join with our fellow citizens and millions around the world who pray for continued strength and wisdom as His Holiness leads the Catholic Church."

The bells rang after a confusing smoke signal that

Vatican Radio initially suggested was black but then declared was too difficult to call. White smoke is used to announce a pope's election to the world.

It was one of the fastest elections in the past century: Pope Pius XII was elected in 1939 in three ballots over two days, while Pope John Paul I was elected in 1978 in four ballots over two days. The new pope was elected after either four or five ballots over two days.

"It's only been 24 hours, surprising how fast he was elected," Vatican Radio said.

After the smoke appeared, pilgrims poured into the square, their eyes fixed on the burgundy-draped balcony. Pilgrims said the rosary as they awaited the name of the new pope and prelates stood on the roof of the Apostolic Palace, watching as the crowd nearly doubled in size.

Niels Hendrich, a 40-year-old salesman from Hamburg, Germany, jumped up and down with joy and called his father on a cell phone before Ratzinger was announced. "Habemus papam!" he shouted into the phone, using the Latin for, "We have a pope."

In the pope's hometown of Traunstein, Germany, a room full of 13-year-old boys



German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger appears on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica after being elected pope Tuesday.

Photo courtesy AP

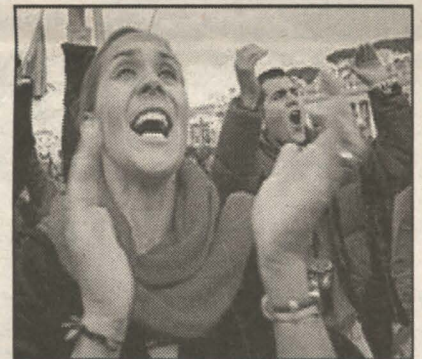
at St. Michael's Seminary that Ratzinger attended jumped up and down, cheered and clapped as the news was announced.

"It's fantastic that it's Cardinal Ratzinger. I met him when he was here before and I found him really nice," said Lorenz Gradl, 16, who was confirmed by Ratzinger in 2003.

Antoinette Hastings, from Kent Island, Md., rose from her wheelchair, grasping her hands together and crying. She has artificial knees,

making it tough to stand.

"I feel blessed, absolutely blessed," she said. "I just wish the rest of my family were here to experience this with me."



Crowd cheers at sight of new pope.

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A priest reacts to the white smoke in St. Peter's Square.

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Cheating with style: professors vs. technology

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

BZZZZZ! There goes the vibration of a cellphone. BZZZZZ! There goes another student that has eluded the attention of a professor and received answers to an exam via a text message.

With the increasing movement in cellular technology and the increasing number of students owning cell phones, the ability to cheat on an exam has started to become very easy to do. Cell phones aren't the only technological means of cheating on an exam. Other examples are the TI Graphing Calculator series that is capable of holding hundreds of lines of text, and don't forget the increasingly popular PDA organizers.

In extreme cases, students with camera phones can actually photograph an exam and excuse themselves to the restroom to take a quick peek at their study guide. One professor discussed how a student was busted for shrinking an entire study guide to the size of their palm

and retrieving answers from it. Professor Michael Nojeim offered his take on the subject.

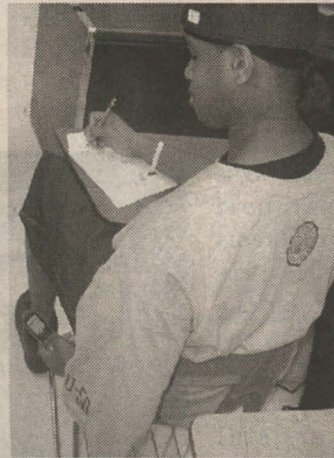
"There is a considerable amount of cheating going on and I don't think it is just unique to Prairie View. When I say cheating, I don't mean just on tests, but research papers as well. Some students aren't aware of the rules on plagiarism and it can hurt them. These observations are based on me being a teacher for so long and also because there are instances when students come forth and admit that cheating is going on," said Nojeim.

Yes, there are students who actually get by the teacher's attention, but what about the students that aren't so fortunate?

"The students that get caught will receive an 'F' on that assignment and in one case they received an 'F' for the entire course. My policy is the same as the university's," said Professor Nojeim.

Students know that it is tough for professors to keep an eye on everyone during an exam, especially in a class that

has a large number of people. This creates a moral dilemma for some. Do you take a peek at that incoming text message while the professor is on the other side of the room? Or do you take your exam with the knowledge that you already have? The majority of the Panthers on campus know the correct answer, but it's the ones who want to play with fire who could end up getting burned.



Student (not a cheater) demonstrates how cell phone cheating is done.

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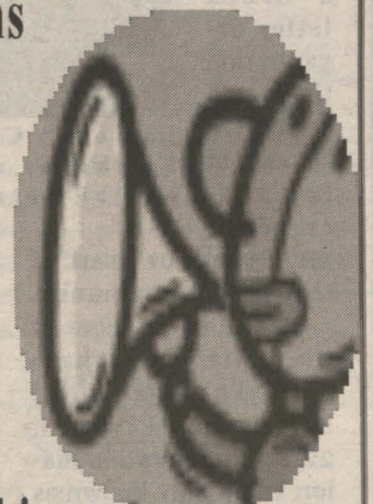
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PV True Life... I'm Greek (Pt. I)

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

By Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

Founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19, 1914, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has truly exemplified the meaning

of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

Its founders, three African male students, sought to organize a Greek letter organization that would set itself as "a part" of the general community and not "apart" of the general community.

As a member of the Delta Theta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., Lamon Lawhorn, 22, senior education major, commonly known as "Crunchy," is a living conviction of the fraternity's motto, "Culture for service and for humanity."

Lawhorn was initiated into the organization under the line name of "Drum Major-#16" in fall 2002 and also holds the office as the chapter's president and 2nd vice

regional director. The organization currently has 30 active members, and Lawhorn says that he chose Phi Beta Sigma because, "at the time they were the most active organization on the yard," and continues to say that, "people were everywhere

and they were all cool and easy to talk to."

Often Greek organizations can change a student's life in a positive or negative way. "You're recognized more and people will

automatically put a label on you. Often I am known as 'Crunchy the Sigma guy' exclaims Lawhorn.

Being a member of not only Phi Beta Sigma, Lawhorn balances work and school with being a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. "School is always first. You have to prioritize. If you can't do well in school then you can't be in the frat," says Lawhorn on how he balances his schedule.

In closing, Lawhorn said, "We are the sum of all."

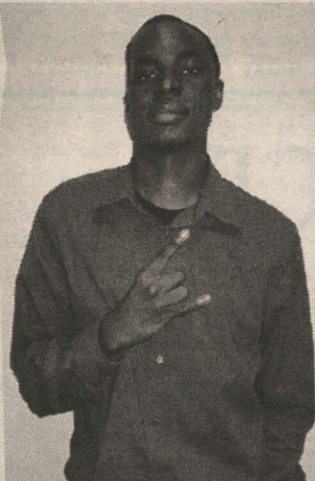


Photo by Ota Clayborne II

Lamon "Crunchy" Lawhorn, member of Phi Beta Sigma.

Schizophrenia unfolded

By Katriska Cotton
Panther Staff

Schizophrenia is one of the most damaging of all mental disorders. It causes its victims to lose touch with reality. The symptoms of schizophrenia interfere with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions, and relate to others.

"According to health square.com, the first signs of paranoid schizophrenia usually surface between the ages of 15 and 34. The causes of schizophrenia are still under debate. A chemical imbalance in the brain seems to play a role, but the reason for the imbalance remains unclear. Stress does not cause schizophrenia, but can make the symptoms worse."

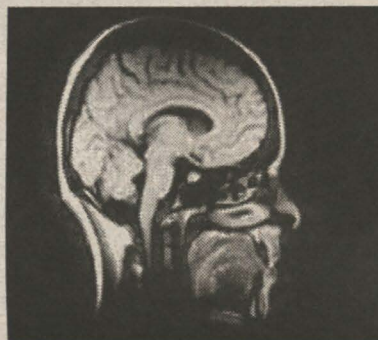
Friends and family often notice the first changes before the victim does. Among the signs are: hallucinations, delusions, nervousness, inability

to make decisions, anger, changes in eating or sleeping habits, energy level, or weight, strange statements or behavior, neglect of personal hygiene, and a conviction that you are better than others, or that people are out to get you.

There is no cure, but the disorder can be controlled with medications. Severe attacks may require hospitalization. Drugs such as Thorazine, Haldol, and Risperdal combat symptoms

in four out of five patients. An acute attack usually can be cleared up in for to eight weeks. Counseling and group therapy help recovering patients to

understand the disease and to function effectively. Without medication and therapy, most paranoid schizophrenia sufferers are unable to function in the real world. If they fall victim to severe hallucinations and delusion, they can be a danger to themselves and those around them.

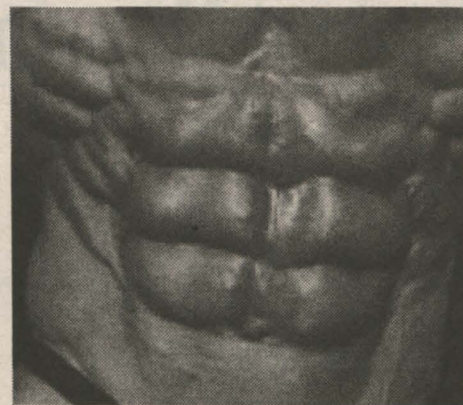


Common Symptoms of Schizophrenia

1. Blank facial expressions
2. Overly acute senses
3. Staring
4. Excessive sleeping
5. Awkward walk
6. Clumsy
7. Unusual gestures
8. Mood changes
9. Inability to experience joy and happiness
10. Anxiety
11. Increased withdrawal
12. Drug and alcohol abuse
13. Low motivation
14. Movement is speeded up
15. Staying in the bed
16. Appearing desireless
17. Suicidal thoughts
18. Dropping out of activities
19. Social isolation
20. Poor concentration
21. Difficulty expressing thoughts
22. Speaking in an abstract way
23. Difficulty understanding simple things
24. Conversations that seem deep, but are not logical
25. Thinking people are working to harass you

More symptoms and further information about schizophrenia can be found at www.schizophrenia.com.

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Hometown-Houston "Highly Hood" Texas
Classification-Senior
Major-Marketing

Q. How long have you been rapping and why?

A. I have been rapping since I was in the 10th grade. Me and my homeboys started out on a karaoke machine at lunchtime by the basketball court. After a while, rapping became my everyday past time.

Q. Who or what is your inspiration?

A. In elementary school I was walking through 5th and met the Geto Boys. They immediately became my inspiration for doing what I do best. Later on in my life I met D.J. Screw, Fat Pat, and Big Pokey.

Q. Have you performed professionally or on campus?

A. I have performed at a lot of talent shows on campus. You can also find me at rap battles at various clubs around the Houston area. Even though I have done a lot I haven't done any concerts yet, but I will soon.

Q. Who are your favorite artists/ rappers?

A. With all respect to the late Fat Pat and D.J. Screw, they are simply the best. They took hip-hop to the next level and made it to where the people of the South could relate to their lyrics

Q. Do you have any CDs out?

A. Right now I am only underground, but I do have a CD out titled "Highly Hood Presents."

Q. Where can we get your music?

A. Either find me, or you can ask anybody around campus from Highly Hood.

Q. What is the motto you live by to keep you going with your dreams?

A. Just gotta keep it Highly Hood all the time!

By Alanna Jones

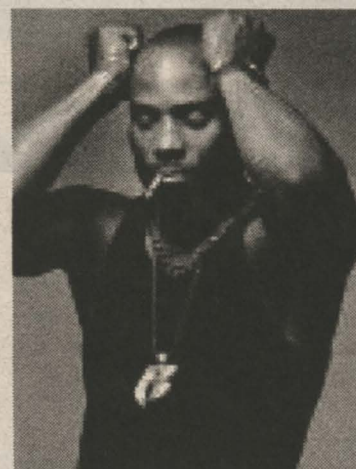
DMX: Arrested and sentenced

By Associated Press

NEW YORK-Rapper DMX was arrested following an accident on a Bronx expressway that injured three people, including two police officers, police said Monday.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was driving southbound Friday evening on the Major Deegan Expressway when his car struck a vehicle being driven by an unidentified woman, police said. Her car then hit an unmarked police cruiser carrying two officers.

The woman was taken to Lincoln Hospital with minor injuries, while the officers were taken to Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital, also with minor injuries.



All three were treated and released. Simmons was not injured. Police said the 34-year-old rapper was given a desk appearance ticket and was expected to

appear in court sometime next month. Simmons' lawyer, Murray Richman, was not available for comment, a woman who answered the telephone at his office said Monday morning.

Last June, Simmons was arrested for allegedly smashing his sport utility vehicle into a gate at Kennedy Airport after telling a parking lot attendant he was a federal agent. He later admitted to being on Valium at the time.

Simmons pleaded guilty in that case and was sentenced to a conditional discharge, meaning further violations within a year could land him in jail. He also was fined and ordered to forfeit his sport utility vehicle.

Small crowds at the beach party

By Associated Press

GALVESTON, TX-Beach Party Weekend, an annual party for college-age black students here, is estimated to have drawn about 75,000 people.

That was far fewer than the 150,000 some had predicted would come to the party which ended Sunday, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday edition.

"Gas is too much," said Sophia Pickney, 34, who drove from Killeen with three friends to attend the event. "That probably stopped some people."

Law enforcement officers reported no major incidents, said city spokeswoman Janet Cohen. "It

was a good weekend," she said.

"It's been real straight," said Derrick Franklin, 27, of Baton Rouge, La. "I'll be back."

Though his sales were only "fair to mild, partly cloudy," Carl Williams, a T-shirt and key-chain vendor from Atlanta, wasn't giving up.

East Beach manager Allen Flores said attendance there was between 5,000 and 6,000 people, which is light compared with previous Beach Party Weekends.

Lt. Peter Davis of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office beach patrol said that people who came to the event seemed more interested in cruising on Seawall Boulevard than going to the beach.

Cindy O'Donnell, property manager at the Ramada Limited, told The Galveston County Daily News for its Monday edition that business isn't what it used to be.

This year, the hotel reserved three of its five floors for Beach Party guests, she said. The remaining floors were reserved for guests arriving in Galveston for another event.

Last year, the hotel sold out almost four floors. In past years, the entire five-floor hotel would sell out.

"It's slow," O'Donnell said. "That's why we closed two floors, because it's just not producing what it used to."

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By Langston Hughes

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 I take my curses back.
 If ever I cursed my black old mother
 And wished she were in hell,
 I'm sorry for that evil wish
 And now I wish her well
 My old man died in a fine big house.
 My ma died in a shack.
 I wonder were I'm going to die,
 Being neither white nor black?

Event: SpringFest Talent Show



Crystal Chatman

Atmosphere/crowd:



Music:



Location:



Cost:



Overall experience:



Trason Smith

Atmosphere/crowd:



Music:



Location:



Cost:



Overall experience:



THE REVIEW

Amityville Horror, a haunted disaster

By David Germain
 Associated Press

"Kind of freaky, being back here," says a babysitter returning to the haunted house in "The Amityville Horror" to mind the kids of the new couple living there, where she once baby-sat the doomed children of the previous owners.

We know the feeling, only we'd use an adjective stronger than freaky.

This remake does not quite sink to the execrable depths of last year's prequel "Exorcist: The Beginning," yet it is the worst of a recent batch of horror updates that include "Dawn of the Dead" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Director Andrew Douglas, making his feature-film debut after a long career in photography, commercials and music videos, piles on every cheap horror cliché imaginable: Blood gushing from faucets and oozing out of walls; things that go BOOM rather than bump in the night; mystery voices yammering in the duct work.

enough apparitions to make ghost extras think about starting their own Hollywood trade guild.

The acting is a fright all on its own. Ryan Reynolds is so over-the-top as the stepfather-turned-ogre by evil spirits possessing his dim little brain, he comes off as a Joan Crawford-like Daddy Dearest for the supernatural set.

"There's no bad houses, just bad people," says bad actor Reynolds' George Lutz, the handyman who decides to move into the Long Island home with his wife and her three children from a previous marriage even after they learn it was the site of a grisly mass murder a year earlier.

Melissa George is not much better as Kathy Lutz, alternating between bland housewifery and shrill screaming. The Lutz children (Jesse James, Jimmy Bennett and Chloe Grace Moretz) generally are upstaged by manifestations of a dead girl (Isabel Conner) slain in the house. She's not necessarily a better actress; the ghost just has more personality.

And as a priest who dashes in terror from the house

after the evil spirits kick his butt during an exorcism, Philip Baker Hall seems motivated more by a desire to flee a rotten movie than by things from beyond.

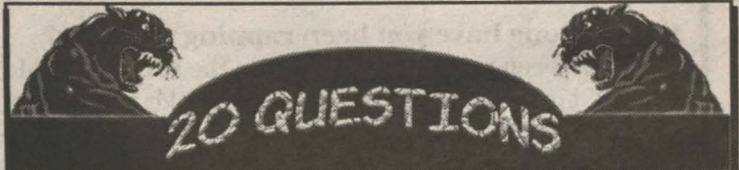
What few potential scares the movie holds continually are undermined by unintentional laughs.

You're seeing ghastly images almost from the get-go, including a horrid child's face right next to your little daughter's in the window. Yet you stayed in the house for 28 days because ...?

Most good ghost stories, such as the original "The Haunting" and "The Others," work because of what they leave unseen. A viewer's imagination can run to scarier extremes than anything Hollywood tricksters might throw up on the screen.

Capture a spooky tone and present an interesting story, and you don't need the cheesy makeup and gory effects. The audience will do the filmmakers' work for them and freak itself out.

Not in "Amityville," though. The more garish the ghosts, the better.



1. Whose bright idea was it to put toothpaste, detergent, and other trash on people's cars?
2. Who went to the step show?
3. Shouldn't it have been free too?
4. Who was the girl about to get beat up outside Banks for sleeping with another girl's man?
5. If she said she would do it again, what does that make her?
6. Who actually bought a "SpringFest" T-shirt?
7. Will they recycle the leftover shirts for next year?
8. Was "SpringFest" a fest or just a hot mess?
9. Where did they find the talent for the talent show?
10. If you weren't on line with them how could you call someone paper?
11. Those hating, do you even have letters?
12. Were the Zetas holding up paper at probate in honor of their fall 2000 line?
13. Just ask Nesi if she remembers her line sisters "Billboard, Big Chief, and BFI?"
14. Who messed up all the Greek and CSO bricks?
15. Did they not know Greek wars ended when SpringFest ended?
16. Since when did PALs become a member of the Pan or CSO?
17. What happened to Alpha Week?
18. Were they intimidated by the success of Kappa Week?
19. Speaking of weeks, with 50 new girls why didn't anyone know it was Delta Week?
20. What do you think?

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

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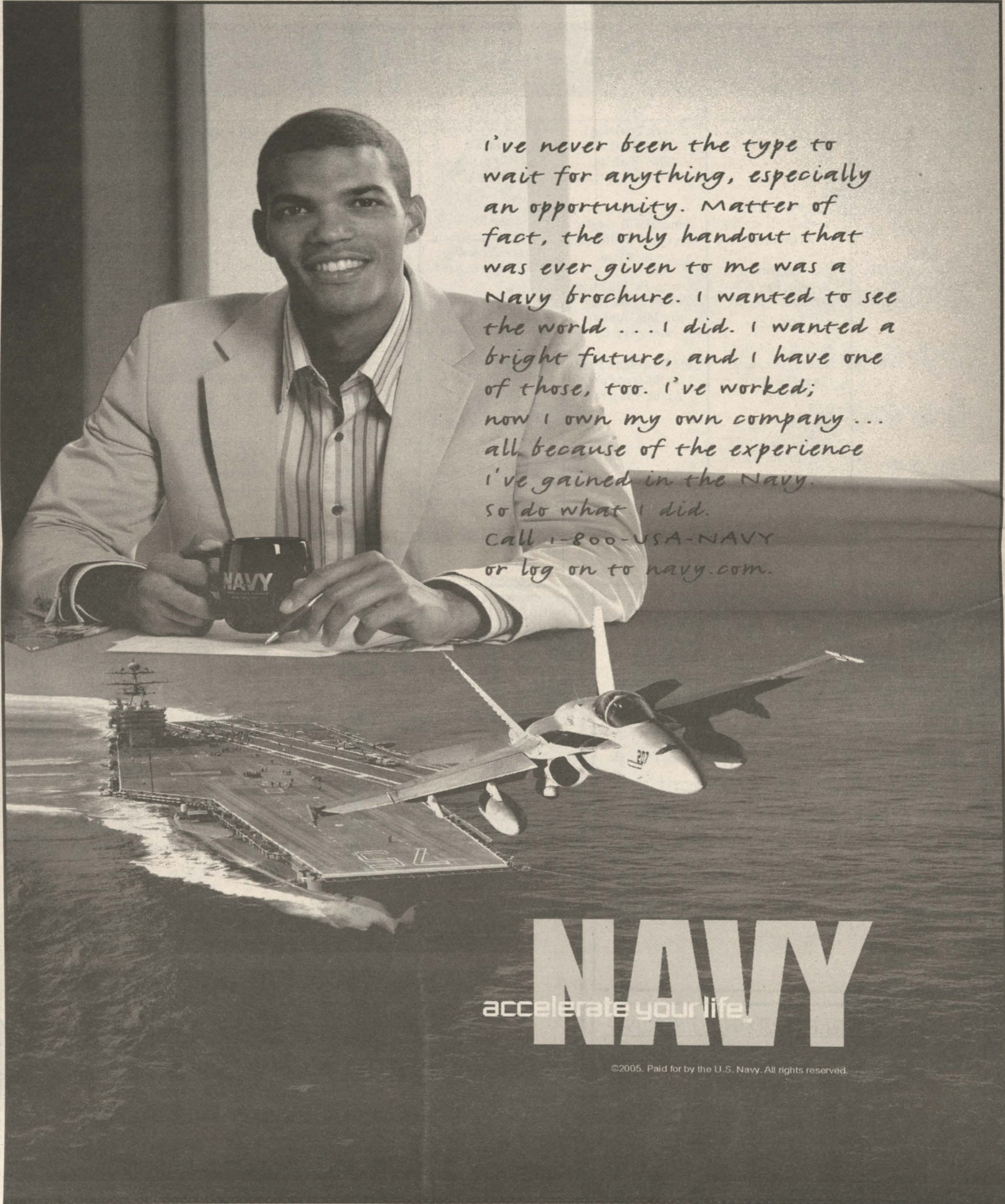
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