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Celebrating Black History Month



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Tuition increase set for fall 2005

By Alanna Jones
Panther Staff

"Mo' money! Mo' money! Mo' money!" is what PV students are soon going to be screaming as designated tuition goes up \$17 in the fall semester of 2005.

"As we have all learned in recent 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," said President George C. Wright in his memorandum on "Tuition, Fees, and the Future on the University," of Dec. 5, 2003.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, the "Public Forum on Designated Tuition" was held to inform students about

the upcoming increase in designated tuition, voice their opinions, and ask any questions about the matter. In 1969, designated tuition was labeled as a "building use fee," which was a fee paid by students for the upkeep of the university.

Designated tuition has been on a noticeable increase since the fall of 2002. Rates per SCH (semester credit hour) were and are as follows: fall 2002- \$36; spring 2004, \$36; fall 2004, \$46; spring 2005, \$46. The proposed fall 2005 rate per SCH is \$63.

The increase will provide an overall projected revenue of \$3,400,000 disbursed as follows: \$680,000 (20% of overall projected revenue) set aside for students in need

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PV police chief terminated

Committee will be formed to find replacement

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

The university has terminated the appointment of Rayford V. Stephens as chief of police and head of the Department of Public Safety. Stephens held the position for

more than 10 years.

Executive vice president and chief financial officer Dan Williams explained why Stephens was relieved of his post. He said, "Shortly after I got here, I was visited by a number of police officers who expressed some concern about the police chief's

management style that had continued over a long period of time. As a result of that we followed up with a peer review that was conducted by a group of three police chiefs from around the country, none of them from the state

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An evening of enlightenment with Cornel West

By Ebony Y. Simpson
Panther Staff

The MSC auditorium was filled to capacity last Thursday with anxious Prairie View students awaiting the powerful message of Dr. Cornel West, professor of religion and African-American studies at Princeton University.

With eagerness encompassing the auditorium, West's presence overwhelmed the room into a brief hush. He relayed to students the importance of education, the value of love, and historical preservation.

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Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijjewe

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Black History Month Respecting our Past... Shaping our FUTURE

Tuesday, February 8th
Movie Night: "February One"
In one remarkable day, four college freshmen changed the course of American history. "February One" tells the inspiring story surrounding the 1960 Greensboro lunch counter sit-ins that revitalized the Civil Rights Movement and set an example of student militancy for the coming decade. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the New Science Building Auditorium

Wednesday, February 9th
34th Annual Spring Career Festival
Job Fair for all majors. Bring plenty of resumes. Business attire required. Networking opportunities for your career success!
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom

A Celebration of Black History Featuring the Exclamation Dance Company
Come out and see one of Houston's Finest Dance companies!
7:00 p.m. in the MSC Auditorium

Tuesday, February 15th
Student Challenge Bowl
The Student Challenge Bowl is a trivia game that will focus on Blacks in History and the contributions they made to the improvement of the world and culture. Teams will be selected from among the student organizations and other students. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Sign up begins February 1, 2005 in Room 200 of Evans Hall. Call 936-857-2055.
MSC Ballroom

Thursday, February 10th
Clearly You-Movie on the Lawn
Join students on the lawn for an evening of fun activities and movies.
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Front of MSC lawn

All of the scheduled events are free except as noted. Accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling 936-857-2010

Wright urges students to remember those who advanced cause of freedom

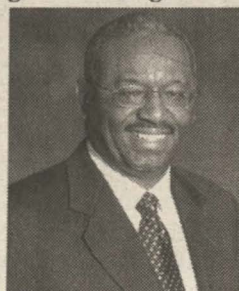
By Anterria Brown
Panther Staff

The Memorial Student Center auditorium drew a sizeable crowd last Thursday for an assembly to kick off a month long celebration in honor of black history.

The program began with an African drum call performed by the Charles Gilpin Players, followed by the invocation and performance of the Negro national anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Next was the introduction of the speaker, President George C. Wright.

Wright delivered a powerful message to Prairie View students as he spoke about embracing African

American culture. He spoke about the importance of being aware of the achievements and contributions African Americans have made to society. Wright encouraged students to remember the past in an effort to shape their future. The president also urged students to remember the struggles of those who helped build our nation and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights.



Dr. George Wright

In addition to his empowering words, Wright also delivered a personal message

on his experiences in relation to Black history month.

"President Wright did an excellent job speaking of the black history assembly; his speech was very heartfelt and he inspired a lot of students with his personal stories," said sophomore Beviere Cannon.

After his speech, President Wright was presented with a plaque in recognition of his work for Black History Month.

Thirty lucky students also received a copy of President Wright's book, Black History Month "Respecting our Past...Shaping our Future" during a book signing ceremony at the university bookstore.

Waller County nursing homes seek volunteers

By Erika Green
Panther Staff

College students should have a desire to gain experience as well as help the community. A local program entitled *Texas Ombudsman Program* is giving this opportunity to all who are interested. Sponsored by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), this program's focus is to help achieve the best possible quality of life for residents in Texas nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Waller County, especially, is looking for volunteers to work in the nursing homes that are serviced by this program.

Those interested will provide assistance to and advise nursing home residents. Their main purpose is to advise nursing home residents of their rights, help look into problems which arise, assist residents, their families and nursing home staff to mediate and resolve disputes, and provide information to the public.

Prospective volunteers are given special train-

ing before beginning their duties which will give them certification under this program. Each volunteer is required to complete 36 hours of initial training, a 3-month internship in their assigned facility, and 12 hours of continuing education to maintain their certification.

Those interested can become a Certified Volunteer Ombudsman by contacting Amity Overall at 1-800-437-7396, by mail at P.O. Box 22777, Houston TX 77227, or by email at amity.overall@h-gac.com

PV Weather

Feb. 9-Feb. 15

Wednesday AM Showers High: 61° Low: 40°	Friday Cloudy High: 55° Low: 43°	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 68° Low: 46°
Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 57° Low: 38°	Saturday Cloudy High: 60° Low: 53°	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 69° Low: 48°

Sunday
T-Showers
High: 69°
Low: 51°

Ready or not

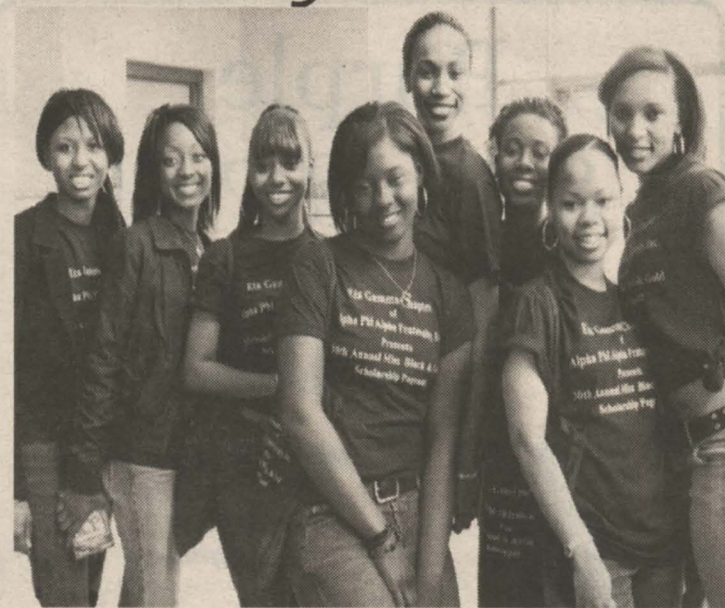


Photo By Denise Cohen

Black and Gold pageant contestants were introduced Monday in the MSC. See who will take home the crown on Thursday.

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The Panther wins 5 awards at 7th annual HBCU national newspaper conference in Baton Rouge

By DeTorsha Brunson
Panther Staff

The Panther received five awards at the 2005 HBCU Newspaper Conference and Job Fair held in Baton Rouge, La., Feb 3-5.

The awards are:

- 2nd Place- Best Features/Arts and Entertainment
- 2nd Place- Best News Story (Anterria Brown)
- 3rd Place- Best Individual Photo (Evan White)
- 3rd Place- Best News Coverage
- Honorable Mention- Best Sports Coverage

The conference/competition is an annual event sponsored by the Black College Communication Association in conjunction with

professional news organizations.

Fifteen college newspapers submitted more than 825 entries for the competition.

The conference was attended by 171 students and

professional news organizations including the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Associated Press, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Baltimore Sun. The New York Times provided trophies and certificates.

The contest coordinator was Jean Thompson, editorial consultant of Black college Wire and former associate editorial page editor of the Baltimore Sun.



Evan White's photo of PV students marching to Hempstead earned a 3rd place award.

29 advisers from 18 colleges and universities.

Judges for this year's competition were drawn from

Next year's conference will be held at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

A moment in black history The first African American Marines

By SGT Lyndell Johnson
Panther Contributor

If you watch coverage of the war in Iraq on CNN, you might see a highly trained fighting force comprised of various ethnic groups fighting together for the freedom and safety of all Americans. Prior to 1941, we would notice something drastically different. The elite fighting force, called the United States Marine Corps had no African Americans, or any other minority groups within their ranks.

During this time, despite having a patriotic heart, many African Americans were prevented from giving a hand and

fighting for what they deemed to be their home. Civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph pleaded for equality within the United States Military force but his pleading went unanswered until President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed executive order 8802. With this order, and the establishment of the Fair Practice Commission, racial discrimination was ended within government agencies.

All African-American recruits were ordered to report to Montford Point, North Carolina; an all African-American training depot. Howard P. Perry, the first recruit arrived on August 18, 1942. Although, receiving the same caliber training as their White counterparts, the Montford Point Marines were unable to visit other bases

such as Camp Lejeune, or fight alongside White Marines (they served in all Black units).

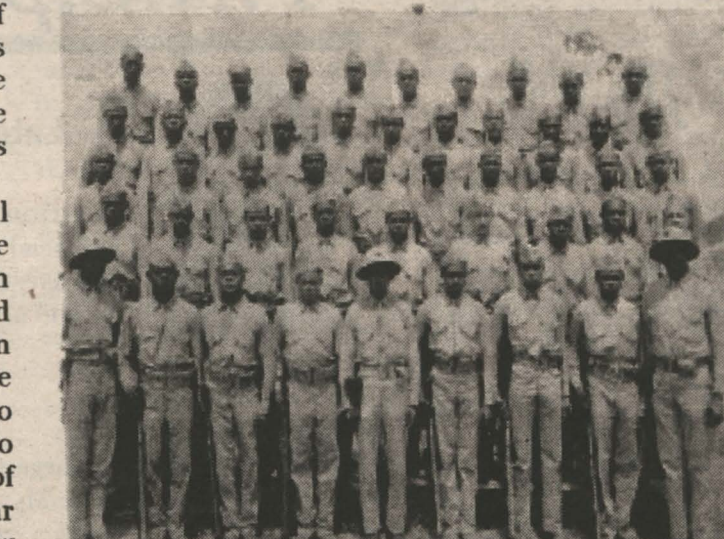
Regardless of racial injustice and harsh conditions, the number of African-American Marines grew tremendously. Marine Corps units began to become a melting pot of various cultures and ethnic groups.

In 1956 General Frank E Peterson became the first African-American pilot serving in the United States Marine Corps. In 1966-1967 he became the first Black Marine aviator to command a squadron into battle. His achievement of becoming the first three star general in 1986 defined how far African-Americans have come.

From 1941, when

Blacks were not allowed to serve, to 1986 the first three star general, to the present, African-Americans continue

to fight for our country with pride, dignity, and love.



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Students must initiate change for university's future

Prairie View A&M University- when you hear PVAMU what do you think?? When I walk around the campus each and every day, I see future doctors, nurses, teachers, architects, engineers, and the list goes on. Students here at PV often speak on issues that they know nothing about or think they know, or often "Co-sign" on things that they have not researched at all.

I was born and raised in Bryan-College Station, home of Texas A&M University. As a matter of fact I could see the university from my backyard. In 2002 when deciding where I wanted to attend school post high school graduation, I decided on attending PVAMU, after attending Pantherland Day On the Hill, hearing the Storm play What You Won't Do For Love, and touring the campus. I remember that day looking back when I asked myself what could PVAMU do for me as a young African American man trying to find

a way in this huge world. It was not until I got here that I rephrased the question to what could I do for PVAMU, that I felt comfortable with my being here.

"People feel that if a name change comes that it will make a major change to the universtiy officially making us a "white" school."

People always say "One day PV will be Texas A&M at Prairie View", I just want to say "HELLO IDIOT IT ALREADY IS!!!" People feel that if a name change comes that it will make a major change to the university officially making us a "white" school.

What people here fail to realize is that your alumni is what you make of it. We often look at TAMU in College Station, and say, "Why don't

we have economic development? Or "Damn they have a bowling alley," but we do nothing to enhance our own campus. We hardly have any students attending city council meetings, yet we make up three fourths of the population of the city of Prairie View.

Another thing students often fail to realize is that TAMU College Station has well over 45,000 students, therefore their entire infrastructure is different from that here in Pantherland. Aggies take pride in their

university; they give back, and love and enjoy their time in Aggieland. Not only do they have rich love and passion for their university, but also for the surrounding community. With the exception of a few organizations on campus when was the last time PV had a massive community service project?

Someone has to take the initiative to stand up and say we want change here I

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Handwritings On The Wall

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6

Rulandra Walton
Senior
Human Performance

What's your motto to live by?

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

F.A.S. spotlight



Latonia Gertman

Position: Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid/ Scholarship Office
Spouse/Children: Married, two sons (19 and 20)

Favorite Food: Shrimp
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Music: John Legend
Cannot live without: My three F's: family, friends, freedom.

Advice for freshmen: Take your education seriously.
Advice for seniors: There are no limits to your possibilities for success.

Who you admire most: Oprah Winfrey

Purple & Gold Poll

Besides Martin L. King and Malcolm X, who has influenced African Americans the most?



"Madame C.J. Walker."
Dorian Woods
Senior
Management



"Booker T. Washington."
Letitia Worthington
Junior
History



"Puff Daddy."
Terrance Grundy
Freshman
Music

By Katie Morrisette



S.G.A. Speaks Out

Hello, again, Panthers. The Student Government Association is working vigorously to help make your experience at Prairie View A&M University a life changing one. We will be sponsoring numerous events during the month of February. A special thanks goes out to all the students who came to hear Dr. Cornel West.

Congratulations to our award winning Panther newspaper on representing the University at the HBCU Newspaper competition in Baton Rouge, La. They brought home five awards.

"There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere, and many of us will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again and again before we reach the mountaintop of our desires." - Nelson Mandela, 1953

We keep losing our black media to the mainstream

By Howard Universtiy
Editorial Board
Black College Wire

Remember the days when you actually learned something from BET? It was worth it to wake up to see "Teen Summit" or "Rap City" with Joe Clair and Big Lex because the materials on the programs were geared toward you and your life.

You bopped your head (entirely too hard) to the Biggie videos with asymmetrical bobs and loud '90s colors. The videos and the shows represented you and what you wanted to see as a young African American.

That same spirit and vision could have been such a tool for the black community if it had continued on the uplifting path.

Now when we watch BET, we are bombarded by

images of scantily clad video girls, "Uncut," "Hey Monie" and "College Hill." Many of us find the programming inadequate and insulting.

Times have changed and shows will, too, but we have to wonder what Viacom's role has been in the decline in quality. Since BET was sold to Viacom in 2000, BET has mirrored programming on MTV, also owned by Viacom. "106 & Park" is the black "TRL." "How I'm Living" is the black "MTV Cribs." "College Hill" is a lame attempt at "The Real World."

We're not saying BET is horrible, but we wonder how different it could

have been if Bob Johnson had held on a little longer. We also felt disappointed to hear that Essence magazine is being sold to Time Inc.

What goes through Bob Johnson's mind when it is time to sell a dream? Where does the social conscience go when it is time to sign away something so important and potentially useful for the black community?

Maybe cutting the check is more incentive than making sure that African Americans control their image in the media. We live in a capitalistic, crab-in-the-barrel society that keeps the dollar signs in our eyes.

It isn't always strategic to continue holding on to a company when a person has the opportunity to get a large lump sum and begin another project. However, no

amount of money can take away the power and dignity that comes with ownership.

The media need more black hands dictating what is and is not appropriate, and simply calling the shots. We can only hope that TV One and other media geared toward us will keep our needs in mind.

By the editorial board of The Hilltop at Howard University. The views expressed in "Voices" are those of the writers and do not reflect the opinions of Black College Wire or its affiliates.



Robert L. Johnson, BET Founder
Photo courtesy of AP Wire

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dream that one day the city of Prairie View will look like College Station, but I know it will not likely happen in my lifetime.

Students need to start taking more pride in the place you call your school. Learn your university history, meet your administration and city leaders, build life long bonds with people while you are here, and most importantly when you graduate come back to "The Hill," give back, and have a voice in what goes on, and PVAMU will forever keep its legacy as the first class university of choice for African Americans in Texas, the U.S., and the world.

Terrance Gilbert

Working on BET's "College Hill," and learning

By Rasheem James
Black College Wire

I had the experience of a lifetime serving as a production assistant for the BET reality show "College Hill," in which eight Langston University students' lives were taped for seven weeks this past fall.

I was offered the job through a friend and classmate, Lannie Franklin III, who had been hired as the production coordinator. Even though I wasn't going to be paid, the experience would prove to be valuable because it gave me the first screen credits on my resume. Not too many people can say, "I've worked on a reality show," or any TV show, period.

More important, by working on the show, which began airing Jan. 27, I gained

hands-on experience learning how to use the cameras. I made contacts with TV industry professionals and earned an offer of a future internship.

Professors are always telling us to explore a field while we're still students. They always say to be willing to start at the bottom. I found out that, actually, they are right. From the director all the way back down, everybody starts as a "PA." "You're a hard worker. If you can get this down, you can pretty much handle anything," is what the director, Ron De Shay, told me. He wasn't screaming and yelling, although there are some directors who will cuss you out all the time. I learned it's nothing personal: It's just business. These people want their product, their film, delivered under budget and on

time.

On my first day, I was asked to run a few errands, such as paying bills and getting lunch for the crew members.

After a week or so, I went from running errands to driving cast and crew members to designated locations for taping. I know some of you are thinking, "Hey, man, you were just a chauffeur," but that wasn't the case. The first thing I learned as a PA was that timing is everything. A lack of planning could jeopardize a whole day of shooting. And because the entertainment business is so deadline driven, a lack of planning also means a loss of money. It was critical that everything be organized. Because the production team was organized most of the time to the very last detail, even planning the shuttle

schedule had a part in whether the production would run smoothly.

There were times I felt things could have been done differently, and there were times my ideas were overlooked, but I had to keep telling myself, "that's business"; some things have to be done a certain way. In business, you have to have tough skin.

My ultimate goal was to gain experience, but I also gained new friends, and a new respect for the film industry and the people behind the scenes.

Rasheem James is a senior broadcast journalism major at Langston University in Oklahoma.

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West's first point was that the black community cannot deny the past. There is need, he said, to identify with the fact that slavery happened and if we deny our past we cannot improve our future. He also mentioned the spiritual and social death that black people constantly battle. He said that blacks need spiritual and social nourishment. West said the black community is a market-driven culture that is fascinated with "bling-bling."

West wanted all in attendance to think on what type of legacy they would want to leave on future generations. He told the audience to ask themselves what their purpose in life is and pursue goals to the end. West mentioned that blacks need to produce the next intellectual like W.E.B. Dubois.

Junior political science major Niky Wooding, said, "Dr. West really enlightened us about the value of an education, by not only excelling academically, but also the use of our knowledge to enrich our black communities and children to grow and excel in today's society."

Although most people were excited that Dr. West visited Prairie View, there were others who did not care for his message. Graduate student Charles McCall said, "I was not impressed by the rhetoric." McCall also said that "we should appreciate the professors that we have here with us every day, not just the professors that stop by and charge our university \$18,000."

West later granted an interview to Ebony Simpson of *The Panther*.

Q: "What is the most influential advice you have ever received?"

A: "My grandmother told me to always treat people right."

Q: "What do you think is the most challenging issue facing black people today?"

A: "The most challenging

issues facing blacks today are spiritual love of one's self, political organization, economically oriented, and educational."

Q: "How do you feel about the last election? Do you believe that John Kerry did not reach black voters?"

A: "John Kerry is about as charismatic as a dead fish. He does not have the charisma or magic to get people to vote for him."

Q: "What is the future of HBCUs?"

A: "I feel HBCUs will always be around as long as we have courageous black educators."

Q: "What two books would you recommend young black people to read?"

A: *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin and *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

Q: "What would have been your approach to the Iraq War situation?"

A: "I would have taken Emmett Till's mother's advice and pursued justice. I would not have placed the blame elsewhere. I would have found Osama bin Laden. I mean, that gangster is on dialysis, me and my homies could have found him."

Q: "I read some of your book, *Democracy Matters*, and it seems to me as though you do not have strong feelings of confidence towards the Bush administration. Does this tie into your conspiracy of silence?"

A: "I don't know. I don't trust the Bush administration to tell the truth. Communication is crucial."

Q: "What legacy would you like to leave at Prairie View A&M University?"

A: "Love your way through the darkness."

of Texas. They represented an organization called the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators."

"Last May, we had an internal audit conducted by the Texas A&M System of internal auditors. The results came back with recommendations that we make some changes in the leadership of the police department, so that's what we've done," said Williams.

With Stephens' departure, there is speculation on whether or not other officers of the department will be released. According to Williams, each officer will be put under review after a new police chief is brought in. "At this point, what we are going

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to do is wait until a new police chief is selected, then we'll give the new police chief an opportunity to assess all employees in the police department. The decision of who to keep will depend on the new police chief," said Williams.

The procedure for selecting a new chief will involve many members of the Prairie View staff. Williams said, "We will advertise and solicit applications, resumes and nominations from applicants who have read the advertisement and feel that they meet the requirements for the job. The files of those who appear to meet the requirements will be turned over to the Search and Screening Committee. The committee has been formed and is currently

in that process. The final decision will most likely be made by the president," said Williams.

When asked about the university's handling of backlash or possible lawsuits, Williams replied, "We can't predict things like that. It's always possible. Anybody can get a lawyer and file a lawsuit for just about anything. The university stands firm in its decision that new leadership was needed in the police department."

Williams also added that a decision on the hiring of a new police chief is expected toward the end of the semester.

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TSU is dethroned, PV wins in H-town

Superbowl blues

By LaKatheryn Shaw
Panther Staff

Pound for pound, the Lady Tigers were bigger, stronger and faster, yet heart, aggression, and endurance were key ingredients to the Lady Panthers' victory.

The Lady Panthers controlled the ball from tip, however for the first six minutes of the half the Lady Panther were held scoreless, allowing TSU to go on a 5-0 run and allowing Texas Southern to dominate uncontested in the paint.

Freshman Jasmine Henderson scored the first Panther points of the night, and from that point, forward the Lady Panthers exploded offensively. In a matter of minutes, the Lady Panthers were behind by four late in the first half. Senior Casey Hart played big away from the ball as well as with the ball, hitting a field goal with 5:20 on the clock and slowly chipping away at the Tiger lead.

The offensive began attacking the basket continuously allowing freshman guard Kalandra Butler to score, and tying the game at 20 apiece, and forcing Coach Claude Cummings of the Tigers to call a time out. The Tiger timeout gave the Lady Panthers a much-needed breather and the extra

wind that they needed to take their first lead of the night, on a Hart field goal.

Hart's aggression, toughness and intensity not

Tiger freshman Dominee Evans were hit with double fouls after getting tangled up on the floor, causing excitement and animosity to fuel on both

team in scoring with ten, Hart and Sanders had four apiece. The Lady Panthers shot 11-29 from the field, and committed twelve turnovers.

The Lady Panthers simply dominated the second half, causing the Lady Tigers to commit seventeen personal fouls, eight turnovers and holding them to only seven field goals the

entire half. Just a month earlier, this same Lady Tiger team defeated the Lady Panthers. The difference between games one of this series and game two, "was experience and us finally becoming a team," says freshman Emily Scarborough. High scores included: Butler 14 points and five assists, Ciara Sanders 10 points and four assist, Hart and Tamika Newman had nine points apiece.

This young team proved that it's not just about talent, size or experience it's about who's willing to fight the hardest and for the longest to recover from the last defeat. It takes time and heart to build a dynasty and this young team has it.

The men's team also beat the Tigers 76-70, this was the second win for them against the Tigers this year. The men's next game will be a home game against the Grambling State Tigers.

The women face off tonight against Texas Pan-American, in the Baby Dome, come out and support them.

By Rashad H. Morgan
Sports Editor



This last SuperBowl only brought me disappointment. I'm not racist, but it would be great to see a black quarterback for once. The last and only time that happened was in 1988, Superbowl XXII. Doug Williams, led the Redskins to a 42-10 victory over the Giants. In the game Williams threw four touchdowns, and was named MVP. Is this too much to ask for? Only one other black quarterback has made it this far, Steve McNair, and we all remember how that one ended. If McNabb doesn't do it next year, I guess I'll have to depend on Michael Vick or Byron Leftwich... maybe even Quincy Carter, when he sobers up in rehab. I could go out on a limb and even say Vincent Young, because the way he clowned (he had 5 TD's) in the Rose Bowl showed me, he's ready.

PV Sports Coverage

Men's Basketball
Prairie View 76
Texas Southern 70

Women's Basketball
Prairie View 66
Texas Southern 56

Baseball
Game 1
Prairie View 15
Jarvis Christian 1
Game 2
Prairie View 32
Jarvis Christian 2
Game 3
Prairie View 10
Jarvis Christian 2

Upcoming Games:
Basketball
Tonight-Prairie View vs. Texas Pan-American
2/12-@ Grambling State
Baseball
2/12- vs. Jackson State
Softball
2/12- vs. Pine Bluff
2/13- vs. Pine Bluff



Drawings by
Jami Hooper

only gave her teammates a boost of confidence, but also sparked the tempers of the Lady Tigers. Both Hart and

benches. Going into halftime, the Lady Panthers led by two, 30-28. Butler lead the

Patriots win 3rd Super Bowl in 4 years

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

The NFL is known worldwide for presenting one of the greatest sporting events on Earth, the Super Bowl, pitting the winners of both the AFC and NFC conferences against each other in a winner-take-all showdown. In the weeks leading up to the game, there are many continuing factors to the hype, off the field.

Due to economical

within the city. It is estimated that \$1.5 million was spent for police, fire, ambulance, public works and trash pick up services.

The city of Houston is making a strong push against cities such as Miami, Tampa Bay and Atlanta to host the Super Bowl again in 2009. A decision by the NFL is expected in May. Everybody always has their personal picks to win the Super Bowl. "New

England all the way," said sophomore engineering major Matt Villarreal, in the days leading up to the duel. "I believe the Patriots got the game sewed up, for real. Wait till Sunday and you'll see what kind of dominating force they are."

At the other end of the spectrum, junior human performance major Thomas Aquinas chimed in with his Philadelphia Eagles rant.

"With [Donovan] McNabb, TO [Terrell Owens], and their cold D [Defense], Philly should win. I am not saying it is going to be a blowout or anything, but Philly should win in a close one.

There were also a lot



Photo courtesy of AP Wire

Tom Brady is now 9-0 in the postseason.

gain, associated with the Super Bowl, most cities would more than welcome the opportunity to host the event. Last year, it



Donovan McNabb threw for over 300 yards in the Eagles' loss, Sunday.

was estimated that the city of Houston generated over \$300 million in revenue from the Super Bowl alone. Eighty-five percent of Super Bowl visitors came to Houston from outside of Texas and poured millions of dollars into the city economy. Ninety percent of the revenue from the Super Bowl was spent on lodging, food, beverages, retail stores and entertainment



Photo courtesy of AP Wire

The Eagles suffer catastrophic loss, 24-21, to the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX, at Alltel Stadium.

Baseball team slays Bulldogs in 3 game sweep

By Leona Aaron
Panther Staff

The Prairie View baseball team has been on fire this season with a 3-0 record coming into the Friday and Saturday games against the Jarvis Christian Bulldogs. The Panthers went on to improve their record to 6-0 with a three game sweep over the Bulldogs. The Panthers showed no mercy beating the Bulldogs repeatedly, giving them no chance of ever coming back.

Coming into the season, the Panthers had three players who made the preseason All-SWAC baseball team. The players were senior catcher, Brian McGinty, from Houston, senior outfielder, Stephen Washington, from Mesquite and sophomore infielder, Rickey Thomas, from Spring.

During Friday's game the team racked up 13 hits, and scored 15 runs off those hits. The Panthers held the Bulldogs to three hits with one run scoring. Both teams made only one error throughout the game. Starting pitcher Wrandal Taylor took the mound and showed no mercy, striking out the first two Bulldog batters and made third batter ground out to second base. PV came into the bottom of the first inning on to top of the Bulldogs 3-0.

The second inning really put the Bulldogs on the ropes. Even though they were beginning to make contact with the ball, none of their hits ever made it to the outfield. The Bulldogs' Brian Harrison was the first of the inning to sit down by grounding out to second base. Terrance Colquitt followed Harrison by popping up

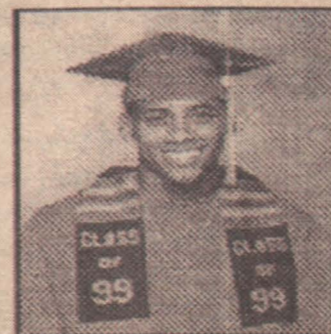
to second base and Chris Rothwell struck out. The Panthers came back and gained more momentum by scoring again. Jabari Wimbs scored off a single by All-SWAC honoree Washington, making the score 4-0. The first game never was in the Bulldog's corner letting PV win by a score of 15 to 1.

The second game against the Bulldogs, took place on Saturday leaving them distraught. Panther pitcher, Matthew Chase, started off like Taylor in the first game giving the Bulldogs the blues. Prairie View bats were hot and ready for action. The Panthers scored ten runs in the first inning making the score 10-0. It was like deja vu for the Bulldogs, their scoring was non-existing.

See **Baseball** on page 9

Prairie View remembers tragic van crash

THE PANTHERS THAT
STILL RACE THROUGH OUR MINDS



Vernon James II



Jerome Jackson



Samuel Sturns



Houston Watson

Feb. 10 marks the fifth year anniversary of the tragic accident that claimed the lives of four Prairie View A&M track stars. Vernon James II, Jerome Jackson, Samuel Sturns, and Houston Watson were killed when the driver of the van lost control en route to a meet in Pine Bluff, Ark.

By DeTorsha Brunson

Bowl from page 8

of interesting stories off the field. Eagles Quarterback Donovan McNabb became only the third African American quarterback to start in the Super Bowl.

The first half of the game was a defensive battle as each team was held to only seven points apiece. At the half the Patriots, quarterback Tom Brady connected with receiver David Givens for a four-yard touchdown pass in the beginning of the third quarter. The Eagles scored again with a six-yard pass from McNabb to tight end L.J. Smith.

With eleven minutes and five seconds left in the 3rd quarter, Brady of the Patriots completed a two-yard pass to linebacker Mike Vrabel, to take a 14-7 lead over the Eagles. McNabb responded with a ten-yard handoff to running back Brian Westbrook to tie the score at 14 with 3:44 left in the third. In the fourth quarter, Patriots running back Corey Dillon rammed into the end zone from two yards to put the Patriots up for good at 21-14. A field goal by Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri padded the lead to 24-14. A 30-yard touchdown pass from McNabb to receiver Greg Lewis helped make the score look closer at 24-21, but the Patriots held on and claimed their third Super Bowl title in the last four years, cementing their status as the newest dynasty in the NFL.

Baseball from page 8

The Bulldogs just couldn't catch a break with the Panthers never letting up, winning the game 32 to 2.

The Bulldogs had one more game to try to redeem there team. The Bulldogs determined to start this game off on top of the Panthers for once scored one run when Rothwell scored off a sacrifice hit by Jake Cantrell. Even though JC scored Terrell struck out two and had two ground outs. The Panthers tied the game in the first inning with Anthony Dickson scoring the tying run off a sacrifice run by Brandon Lewis. Terrell looked like he found his groove in the second inning striking out one Bulldog player, making another pop up to right field, and the last out grounded out to the pitcher. The Bulldogs would on go on to score one more run while PV rallied off nine more runs to make the final score 10-2.

The Bulldogs had no hope of recovery, falling to the Panthers three games in a row. The Panthers are taking no prisoners this season, as they head toward a SWAC championship. Catch the Prairie



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen



You must have had a grade of 'C' (OR 'S') or better in your developmental class (es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for summer or fall 2005.

Developmental Classes in the 200 level are NOT the final class in the sequence for most students.

Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP/THEA testing schedule or call 936/857-2747.

Important Dates to Remember:

- February 9, 2005: 34th Annual Spring Career Festival (MSC Ballroom) Exclamation Dance Company, "A Celebration of Black History, 7PM (MSC Auditorium)
- February 11, 2005: Next installment is due
- February 17, 2005: UC's Scholars' Recognition. UC will honor its Academic Stars at an activity in the MSC!! Congratulations!!!

Building Activities:

- BLDG #36 took 15 of its 'academic stars' to Houston for an evening of food and bowling and a lot of laughter.
- BLDG #41 has been issued a cultural challenge by their Faculty Fellow, Dr. Bakamanume. Prizes will be awarded to those who best "meet the challenge!"
- BLDG #47 hosted a Q & A session with their Faculty Fellow, Dr. Alfred Parks. The students discussed such questions as: "When should a person change their major?" and "What are real tips for academic success?"

More than Mardi Gras, the meaning of Lenten Season

By Fredrick Crawford
Panther Staff

Starting Wednesday, Feb. 9, begins the period of Lent and ends March 26. Lent is observed by Catholics around the world. **What is Lent?**

Lent comes from the Middle English word "lente" which means springtime. The time period originated from earlier days of the Church as a time to prepare for Easter. Lent used to be a time period of forty hours spent fasting to remember Jesus' suffering and the forty hours he spent in Jacob's new tomb. **Around**

the third century, it was observed for six days. Finally, in 800 A.D., Lent was made forty days; and that tradition continues today. Overall, Lent focuses on an individual's baptismal promises. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter.

Sundays are excluded from the forty days because this day is a weekly remembrance of the Resurrection.

Observing Lent prepares people to celebrate true Easter and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, personally. **Why 40 Days?**

During the time the Israelites were in bondage to the Egyptians, they experienced hardships that slavery brings. God had a purpose for his "chosen people" despite their bondage. God allowed Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt into a wilderness where they journeyed forty years until they made it to the promised land that God promised them. Moses never made it to the promised land, but his obedience allowed others to reach their destination. These forty represent the Christian's "personal journey of transformation" which leads to the power to change, love, believe, and enhance our way of thinking.

Jesus went through this same transformation when he was in the desert for forty days. During His journey, Satan tempted him; but Jesus held His ground by trusting God. His temperance from Satan and the hardships the Israelites went through challenges us to look upon ourselves to see how deeply we are willing to trust God in our own trials and tribulations. **What Is Ash Wednesday?**

This is the first day of Lent. It is actually the day after Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") which was started by the Christian Romans as a "carnival" to not forget their pagan festivals. Ash Wednesday reminds Christians how important their life with God is. Burnt ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday are marked upon Catholics' forehead to remind them of the biblical symbol of repentance and mortality. The scripture "...For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19) helps to commemorate Jesus' last week on earth. The cross on the forehead is a sign of spiritual mark put on a Christian in baptism. **Giving Up Something?**

When Catholics give up something for Lent, they are making a sacrifice. The three most common penitential (to turn, return, restore) practices include prayer, fasting, and works of charity. Catholics as individuals determine how they can use these practices during Lent. This sacrifice is not mandatory but is very much voluntary. Even though you don't have to give anything up, Lent gives the individual an opportunity to work on a particular obstacle that is preventing them from growing in the Lord. Denying ourselves things we enjoy helps us to strengthen our own will. This allows us not to become slaves to the things we like. This is one reason why Catholics give up something

during Lent. By sacrificing in this way, it helps the Catholics strengthen their spirituality, give up things that are sinful, and helps keep their priorities straight. From the Pulpit: Giving up is a "sacrifice." "Sacrifici" stands for holy and "fice" means do something. It is not the giving up of something that helps the individual. It is the thing that person is giving up that positively helps them in other areas of their life. This is the reward for this idea. **Fasting**

During the season of Lent, Catholics are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays, especially Good Friday. Many eat fish instead. This is done to remind Catholics that they should always put God first in priorities and pleasures as a lesser priority. All

individuals over the age of 14 are bound to abstain from meat on those days. All those above 18 up to 60 are bound to fast by limiting themselves to one full meal and two light meals on these days.


From the Pulpit: The reason for fasting is to say to God that reliance on Him is needed even above the basic act and need to eat. The Catholic Christians basically fast in order to physically observe and recall the time Christ suffered and died to redeem humanity. **Importance of Lent for Young Catholics?**

The youth will be the leaders of tomorrow. Young Catholics at this point in their lives are making decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. Young Catholics, as well as Christians in general, must take God's will

to heart and know that it should be a powerful part of their lives. The young must have the determination to be attentive to the inner attractiveness to grow. This comes from discipline and reconciliation with God.

Important Lent Dates
Ash Wednesday – February 9
Palm Sunday – March 20
Good Friday – March 25
Easter – March 27

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Rev. G. Alex Steinmiller, C.P.



Ash Wednesday

February 9th, 2005
12:15pm at All Faiths Chapel • 5:00pm at the UC Panther Room
All are welcome.

Catholic Newman Association

Students using cell phones as phone books

By Charlene V. Drayton
Black College Wire

Society has developed such a dependency on cell phones that many Americans can't imagine life without them.

In a nation of 295,003,346 people, cell-phone subscribers number 173,003,878, according to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, an industry group.

In fact, many students use cell phones not only for safety and convenience, but also for a phone book. For them, it seems that traditional telephone books have gone out along with eight-track players and cassette tapes. Instead of writing down a number, it simply is stored in the cell phone and is just a touch-tone away.

"Paper phone books?" asked Janelle Dunbar, a sophomore television production major at Howard University. "Who uses those anymore? Please, I use my cell phone as a phone book." However, problems

might arise when someone loses or breaks the phone. That person has now lost contact with hundreds of people.

This can be avoided with the use of a Subscriber Identity Module, or SIM card, a removable device in the phone that stores numbers and messages and can be transferred to any phone carried by the cell phone company. However, all companies do not offer this technology. Among those that do are T-Mobile and Cingular.

"I recently broke my phone in half," said John Kennedy, a sophomore print journalism major at Howard who is a Cingular customer. "The only thing that saved my life was my SIM card. I can change phones and still keep all of my numbers."

Kennedy might not have been so lucky had he lost his cell phone altogether.

"I had a SIM card, but my phone was stolen, so it didn't do me any good," said Amanda Nembhard, sophomore broadcast journalism major. She said she was annoyed because she had lost all of her numbers.

"I had to start collecting numbers all over again."

Then there are those whose cell phone company does not carry phones with SIM cards. They are at constant risk of losing all their numbers if their phone were to break.

"I recently broke my cell phone," said Rahson Taylor, a sophomore computer information systems major at Howard. "And with the phone went all of the numbers in it. I couldn't call anyone, and I missed a study group because I couldn't contact any of the group members. I just sat in my room and cried!"

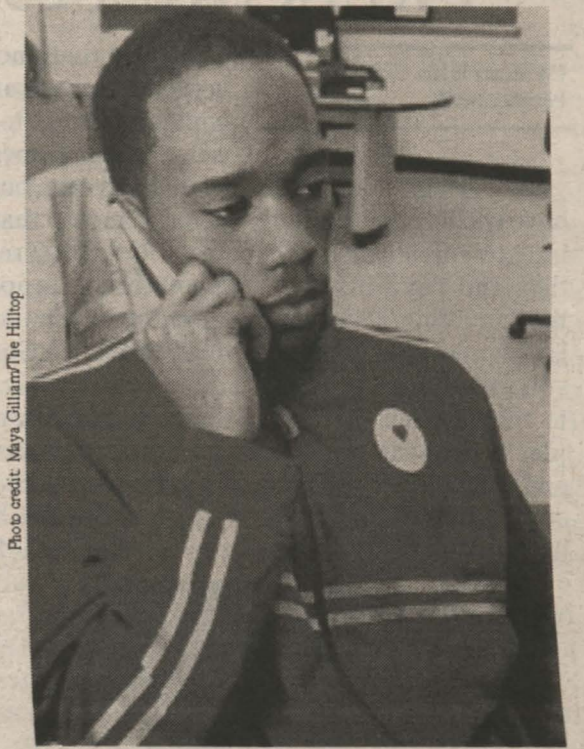
Several students said they felt that society had developed an addiction to cell phones.

"Our society has become too cell phone-dependent," said Donta Johnson, a sophomore legal communications major. "For example, my phone broke, so I couldn't call anybody because my cell phone was my only phone book, and if someone called me, I'd have no way of knowing who it was. It was detrimental to my life."

Perhaps this problem could be solved if people backed up their numbers with a traditional phone book. However, students said they found jotting down phone numbers on paper to be annoying and an inconvenience.

"Who has the time to write down every number in a real phone book?" asked Aja Robinson, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major. "And who wants to lug it around everywhere? I use my cell phone as a phone book because I have

my cell phone with me at all times. I do try to memorize some numbers, but I don't write them down or anything. If I lost my cell phone, I'd be out of touch with a lot of people and a lot of things."



Cell-phone companies have more than 173 million subscribers.
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Shacking up and the co-ed

By Erika L. Green
Panther Staff

There is a popular phrase stating, "why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free". Even though there is much implied humor in this phrase, the seriousness and validity of the whole concept is taken for granted in today's society. In previous decades, things such as unmarried couples living together was barely heard of and definitely not spoken of. However, in this day and age many couples young and old alike live together, more commonly termed "shacking up".

Many students on campus have begun relationships that consisted of the getting to know each other phase.

This initial phase usually involves casual visits, dates, and overnight stays. Yet, many of these students' relationships have ultimately turned into a "shacking up" situation.

For the couple these living arrangements may not be a problem, but the roommate may feel otherwise. Most often the roommate of the happy couple feels that shacking up may cause conflict with them and ultimately become a problem. "Although I am not in this situation, I think it will cause problems especially if the live in guest starts to be rude, messy, and even starts using and consuming the roommate's things without permission, which is always what ends up happening," said sopho-

more Daniel McMurray.

Other problems that shacking up entails are the obvious moral issues and the commitment issue. Whereas with marriage, there is a physical representation of emotional ties. It entitles the couple to not only a verbal commitment, but also a tangible and legally binding commitment.

University Housing sees shacking up as a problem. Curtis Ray, a University Village employee, stated "The residents with live-in guests are many times given warnings to handle the problem and are told to not allow their guest to spend the night. If the resident allows it again and is caught, both the resident and guest will be kicked out."

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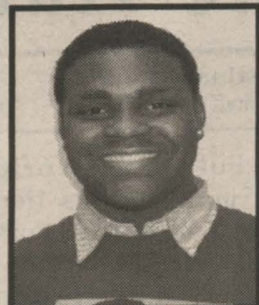
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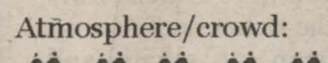
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"Cornell West is the diplomatic scholarly essence of what a growing black man should strive to be. I was inspired by the points of black history that were discussed that evening and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to hear his great teaching."



Trason Smith
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Message:



Location:



Overall Experience:



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THE REVIEW



Panther Poetry Lounge

"Dream Deferred"

By Langston Hughes (1951)

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore-
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over-
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load?



1. Why didn't "G. Dubya" answer any of the questions in the tuition forum? 2. Did the tuition increase prove that the SGA President is just for show since he didn't stand up for the student body? 3. If we don't have the money for the tuition increase can we put something on it? 4. Why did they stop tearing down Alumni? 5. Are they just pouring salt in our wounds, or is that the part we're still paying for? 6. Why do the shortest boys have on tall tees? 7. Why is it that whenever PV wins against TSU, we have to run for our lives? 8. Shouldn't the basketball coach patent his handclap since everyone does it with him? 9. Which freshmen were fighting over snow boots in Payless? 10. Why are the Village managers always in the MSC? 11. Why did officer 30z misspell Honda? 12. Judging from the girls, will it be Miss Black and Gold or just a mess? 13. Who were the freshmen getting busy in the MSC lounge? 14. Has anybody seen the Gangsta Boo click? 15. Who was the girl walking around in a shower cap? 16. With all the yellow bone Alpha neos, aren't they starting to look like Kappas? 17. When is Hump Day on the Hill gonna be worth skipping class? 18. What Sigma was dating two girls in the same office? 19. Did he think he wouldn't get caught? 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**.

The return of the Geto Boys

By Will Lacy
Panther Staff

Back again are the boys from the Geto (ghetto), to re-illustrate the definition of real gangsta rappers and to tell it like it is. On their new album "The Foundation" on Rap-A-Lot Records, The Geto Boys are commanding respect from the young and old hip-hop fans.

Scarface, a native of South Acres in Houston, New York native Bushwick Bill, and Willie D. of 5th Ward in Houston, have come together again to make the most street lyrical, hard core, gangsta' rap album put out in seven years.

Each rapper takes their experiences growing up in the streets and expresses them over thundering hood beats. The

group continues their tradition of the rigid stand against racists, snitches, crooked cops, and hypocritical politicians.

The Geto Boys waste no time as they begin the album with the track *Declaration of War*, directed at rappers that are caught up in the glamour of fame and forgot how dangerous it really is to live the lives that most are portraying. *When It Get Gangsta* (featuring Houston's own Z-Ro) and 'What?' are without a doubt the hardest rap songs made in a long time. The lyrics are instantly gangsta' from the minute the beat drops until it the beat stops.

Hood songs include 1, 2, the 3 and *G-Code*. *Nothing 2 Show* encourages listeners to have just as much to show for as the work it took to get. The Boys take it to the club for those that just want to boogie with songs like *We Boogie*

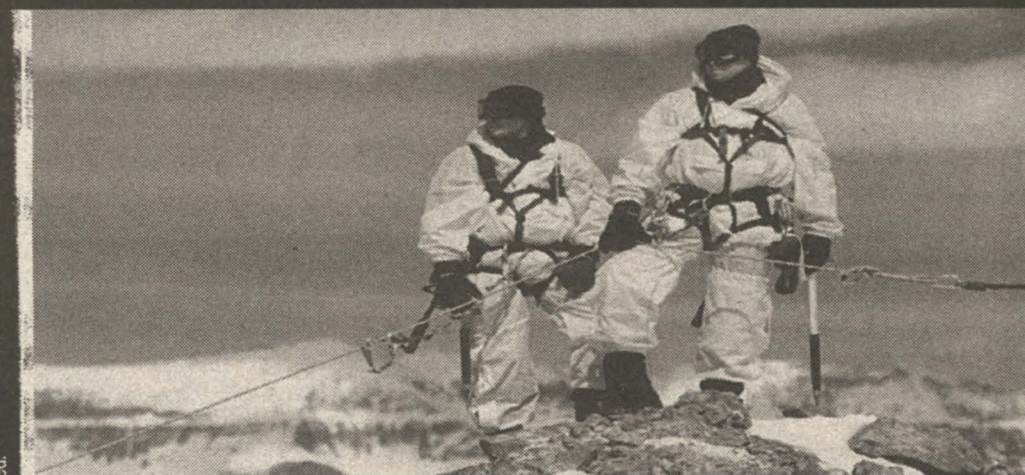
and *Yes, Yes, Yall*, which has an up-tempo beat combined with an inviting piano roll that anyone can rock their head to.

The album also showcases slow melodies such as *I Tried*, in which the harp sounds in the background grab the listener, as the lyrics express personal feelings about growing up and doing the best they could in the streets of Houston. *Leaning On You* is a more laid back tune on a spiritual note with a melody of reminiscence back on life, both good and bad times. This song is also a celebration and appreciation to the Lord for bringing them through the struggle. *In The End*, the rappers open up more and express their understanding of this life not lasting forever and remembering that "the secret is to win, you will find peace in the end."

February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Church @JPAFC 10:45 a.m.	14th: Alpha Lambda Omega Valentine's Day Outreach @ JPAFC 11 a.m.	Every Tuesday: Gamma Phi Delta Bible Study @ JPAFC 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Every Wednesday: Sociology Club @Woolfolk 5 p.m.	10th: CAB Valentine's Day Movie@ HBT Lot 5 p.m.- 10 p.m.	11th: Delta Sigma Theta Red and White Gala @ MSC 6 p.m.	Every Saturday Mahogany Soul Suite @ Clarks (314 Main) 9 p.m.
Every Sunday: Poetry Night@ Paesanos 7 p.m.			CAB Hump Day on the Hill @ MSC 12 p.m.	Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant @ MSC 7:06 p.m.		
13th: Delta Sigma Theta Founder's Day @ JPAFC 3 p.m.			9th: Spring Career Fair 9a.m.-3 p.m.			
			Catholic Newman Assoc Ash Wednesday @JPAFC 12:15 p.m.			

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of financial aid; \$1,760,000 (4% of overall projected revenue) assigned to the merit salary increase pool for faculty (including benefits); \$400,000 to fund the repair and rehabilitation of classrooms and labs, including new classroom and lab furniture; \$500,000 to fund new faculty positions.

that would ensure a pay increase for faculty last year.

He said that the "rock" of this situation is that it becomes a detriment to the livelihood of the faculty if there is no pay increase. The "hard place" of higher tuition is that the cost of an education will go up for students.

"As President, I have no choice but to increase tuition... ultimately the increase will happen," said Wright.

"As a university, we [Prairie View A&M University faculty and students] are stuck between a rock and a hard place," said Wright. The major problem in the president's hands is the issue of pay increases for faculty.

Wright explained that the state did not give money to public universities

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UP-COMING PROGRAMS IN UV!

Black History Month Showcase—February 16, 2004—MSC

The University Village will feature the world-renowned 2004 Otto Rene Castillo Award Recipient Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux of Houston, Texas. The showcase will feature her rendition of "The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman." The showcase will begin at 6 pm. University Village will also have a "Buffalo Soldiers Exhibit" the Phase III Clubhouse from February 14-16. during that week. There will be a reception immediately afterwards. Refreshments will be served.

Super Bowl Party - February 6, 2004 - Phase II & III Clubhouses - 4:30 pm

Come out and watch Super Bowl XXXIV with your friends at fellow CA's at both University Village Clubhouses. There will be FREE FOOD and DOOR PRIZES!

The University Village Book Club

The University Village will be sponsoring a book club for all interested students. If you are interested in being apart of this group, sign-up at the Phase III clubhouse during normal business hours.

Important Notes

Leasing

- **COMING SOON!!!!** Fall 2005-2006 & Summer 2005 Applications.
- **ROOMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SPRING 2005.** If you move in now your rent will be prorated.

Accounting

- **Current Residents**, your next installment for the Spring semester is due March 1, 2005. Please pay today to avoid late fees.
- No personal checks are accepted for past due payments.
- The deadline for paying all electricity bills is February 10, 2005.

Lost and Found

- The University Village has some lost and found items at the Business Office. If you have lost your ID or keys please check at Phase I Business Office.