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"Something inside so strong..."

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## UC crowns sixth royal pair

**By Ryan Anderson**  
Panther Staff

Jonnie Jones III of building 38 and Erica Nelson of building 39 left an unforgettable mark on the 6<sup>th</sup> annual University College scholarship pageant on Oct. 5 as they earned their way into pageant history as Mr. and Miss UC.

The pageant's purpose is to promote leadership, social skills, success, and give the winners a well deserved scholarship. Jones said, "For me being Mr. UC is a fantasy, but I thank God for the opportunity, not just to be here and look pretty, but get some work done, souls saved and minds changed. I love it already. I'm very excited about what I'll be doing for the freshmen because I believe God is going to use me as a light for those left in the dark. I know there are those who will hate, but God bless them, and then those who will think I'm getting big headed."

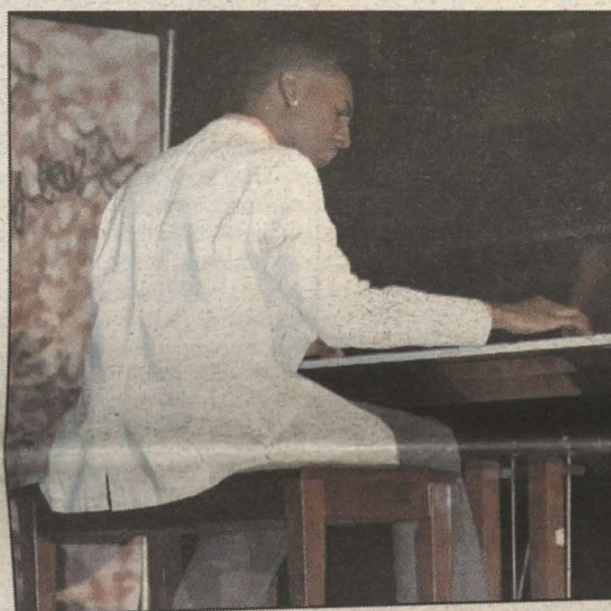
The pageant itself opens many doors for the participants and leaves a lifelong legacy that will not soon be forgotten at Prairie View. Miss UC 2003-04 Brandie M. Terrell said "During my reign as Miss UC, many windows and doors of opportunity were opened to me. Up to date, I have been able to utilize the various contacts I received. My experience as a leader in my class has helped me to evolve into an even smarter leader today."

Even before the actual show started, the crowd was wowed by the entertaining sound of D.J. Merk, until the master of ceremonies, Derrick Lindsey, calmed everyone down to begin the show. The introduction to the pageant was a breath-taking tribute to the late Nina Simone, and showcased contestants' ability to work together and harmonize in one accord. The wide range of talent included dancing, singing, piano, and poetry. The talent portion was followed by an informative question and answer session. Contestants were asked impromptu questions that kept them on their feet, and gave the judges a partially accurate view of the type of individuals they were.

The first runners-up were Jeremy Plummer of building 45 and Shalondria Taylor of building 40. Both gave outstanding performances.

That night the pageant had an air of desolation. In her sixth year as pageant director, Jodi Chandler announced that this was the last pageant she would direct and made sure to leave a mark that would never be forgotten.

Tiarra Tucker, a freshman biology major, said, "It wasn't exactly what I expected, but all in all, a great experience. As the night came to an end, and titles were given, it was easy to see that the contestants were not only competitors, but had become fast friends for life."



Photos By Marques Allen

**In the presence of royalty:** A variety of events culminated in the crowning of Mr. and Miss UC, Jonnie Jones III and Erica Nelson, with Jeremy Plummer and Shalondria Taylor as runners-up.

## In the news...

### Dallas man charged in beating death of Anthony Davis Jr.

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been charged with murder in a mob attack that left an 18-year-old dead earlier this month.

Authorities arrested 21-year-old Antonio Denard Few in the death of Joseph Anthony Davis, Jr. An anonymous caller provided police with a tip that led to Few, said Senior Cpl. Max Geron.

Davis died Oct. 2 after leaving a party following a football game. Witnesses told police Davis was the victim of an unprovoked mob attack. They say he was punched and jumped on by up to 20 men, some of whom also beat Davis' uncle.

Authorities have announced a \$35,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

"We want to make clear that this investigation is ongoing, and there were several people who participated," Geron said. "We are still encouraging those with information to call the homicide unit."

Few was being held Monday on a \$250,000 bond.

### Woman sentenced for failing to report kids' sex abuse

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A woman was sentenced Monday to six months in jail for failing to call authorities after learning that her father had molested two of her daughters.

In a plea agreement with prosecutors, Elisha Morris, 32, pleaded guilty to two charges of failure to report child abuse. Last month her father, Edward Morris, 54, of Richland Hills, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to molesting two of his granddaughters.

Defense attorney Katheryn Haywood said Elisha Morris has limited resources and education and did not know what to make of the allegations. The woman loves the girls and would never put them in harm's way, Haywood told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a story in Monday's on-line edition.

Officials said Edward Morris called his daughter, who then lived in Killeen, and invited the girls to visit him one at a time in the summer of 2004. One girl returned home and told her mother what had happened, but Elisha Morris did not call police or Child Protective Services.

Authorities learned about the abuse after the older girl told her stepmother, who notified CPS and police.

### Cheerleader charged with leaving threatening notes at school

WAUKEE, Iowa (AP) — A 15-year-old cheerleader was charged with intimidation and threats of terrorism after she allegedly left notes last week at Waukee High School threatening to shoot students and teachers.

Amy Jo Ayers, 15, of Clive, was charged with three counts of intimidation with a dangerous weapon and three counts of threat of terrorism. She is a sophomore at the school.

Lt. Greg Breuer said Ayers was taken out of class on Monday for questioning. She was expected to be sent to the Polk County Juvenile Detention Center, he said.

Three notes threatening all students and specific groups of students — including sophomores and cheerleaders — were left in two girls' restrooms. Two notes were left Thursday and another on Friday, according to a report Monday on The Register's Web site.

Ayers, a cheerleader at the school, threatened to hurt herself in one of the notes, the newspaper reported.

School officials and Breuer declined to say what was written in the notes.

"It definitely had 'kill everyone' tones," said Jody Ratigan, principal of Waukee High School.

Security was heightened at the school through Monday, including requiring students to leave their backpacks in the dean's office.

About 150 of the school's 720 students stayed home from school on Friday, officials said.

Breuer said a Crimestoppers tip led police to Ayers.

### FEMA to use Hope airport runways for mobile homes storage

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — The mayor has signed an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency that will allow three city airport runways to be used to store manufactured homes en route to New Orleans for hurricane victims.

Under a lease, FEMA will pay the city \$25,000 a month for two years or \$600,000. FEMA site manager Robert Hoban said the goal is to get as many of the homes to south Louisiana as possible. However, he said there is a hold up in New Orleans because the ground is still saturated and cannot support the new homes.

The homes will stay at Hope until the ground is ready, he said.

## High court refuses to hear Crips founder's case

By David Kravets  
Associated Press

The Supreme Court refused Tuesday to take the case of California death row inmate Stanley "Tookie" Williams, a founder of the Crips street gang whose later work for peace won him Nobel Peace Prize nominations.

Williams, who has been praised for his children's books and efforts to curtail youth gang violence, likely will be executed in December if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger does not grant clemency. The 51-year-old former gang member claims Los Angeles County prosecutors violated his rights when they dismissed all potential black jurors.

Williams, who claims he is innocent, is in line to be one of three California condemned inmates to be executed within months. He was condemned for killing four people in 1981 and claims jailhouse informants fabricated testimony that he confessed to the murders.

"We feel very strongly that this is an appropriate case for clemency because of what Stan has accomplished," said Andrea Asaro, one of Williams' attorneys.

While in San Quentin State Prison, Williams has been nominated five times for a Nobel Peace Prize and four times for the Nobel Prize for literature for his series of children's books and international peace efforts intended to curtail youth gang violence.

His case reached the justices following a February decision by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That court, as did the Supreme Court, refused to grant Williams another hearing based on his argument that prosecutors violated his rights when they dismissed all potential black jurors from hearing the case.

The San Francisco appellate court had suggested he was a good candidate for clemency. The judges cited the children's books he has written from prison, in addition to messages of peace he posts on the Internet.

The California Criminal Justice Legal Foundation is urging against clemency, and no California governor has granted clemency to a condemned murderer since Ronald Reagan spared the life of a severely brain-damaged killer in 1967.

"Perhaps now he will finally get the punishment that a jury unanimously agreed he deserved," said the group's president, Michael Rushford.

Schwarzenegger has rejected clemency for the first two condemned men asking to commute their sentences to life without parole. In Schwarzeneg-

ger's latest rejection in January, he said an inmate's model behavior in prison was not enough to sway him to grant mercy. That inmate, Donald Beardslee, was executed days later.

Williams and a high school buddy, Raymond Washington, started the Crips street gang in Los Angeles in 1971.

Williams was sentenced to death in 1981 for fatally shooting Albert Owens, a Whittier convenience store worker. He also was convicted of using a shotgun a few days later to kill two Los Angeles motel owners and their daughter during a robbery.

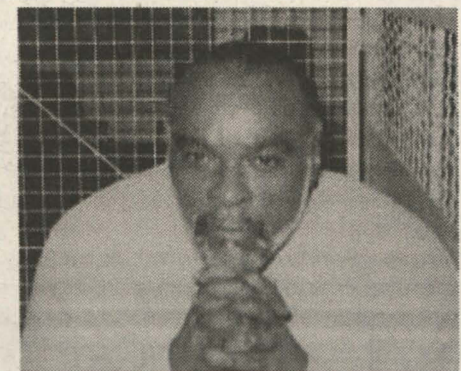
Last year, "Redemption: The Stan Tookie Williams Story" aired on television, prompting thousands of e-mail messages to Williams from young gang members who said his life story helped them turn their lives around.

"Today is a shameful day in the history of American jurisprudence," said Barbara Becnel, a Williams confidant who edited Williams' nine children's books. "Today the U.S. Supreme Court has said in its ruling essentially that it is OK for a white prosecutor to kick all of the African Americans off of a jury."

The justices, meanwhile, on Tuesday also set aside legal challenges from California condemned inmate Michael Morales, now 45, who raped and killed a 17-year-old Lodi girl whose body was found beaten and stabbed in a nearby vineyard 24 years ago. Authorities are seeking a February execution for Morales.

Among other things, Morales challenged a jury's finding that the murder was committed while torturing the victim — which was the basis for the death sentence.

Last week, the justices also paved the way for the execution of Clarence Allen, a leader of a Fresno crime ring who ordered three killings from Folsom State Prison where he already was serving time for murder. Prosecutors are seeking a January execution for Allen.

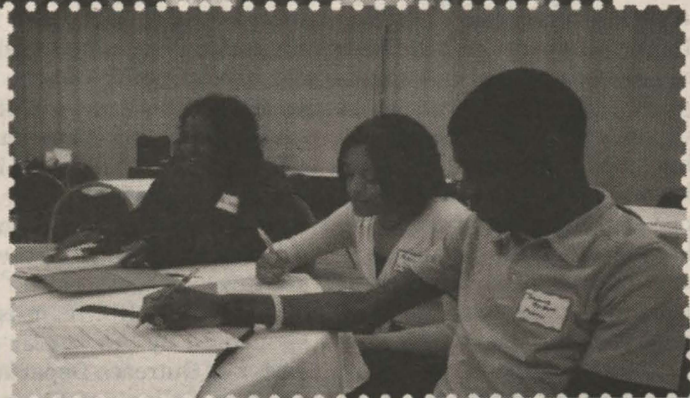


**Clinging to life:** The founder of notorious street gang the Crips, Stanley "Tookie" Williams, will be executed.

## News breakers, news makers



photos by Terrence Gilbert



Stop the press: PV students participate in Saturday's News breakers, news makers forum in College Station.

## Latino High School Day

By Jameka Merriweather  
Panther Staff

Amidst Latino Heritage Month, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Institutional Relations-Multicultural Affairs sponsored Latino High School Day on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, in the MSC Ballroom from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The high school students were given a tour of the campus in addition to various lectures and workshops on admissions, financial aid, and scholarships.

Prairie View's own students also were present to enlighten the high school students on summer programs, campus life, and campus involvement.

"Hearing the students made us feel more comfortable about what we were going to do," expressed Waller High School senior, Crystal Talley. In addition, classmate Mercedes Gutierrez stated, "It gave us insight of what college life will be like."

Not only did the high school students think Latino High School Day was a success, but the Prairie View students who participated shared those feelings. "Latino High School Day is one of the best ways to recruit Latino students," informed Access representative Marco Ramirez. "It's a good way to reach out to minorities in general, especially high school students to get them to come to college," denoted Architectural Concepts Institute representative Claudia Pacheco.

Finally, high school teachers, counselors, and coordinators were present as well. "I think the entire day was very organized and very informational," praised Alice Stewart, scholarship coordinator for Waller High School. "I think it should be continued. The speakers were very short and to the point," she continues.

"The student speakers were very motivational, which made a good connection with the high school students; they held their attention very well," explained Waller High School counselor, Judy Barnes.

## College libraries undergo 21st Century makeover More libraries are taking up the look of bookstores

By DORIE TURNER  
Chattanooga Times Free Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Colleges are beginning to update their libraries, making them more like bookstores, complete with plush chairs, Starbucks coffee and the latest in research technology.

"People are somewhat expecting that," said Theresa Liedtka, dean of the Lupton Library at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. "The whole Barnes and Noble coffee shop thing is where a lot of this started. You get your coffee and your big comfy couch and do your research."

Like many colleges, UTC is moving to a more digital library for today's tech-savvy college student, she said. This year alone the library has abandoned the print version of about 25 resources, opting instead to use the digital or online format, Liedtka said.

UTC freshman Sara Gilliland said she uses the library as a quiet place to study between classes. But when it comes to research, online journals and Internet databases are where she finds her material.

"I don't usually use the books in the library," the 18-year-old Chattanooga resident said.

Liedtka said the key is balancing the needs of older students and faculty with stu-

dents just out of high school and professors just out of graduate school.

"There are people who want it very quiet and in print, who have not moved forward into the digital age, as well as the folks who are growing up with Palm Pilots and blogs and are comfortable in that environment," she said.

"Our real goal is to serve those pretty disparate groups."

UTC spent about \$100,000 redecorating the first floor of the library to look more like a bookstore. Liedtka moved about seven large shelves of reference books to another floor to make room for more comfortable furniture, computers and a cafe area.

The university has plans in the next few years to do a \$28 million renovation to the library, which includes adding 100,000 square feet to the building.

The high-tech bookstore trend is catching on at colleges around the region.

This fall the University of Tennessee opened the Commons, a one-stop shop for students that merges technology help and research help. It includes book checkout, a reference desk, a computer technician and statisticians.

Aubrey Mitchell, associate dean of the UT library, said students can use the Commons to put together class presentations, including help with interpreting data and correct-

ing any computer problems that arise. All of that is right next to the coffee kiosk in the library, he said.

"It's open, it's flexible, it's safe, it's full of equipment and it's near Starbucks," Mitchell said. "It's full all of the time."

The University of Georgia has a student learning center that combines classroom space with the library, which spends about half of its \$10 million annual book budget on electronic materials, officials said. William Potter, university librarian and associate provost, said students are using books less and less.

"I'm afraid for many of them, if they can't get it online, they don't want it," Potter said. "That's why we're pushing to get as much as we can available online."

While novels still are being ordered in print format, scholarly journals and periodicals are usually electronic, he said.

Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., undertook the first major technology upgrade of its library in a decade recently, creating an online system that includes the entire catalog, administrators said. Dan Maxwell, electronic resources librarian, said the university has a master plan that includes converting the library into a bookstore-type atmosphere, too.

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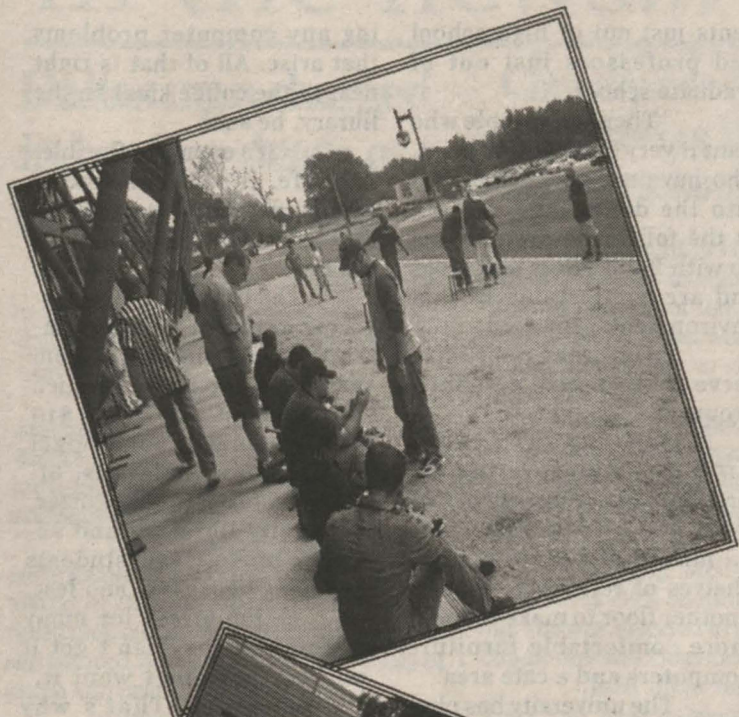
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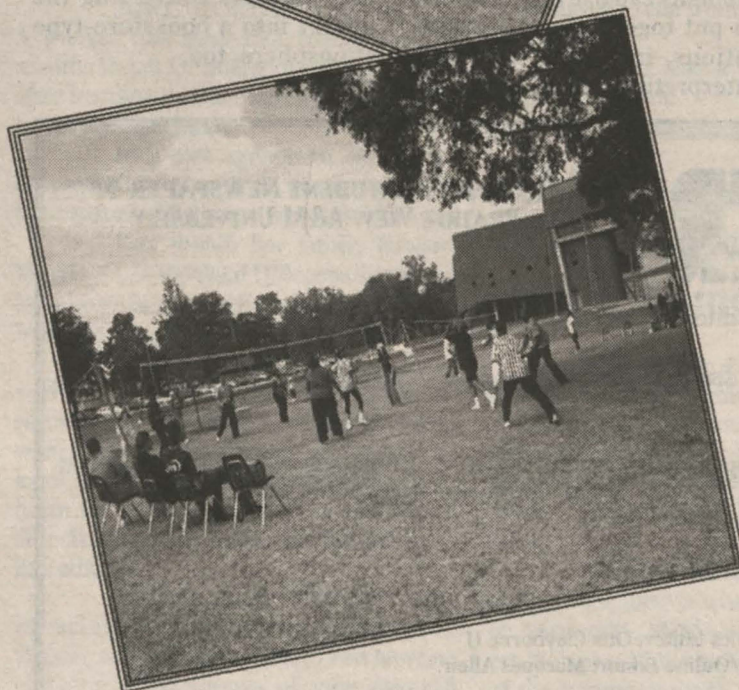
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# Arch in the park



Photos by Terrence Gilbert



**Field Day:** Faculty and students enjoy a cookout at the new architecture building to meet and compete against one another.

## Prairie View A&M SIFE team addresses business ethics

### Press Release

The Prairie View A&M University SIFE team will take the issue of business ethics out of the boardroom and into the university community during SIFE National Business Ethics Month in October.

Throughout October, the Prairie View A&M SIFE team will join more than 900 other SIFE teams across the nation to spread the message that ethical decision-making is a key component to long-term success for individuals, businesses and the economy.

The SIFE teams will sponsor seminars addressing the issues of ethics with speakers representing professional business and social organizations.

The first seminar will look at "Student Ethics: Copyrighted Material and Taking Exams" on Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 1A110 of Hobart Taylor Hall. On Oct. 31 the team's seminar is "Business Ethics in a Global Economy" at 6:30 p.m. also in Room 1A110. Tentative speakers include Dr. Henri Bailey, professor of marketing at Prairie View A&M's College

of Business and Mr. Tieman H. Dippel, Jr., Chairman of Brenham Bancshares, Inc., and author of two books: *The New Legacy*, and *The Language of Conscience*, which addresses ethics and morality.

The speakers will address the ethical and unethical business practices and its impact on the world economy. The attendees will receive information on ethics that can be used in their daily personal and professional lives. Lynn Smith, a junior electrical engineering major, is the event coordinator.

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1,500 college and university campuses in 37 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

The PVAMU SIFE team was chartered at the university in 1986 and has made a significant impact on the campus through its many progressive programs.

Some of SIFE's past

programs addressing the business and professional needs of the students include *How to Start and Finance a Business*, *the Business of Music seminar*, and *Changing the World Talent Showcase*.

The SIFE team recently teamed up with Junior Achievement to implement JA's Financial Literacy Project in the After School Program at Schultz Middle School in Waller ISD.

On Oct. 4, several members were trained as consultants for the program by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson, senior vice president for Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas, Inc. Mrs. Anderson thanked the students for volunteering for the six-week program, which will use JA's dollars and sense model to teach the students about personal financial literacy, the role of money, becoming smart consumers, earning income and starting a business, etc.

The SIFE team is co-sponsored by the Career Services and Outreach Department and the College of Business. Deviyon Gillian, a sophomore accounting/finance major, is the team's president, with Frederick V. Roberts, Esq. as the Sam Walton Fellow (Advisor).

### Homecoming Highlights 2005 "Panther Pride in 2005"



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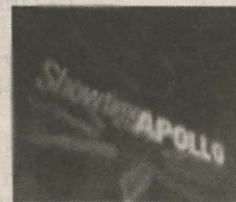
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# My professor wants me to do what?

More and more classes are requiring students to submit and do work online.

By Ashley Slayton  
Panther Staff

For the technologically illiterate, WebCT courses can be a rude awakening. Luckily for most of the younger generation, this is not a problem.

WebCT is an integrated set of tools for developing and delivering courses over the web.

A student can achieve entry by using Prairie View A&M University's official website, clicking on the drop down menu and selecting the WebCT button.

A wide variety of subjects are offered and features such as an internal mail system, a conference system complete with forums and a testing environment are all available to students through the web.

WebCT is available day

or night for the students' convenience and can be accessed from any computer.

For a student to log into WebCT they must use their first initial and last name for the ID number and enter their birth date as a password. A list of all courses the student is currently enrolled in will appear. In order for a student to use any of the features WebCT offers, the professor must first place the course materials online.

Originally, WebCT was created to form full courses on-line and enhance learning already taking place within the classroom.

What of the cost of using WebCT? Generally no extra fees are applied, a relief to the average student.

An online course simply costs the same amount as a regular course. However, while it is relatively easy to use, some students worry that it detracts from the interactive hands-on experience that a classroom offers.

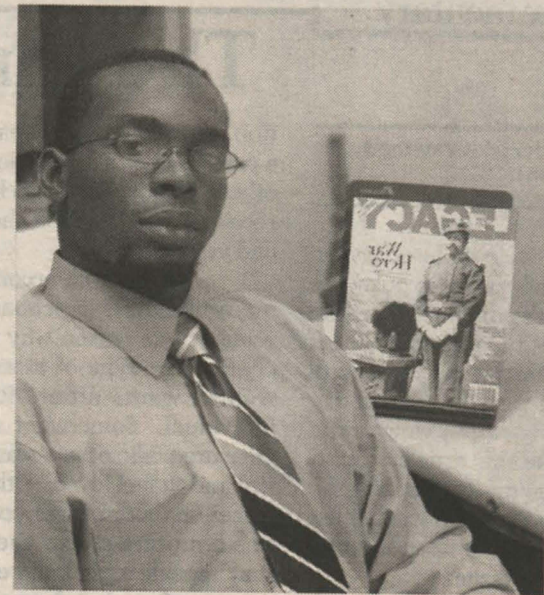
These students have the option of taking another course that does not utilize WebCT if there are others offered, although, some courses are offered only as online courses, during certain semesters.

The ease with which the program can be used simplifies everyday issues such as testing procedures and communications between students and professors since all of these things can now be done over the web.



# WebCT

# SGA Speaks out



SGA President Oludayo Olusanya

Greetings! SGA would like to thank all the students who donated change for the hurricane relief fund. Although the news has ceased to display the suffering of our fellow Americans, assistance is still needed.

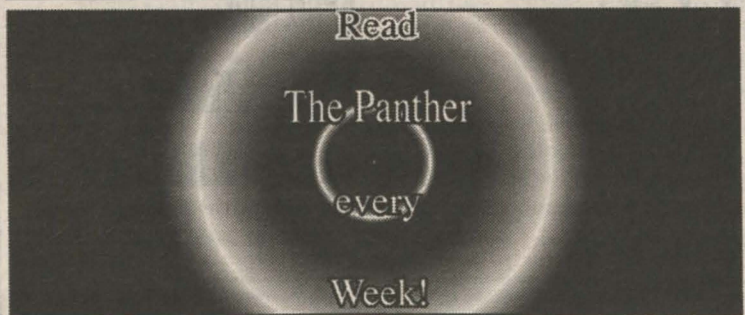
Keep your change; SGA will conduct another coin drive in Phase I, II, and III next Wednesday evening.

The SGA would also like to thank the students who attended the forum on October 5.

There will be a financial aid forum on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Science Building room A101 for all students. At this forum students questions will be addressed and answered by financial aid director and staff members.

## Public Service Announcement

Prairie View A&M University Department of Public Safety in conjunction with Sodexho Food Services and American Campus Communities is having our annual food drive to help feed needy families in the Waller County area. Those interested in providing canned good items, rolls or other non-perishable food items may drop them off at the police department. Residents on campus can drop off your canned good items at your club houses. If you have any questions please contact the Prairie View A&M University Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Division @ (936) 857-4313. Thank You.



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## Commentary

By Frederick Crawford  
Panther Staff

A couple of issues ago, many were exposed to the men's edition of the game of infidelity. This issue brings a general overview of why women practice infidelity while providing viewpoints for those this article applies to. Once more, these are the views of one individual. Just ask that you be open-minded to a moral issue.

Believe it or not, women have similar desires to be unfaithful as men do. Many women use the cliché that "all men are dogs." But in today's society, there are a great number of "dogettes" around playing the same game. There is probably no concrete answer to why women cheat, but one can only draw conclusions. A woman cheats for reasons such as jealousy, manipula-

tion, and because her man lacks a particular quality she notices in others. Major reasons include not receiving the attention she wants and vengeance.

Attention, according to many females, is probably the number one reason why women cheat. The type of attention a woman wants differs for each individual. Some want sex and pleasure while others want security and to feel loved. Others are just either bored, lonely, or someone tempting graces their path that appeals to their appetite.

So, what does a female do to quench this thirst for attention? Wait, did you hear that? "Knock, knock. Who's there? Mystery. Mystery who? The mystery man she keeps on the side. When a female's ace fails to provide that attention she thrives for, she finds a willing soul to get it from.

The Bible states in **Psalm 107:9** that, "For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the

hungry with good things." For those females who are derived from the attention their mate fails to give, know that contentment comes when you are willing to give up everything for God.

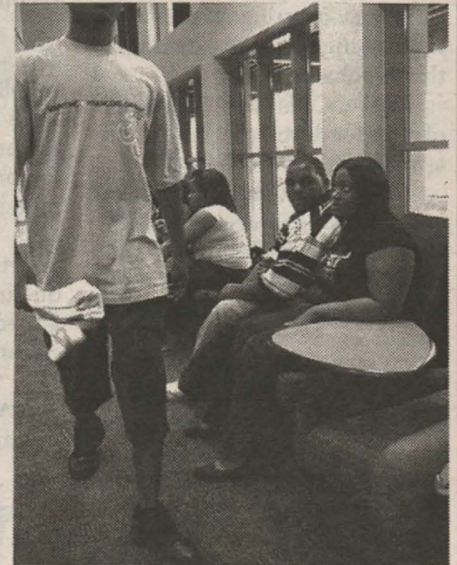
Some women use vengeance as a reason to be unfaithful. Even with that being said, for some, this vengeance is sort of a delayed reaction to being cheated on. Meaning, that some women who use revenge as a source of their unfaithfulness, do so after the second or third time their man has cheated on them. Such a woman hesitantly welcomes back the offender even though he cheated on her. Knowing she can't fully trust him, she gives the guy another opportunity to not break her heart.

Women who have been bitten by this feel as if they are free to cheat now, especially after the guy has broken the supposed commitment. They choose to give him a taste of his own medicine. But the Bible tells us that a

vengeful mind leads individuals to go outside their character. Let God take care of those who do you wrong.

It is baffling to see how some women of today are turning to the tactics that have been used by men when it comes to being unfaithful. Turning to God and knowing how Jesus and other men of the Bible walked their lives gives you the characteristics of a good man most women want. Just because Dwayne has a quality you want that your man doesn't possess, does not give you the right to cheat. Nor can you have your cake and eat it too when it comes to solving your attention problem. All you cheating women are doing is bringing more pain into your life, creating emotional stress, and

disappointing God. God wants you all to become that virtuous woman as described in **Proverbs 31:10-31**.



Yeah, I love you too: Female student illustrates how easy it is for a committed mind to wander.

## Commentary

## A generation of worshippers



By Harry Bailey  
Panther Staff

"Our generation knows how to worship, but we don't know who to worship." We have become so materialistic that our focus of worship is on what we have, instead of the One who gave it to us. Idols in our society are no longer statues but cars, houses, jewelry and even other people. The American dream is for one to drive away from their six figure job in a luxurious car to a six bedroom four bathroom mansion to meet the spouse and two and half kids. Who can blame an individual for desiring this when school, TV, and society equates this with success, when rap artists brag about what they have and how

their bling outshines yours.

Unfortunately, many people spend countless years trying to reach this goal only to find themselves drawing from a dry well. What has happened to us? One day Jesus told a story about a rich man who had plenty of "stuff." The man owned so much to where he had to build extra storage facilities. His lifestyle was lavish. In the moment of celebrating and enjoying what he had God said "your soul will be required of you; then whose things will those be which you have." Jesus illustrated how one's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses. What good is it for one to gain the whole world and lose their soul? Now I'm not saying that having material wealth is bad, but to worship those things. All earthly wealth is temporary and ultimately worthless, but God is eternal and His word is priceless.

In His sovereignty, God can bless us with material possessions as well as take them away. Recently two major hurricanes have devastated areas of the gulf coast region. Numerous families lost everything they owned while others were able to salvage what they

owned. My heart and prayers go out to all those affected by these events. America got a first hand glimpse of how quickly our material possessions can be taken from us. A man named Job experienced something like the victims of both hurricanes. He was considered one of the richest men of his time, yet he lost everything in one day including all 10 of his children. His response was "Naked have I come into the world and naked shall I return. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Everything that we own will eventually go back to the dirt. So why do we place our hope and trust in riches. The game of Monopoly demonstrates how material things fade away. You know the feeling of dominating a game. Buying houses and hotels, collecting money, and ultimately winning. Soon after the game is over the excitement tapers away and you realize that everything gained will have to go back inside the box. It is my hope that we understand this sooner than later.

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Letter to the Editor

## Student complains about MSC

Dear Editor,

Honestly what is it going to take for "us" to start treating each other with a little respect? I had the most horrible experience yet in the Memorial Student Center on Sunday, October 9, around 4:15 p.m. I had to be at work by 5 p.m. in the library and I wanted to eat before I went. So one of my friends (Nada) and I, went into the MSC to grab something to eat.

As I walked through the front door and handed the woman at the register my I.D. card I realized that she was having a few problems with some of the other students just before me. While I wasn't quite sure of what the situation was (or who was at fault for that matter) I simply overlooked the issue. I continued to walk and make comments to my friend (whom I thought was right beside me) I looked back and realized that she was still at the register.

Naturally with her being my friend I was highly concerned about what the problem was at the register, so I stepped beside my friend to ask her what's going on? She replied, "eighteen cents..." Not understanding what she meant by that I asked her to repeat what she said. Again she, at this point highly upset, said, "Eighteen cents is all that she is saying to me. She's not making it clear to me what she means by that and why I can't eat."

I kindly, (key word, kindly) asked the young lady to get a manager/supervisor who could better explain to us what the heck eighteen cents was. She completely ignored our request and didn't respond. She then turned to the next person in line and proceeded with what she was previously doing. I waited and waited. I even waited a little longer than usually.... after all it was Sunday.

After about 15 minutes of her just ignoring our repeated request to speak to a manager I headed toward the back doors into the kitchen, all the while thinking maybe this was the perfect working environment for the girl at the register; in the back not seen by the public. Even though she was attractive her looks didn't make up for her terrible people and customer service skills.

Upon finding the manager

whom I've always seen working very hard, he greeted me with his usual friendly smile. Already upset I tried my best to explain the situation as best I could trying to be as un-biased as possible and still giving her the benefit of the doubt. When he and I reached her at the register she all of a sudden became very talkative and was now explaining to him what she should have been explaining to my friend in the first place. He calmly asked her to be quiet and let me re-tell the story to him right then and there in front of her. She interrupt me at every word and tried to justify her behavior by saying we should have known what she meant when she said eighteen cents. Again my friend and I tried to explain to him what happened and she get louder and louder. By this time he has been forced to raise his voice at her telling her to be quiet. She continued and at this point he had to tell her to shut up. He asked her over and over again and at this point in my personal opinion she was being disrespectful to him as her supervisor.

I soon just realized that she was obviously having a bad day before we came in. I turned to her to try and make peace and just write this off as being a form of miscommunication. Before I say anything she interrupted me and told me to have a good day!

I stormed out of there highly upset. We had no problem with what she was telling us it was how she chose to "professionally" handle the situation and how she spoke to us with no respect. I didn't eat and I'm not sure if my friend and I will for a while unless something's done to rectify the problem. Now that I think about it, maybe I should start a protest like the students last week and boycott the MSC food services. Oh no but where will "Ms. Cashier" work then? I could insensitively care less.

If we don't start respecting one another then who will? If you are by chance reading this and you so happen to know who that person is or better yet you are that young "lady" all I have to say is if you were in my shoes yesterday and I was in yours do you think how you handled things was according to protocol; and if you can honestly say 'yes' then I gave your humanity too much credit.

LaCheryl E. Whitlow

## A few thoughts on acing those exams

By Edward J. Schauer  
Faculty Contributor

1. Success with exam taking begins on the first day of class:

- Get a copy of the class syllabus and read it carefully.
- Ask/know what the prof's expectations are and the material to be covered.

2. Superior academics never miss a class:

- Practice listening to the Prof.: What is emphasized, what is repeated?
- Practice note taking: Three months from now you will not remember what was said the first month of class.

3. A-students read the textbook chapters through at least five times: They outline the chapters and summarize major issues.

NOTE: Attendance + Attention + Textbook Study = Good testing knowledge.

4. Class and textbook notes should be reviewed at least once per week.

- Compare class notes and textbook notes:
  - How do these two sources complement each other?
  - How do they differ?
  - If they differ greatly, or disagree on a point, ask the prof. for clarification.

b. Expect to put in 40 hours per week on your studies: If you have gone to class and have faithfully read and studied your book -- and still you are not up to 40 hours --then put in the extra hours reviewing your notes.

c. A couple weeks before the exam, begin to identify (from your notes) the issues that may yield exam questions. Write your questions in the margins of your notes. Practice answering them.

5. A few class periods before a major exam, ask your prof. the following:

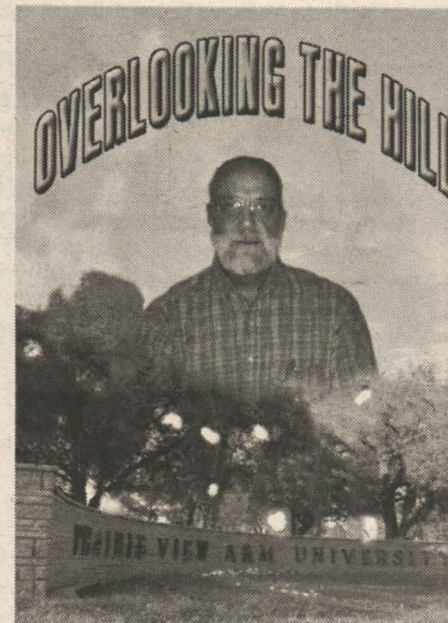
- How many questions will be on the exam?
- Will the questions be true or false, multiple-choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, or essay? Knowing the type of questions included will guide you in how to study.

c. Will the exam questions expect specific knowledge (e.g., "There are 5,741, left-handed, blue-eyed, cross-dressers in Gideon's study."); or more conceptual knowledge (e.g., "Prison populations have grown exponentially during the last twenty years."); or definitions (e.g., "Crime is legally defined as 'behavior' which breaks 'statutory law,' and for which one can be 'punished' by the state.").

d. Direct your studies toward answering questions of the type asked.

6. Definitions and explanations should be developed in your own words.

a. If you cannot define it in your own words, you do not understand it!



b. Other people's definitions and explanations may be memorized and parroted back on a test, but they will neither be understood nor remembered by you.

c. If you cannot explain a point or issue to a friend or fellow student using your own words, you do not understand the point; and can hardly expect to be ready if a question about that point is asked on the exam.

d. If you cannot define and explain the terms and concepts used in your classes, you are not getting a "college education!"

7. Be done with your study at 5 p.m. the day before the exam:

a. A good supper, an early movie, and a good night's rest are more valuable than cramming those last hours. We are quite sure that Muhammad Ali did not spar late into the night the day before he whipped each of his heavyweight boxing opponents.

b. Eat a nourishing breakfast: When you focus your mind on the exam, it will need all the proper fuel it can use (and while your muscles can get by on low-octane regular gasoline, your mind works only at peak efficiency with high-test!).

8. Those last few days before the exam, be psyching yourself up: M. Ali was heard to declare again and again, "I AM THE GREATEST!!!" So, convince yourself:

a. I have studied hard and faithfully according to the suggestions above.

b. I understand the material.

c. All I have to do is write down the answers.

d. If any others can get As on this exam, I certainly can!

e. I am something special, and my mind is great!

f. I will focus my mind to draw all of my ability to perform during the hour allotted for the exam!

g. Don't say it, rather think it: "Give me the exam! I'll show all of you!"

9. Most students practicing the steps one through eight above rigorously, faithfully, and purposefully will receive As in most college classes.

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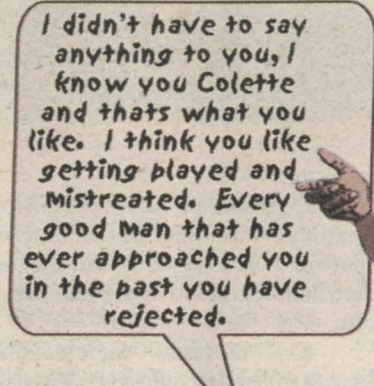


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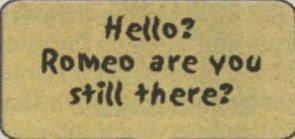
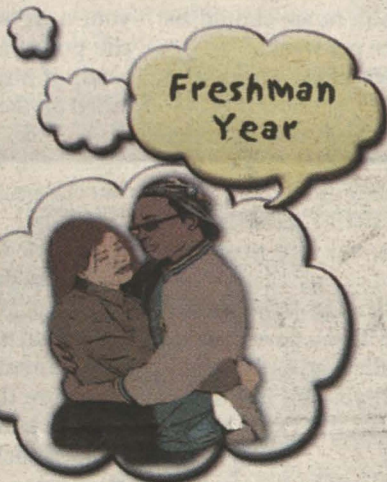
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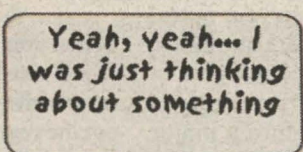
Romeo! You knew! I guess I was wrong for assuming that our friendship transcended 3 Greek letters you got a couple of months ago. You let me get played. How could you keep something like that from me?



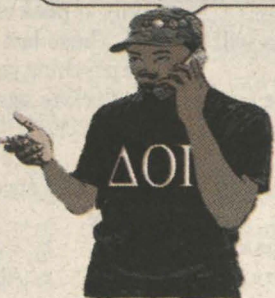
I didn't have to say anything to you, I know you Colette and that's what you like. I think you like getting played and mistreated. Every good man that has ever approached you in the past you have rejected.



Hello? Romeo are you still there?



Yeah, yeah... I was just thinking about something



MEANWHILE



## The Victoria Advocate on U.S. prisoner abuse and torture

Associated Press

When U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks out against "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" of anyone held in U.S. government custody, he does so from a unique perspective. He was on the receiving end of torture when he was a prisoner of the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War.

Of his experience as a prisoner of war, the former Navy officer told Hearst Newspapers, "it's an unfair advantage that I have never referred to and never will. I am doing this not because of my imprisonment, but because it is right for America."

The "this" McCain is doing is sponsoring an amendment to a military appropriations bill that would restrict the Bush administration and future administrations from authorizing or allowing the torture or other mistreatment of terrorism suspects, notwithstanding hairsplitting technical arguments that the Geneva Conventions protecting prisoners of war do not apply to nonmilitary prisoners.

Although he did not refer to it during debate on the rider, McCain's unusual moral authority helped swell the Senate margin in favor of this restriction last week. He and 89 colleagues from both parties voted for it. Only nine senators - all Republicans, unfortunately including John Cornyn of Texas - voted against it.

"If you lived (McCain's) life, you would be really serious about making sure your country doesn't do the same thing to oth-

ers," noted U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a former military lawyer.

U.S. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., served in the Navy during World War II and in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was under secretary, then secretary of the Navy in the Nixon administration, during the latter part of the Vietnam War.

As the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he joined McCain in opposing mistreatment of terrorism suspects. President Bush adamantly opposes such restrictions and is threatening to cast his first veto to keep them out of the military spending bill if the House of Representatives also passes the McCain amendment.

Bush's military experience was limited to stateside service in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. He never saw front-line combat and certainly never experienced the less-than-humane treatment North Vietnamese guards inflicted on their U.S. prisoners. Same with virtually everyone else in decision-making positions in his administration.

So it is not all that surprising that the president, Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, while saying they oppose mistreatment of prisoners held by U.S. forces, have no personal context for understanding the issue. They should listen to McCain, as did 89 other senators, including Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"This amendment strives to establish uniform standards for the interrogation of prisoners and detainees as a means for

helping ensure our service men and women are well-trained, well-briefed, knowledgeable of their legal, professional and moral duties and obligations," Frist said.

By opposing this sensible measure, the Bush administration shows its disrespect for the U.S. soldiers and officers who would benefit from having clear standards to follow, from better knowing what they can and cannot legally do in dealing with prisoners.

"We demanded intelligence without ever clearly telling our troops what was permitted and what was forbidden. And when things went wrong, we blamed them and we punished them," McCain said. "We do not have ... systematic abuse of prisoners going on by our United States military," countered U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala.

No thanks to the Bush administration, which tried mightily to invent legal rationales to justify mistreating prisoners. And even if the result was not "systematic abuse," mistreatment occurred with sufficient frequency to show the need for clear standards prohibiting it.

A growing number of retired senior military officers support McCain's rider, the Arizona senator said, because "we do not want our people to be degraded by conducting themselves in a way that makes them no different than the enemy."

After Abu Ghraib and other instances of torture of prisoners, "history is already looking harshly at us." The House likewise should pass the McCain amendment, also with a veto-proof majority.

## PURPLE & GOLD POLL

How often do you utilize the UTMB clinic?



I've never been there, because I've never had a reason to visit.

**-Webster Williams**  
Sophomore  
Electrical Engineering  
Technology



I never utilize the clinic because people say bad things about it, and I am afraid to go in there. Plus too many people go in there with diseases.

**-LaSheyla Tatum**  
Sophomore



I have never been to the clinic because I have not been sick... yet.

**-Tuesday Fuller**  
Freshman  
Biology



Never had a reason and I never will because I stay strapped!

**-Kenneth Gulley**  
Junior  
Education

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## Former Prairie View A&M University hoopster signs NBA deal After a couple of years overseas he finally finds his way into the league

By Palmer Perez  
Panther Staff

Roderick Riley, a four-year letter winner at Prairie View A&M University and key component in the school's 2003 Southwestern Athletic Conference championship, has signed a contract with the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association.

Riley, a 6-11, 327-pound center who graduated from Prairie View with a bachelor's degree in architecture, spent time with two overseas clubs and the United States Basketball League after his collegiate eligibility expired.

He spent one season with Vozko Voznesensk (Ukraine) and a season with Regionalliga-North-team SV MBC Halle (Germany) and played with the USBL's Pennsylvania Valley Dawgs. This past summer, he participated in the Memphis Grizzlies' summer camp.

"I'm getting the opportunity to live out a lifelong dream of mine," said Riley. "I have been given a chance that millions of people dream about, it's truly a blessing.

The Beaumont, Texas, native who attended Central High School had an impressive collegiate career at Prairie View A&M University from 1999 to 2004.

While playing for the Panthers, Riley consistently ranked among the SWAC's best rebounders.

In 2003 he was named second team All-SWAC, averaging 11.3 points per game, to go along with seven rebounds per game.

In 2004, he received honorable mention honors after averaging 9.5 points per game, 5.9 rebounds per game and shooting 46 percent from the field, ranking second on the team. Riley currently ranks 15th among all-time rebounders at Prairie View with 646 boards.

"I look forward to making an impact with the Atlanta Hawks in whatever way possible," said Riley. "My advice to all of the current athletes at Prairie View is to keep your heads up and put forth 110 percent effort in the classroom and on the playing field. You never know where it might lead you."



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

**Big Man:** Roderick Riley, a 6-11 center from Beaumont, Texas, was a one of the key elements on the Panther's 2003 team that won the SWAC conference championship.



Photo courtesy of Gitonga M'Mbijewe

**One on One:** Freshman Mayra Castillo dribbles the ball past defenders. Castillo scored the first goal of the game.

## Panthers outlast Tigers in 2-1 thriller

By Palmer Perez  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University Lady Panther soccer team (2-6, 2-2), defeated the Texas Southern University Lady Tigers (1-6, 1-2) in a hard fought Southwestern Athletic Conference game.

The Lady Panthers entered the game with a sense of urgency after coming off a tough loss to Mississippi Valley State.

Freshman Mayra Castillo broke the scoreless game with a goal at the 26 minute mark on an assist from sophomore Kallena Marshall.

Offensively, Texas Southern

found it challenging to get shots past Prairie View's defenders. Texas Southern was held to only two shots in the first half and a mere six for the game.

Prairie View on the other hand, was on the attack offensively for the duration of the contest. The Lady Panthers took 15 shots in the first half and 26 total shots for the game.

"We wanted to come out and play aggressively," said head coach Felicia Davis. "The only way to challenge their goalkeeper was by taking as many shots as we could. We felt if we took enough shots, we could increase our chances at winning the game."

In the second half, Texas Southern broke into the score column

with a goal from Karen Padilla at the 59 minute mark.

At the 63 minute mark, senior Monique Long scored an unassisted goal to put the Lady Panthers up 2-1. The advantage stood, as Prairie View picked up their second conference victory of the season.

"This is a big win for our young ladies," said Coach Davis. "I'm hoping we can come out against Southern University with the same aggressiveness and intensity."

Our next home match will be October 28, against the Grambling State Lady Tigers who are currently second in the SWAC. Be sure to go out and show your support.



Photo courtesy of Brandon Gurrett

## Volleyball squad sweeps Paul Quinn

By Elisa Timm  
Panther Correspondent

The Prairie View A&M University Lady Panther volleyball team stepped out of conference play and swept the Paul Quinn College Lady Tigers 30-9, 30-16 and 30-18 in straight sets on Thursday, Oct. 6 in the William J. Nicks Building.

Leading the way for the Lady Panthers were junior Crystal Stigler and

freshman Sharla Cannon with 11 kills each. Co-captains and setters Alexandria Nuels and Litiana Vakasausau, paced the Lady Panthers with 18 and 14 assists, respectively. Stigler also led the team at the service line with nine aces.

Even though the Lady Panthers won in convincing fashion, head coach Alicia Pete believes there's room for improvement.

"I saw several bright spots on the court today, but we still need better execution of our attack," said Pete. "Sharla stepped up and played a good game along with Crystal. They worked well at the net together today."

**Standing tall:** Shannon Harrison spikes the ball against a Tiger defender in last Thursday's game.

### Upcoming Sporting Events

#### Football

10/15 @ Alabama State 7 p.m.  
10/22 @ Lincoln Univ. 1 p.m.

#### Volleyball

10/14-15 @ Lady Jaguar Tournament TBA  
10/17 vs. Texas Southern 7 p.m.  
10/21 @ UT-Pan Amer. 7 p.m.  
10/22 vs. Texas Christian 1 p.m.

#### Soccer

10/14 @ Southern 4 p.m.  
10/21 @ Alabama A&M 2 p.m.  
10/23 @ Alabama State 1 p.m.

### SWAC Football Standings

#### East

Alabama State*	5-0, 5-1
Jackson State	2-1, 2-3
Alabama A&M	2-2, 4-2
Miss. Valley State	2-3, 2-3
Alcorn State	1-2, 2-3

#### West

Grambling State	3-0, 3-1
Ark. Pine Bluff	1-2, 1-4
Southern	1-3, 1-3
Texas Southern	1-3, 1-3
<b>Prairie View</b>	<b>0-3, 1-3</b>

\*Prairie View's next opponent

### UCFL

UCFL action will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The championship game will be played Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m.

## Coach resigns after school bans pregame prayer

Associated Press

A veteran central New Jersey high school football coach has resigned after being told by school officials he could no longer lead his team in pregame prayer.

East Brunswick coach Marcus Borden was told last Friday by Schools Superintendent Jo Ann Magistro that some parents had complained about prayers Borden initiated at pregame meals and before the games.

After being told he would have to stop leading or taking part in the prayers, Borden stepped down from his position, just hours before his team's loss to Sayreville that evening.

"I'm very disappointed," Borden said in an interview with News 12 New Jersey Tuesday. "Do I feel we were violating someone's rights? I don't think so."

But East Brunswick

school officials think differently.

According to school officials, the prayers violated the separation between church and state in public schools.

A spokeswoman for the district, Trish LaDuca, said students have the right to pray on school property during school events, but the prayer must be initiated by the students; otherwise it violates the law. During the television interview, aired Tuesday, Borden said what he was doing was not uncommon.

His resignation has divided the school community, with many students and parents supporting the coach.

On Saturday, a group of more than 50 members of the football team and some of their parents traveled to Borden's home and asked the coach to return.

"I believe that I made the right decision," said Borden, a Catholic. "I believe I made a decision based on principle. I believe that's who I am."



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## Taking off my clothes: Will it buy me success?



By Alanna Jones  
L/H & A/E Editor

Scenario: "An hour has passed as I sit in a dimmed room during an after hours school function. I am anxious as to what's next because the show has been excellent thus far. The disc jockey turns on the seductive music, which only adds to the steamy, erotic ambience. Then I turn my head to see an attractive, tall young lady draped in a bikini. As she struts down the runway, the audience is laced in her demeanor, confidence, and elegance. One after another, the ladies stroll down the runway to model what they think is being admired, their bikinis."

As I sat at this function, along with the many other pageants that are beginning to take place at PV, I wondered what the purpose was in having to be naked to showcase beauty. Naked may be a little extreme, but why must our black sisters show their "goodies" to become recognized?

True, most of the pageants on campus are to raise money for scholarships, organizations, and also bring a certain celebrity to the contestants involved, but how do these scholarly aspects of education equate to showing skin?

Besides the glamour of the outfits being modeled, and the models themselves, these events can be compared to slavery and prostitution. For example, the shows have their headmasters/ pimps (coordinators), instructing their slaves/whores (models), to go and sell themselves for the good of being sold/ pimped (modeling for scholarships or nothing at all). I don't consider any girl a whore, but these females are being brainwashed into thinking that they have to show 'what their mama gave them' to get through school. The question is: "Does sexiness equal success?"

There is all this ranting and raving about being at a black school; being at a black school allows students to get away from the oppression of whites have shown our ancestors and become one as a community, but why do we degrade one another? This philosophy does not only apply to pageants, but sports, Greek organization initiation, and so forth. The answer can be found in the old cliché: "Treat others the way you want to be treated." In anything, the PV society should praise its members for the brains and individuality each one of us has, not for beauty or for brawn.

# The medical corner Smoking Marijuana:Part II



Prof. Dennis E. Daniels,  
MPH, Dr. PH and  
Treeza Okeyo  
Medical Correspondents

An article by the Narcotic Educational Foundation of America stated that, since 1937, restrictive legislation on marijuana had increased in quantity and severity.

Even though it is illegal, recent figures indicate that marijuana is still one of the four major cash crops grown in the United States in terms of dollar value of sales. It ranks along with corn, wheat and soybeans.

Nevertheless, as long as marijuana and other associated drugs are still illegal in the US, there will always be a reason to be tested or screened. This affects every individual especially when looking for employment and even frequent tests when in a job, sometimes also affecting students, probationers and parolees.

Some of the tech-

niques used for drug testing are urine, sweat, saliva and hair testing, as well as drug recognition experts. The major effects of testing positive for marijuana and other illegal drugs, (especially for students) are exclusion from extracurricular activities and dismissal from work.

The major chemical in marijuana is THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol), which once in the body takes awhile to be excreted by the bile. THC accumulates in fat tissue which has a high affinity for the chemical. In a laboratory study, the retention of labeled THC in humans was found to be about 40 percent at three days, 30 percent at one week, and by extrapolation, 10 percent at 48 days and one percent at 4.6 months. Therefore the retention of THC may remain in the body fat for many months following abstinence and evidence of marijuana may be demonstrated in heavy users by urine testing up to one month of discontinued use.

If one is not a chronic user or an addict, it is easier to abstain from marijuana. Some of the physical effects that one may experience during cessation attempts are intermittent headaches for the first few

months which are associated with mild withdrawal symptoms. Individuals may also experience sleepiness, restlessness, agitation which can be alleviated with the help of a physician. Another way to help in the process of abstinence is through physical exercise which helps re-establish the normal vigor of the pleasure mechanism that rules over brain functions.

This article's information has been compiled from the following sources: Narcotic Educational Foundation of America: [www.cnoa.org](http://www.cnoa.org), 2 Marijuana myths and facts: [www.drugpolicy.org/marijuana](http://www.drugpolicy.org/marijuana), 3 Marijuana in Medline Plus: [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus).

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# Opening doors with a degree

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Although a person's average lifetime earnings increase with a college degree, average earnings are even greater for an individual with an advanced degree.

The higher a person's education level, the higher the salary. On average, a college graduate earns at least \$15,000 more per year than a high school graduate. But the earning potential is even higher with an advanced degree. A person with a master's

degree usually earns about \$8,000 more per year and someone with a doctorate degree earns at least \$20,000 more per year on average.

According to Occupational Outlook Quarterly, earnings widely vary at every level of education. Fifty percent of bachelor's degree holders earn anywhere between \$18,469 and \$83,502 a year, while 80 percent of doctoral degree holders earn between \$28,331 and \$305,179 a year.

The advanced degree not only means an increase

in salary, but in certain occupations, individuals with a master's degrees are usually offered promotions and qualifies more for positions of responsibility within their occupations.

Many educators recommend pursuing a master's degree as soon as possible after obtaining a bachelor's because a student will still have a pattern of good study habits. However, those who wait a few years after working in the field, will have more knowledge of the subject they are pursuing the degree in.

Another reason why some wait for awhile before pursuing an advanced degree is because certain employers have tuition reimbursement programs where they pay for your education. For someone interested in pursuing an advanced degree, the first thing that needs to be done is to research different schools that offer the program of interest. Also, a student should evaluate the tuition at the school and different types of financial aid that is available before a decision is made on where to enroll.

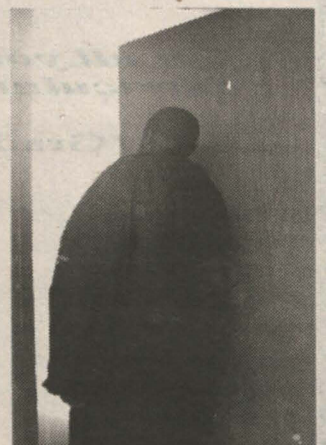


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With a degree, the doors of  
success will be opened.

## PV True Life... "We're Entrepreneurs"

By **Jamyen Robinson**  
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God is the key. Motivation is the door. Originality is the difference. And the Hustle is the game. Four individual minds grasped this concept earlier than most. They decided to take a risk that no one else would. Derreka Shelton, Mario Morgan (A.K.A Drastik), James Howard (A.K.A J.H.), and Matt Clark (A.K.A DJ Face) represent the four corners of a successful entrepreneurship, Triple Threat Entertainment.

Triple Threat Entertainment was formed by Morgan, Howard, and Clark at the beginning of their career here (freshman year) at Prairie View A&M University, where they were later introduced to their fourth member, Derreka Shelton, who designs clothing and embroidery services for the company.

The purpose of the business is to host parties for funding music endeavors. They advertise for upcoming events through flyers, word of mouth, etc. Now as sophomores, they all have a clear understanding of what it actually takes to become prosperous. "We started off throwing free parties, and got positive feedback, which gave us the motivation to keep going and doing what we had a passion for," says Clark.

The company accompanies talent such as making beats, rapping, designing clothing, and many other things that grasp the music field today.

When asked what advice can be given to those who aspire to follow in their footsteps, they all stated that, "1. You have to be original and don't copy anyone's style. 2. You have to be a 'hustla.' 3. Stay true to yourself and Don't give up. And finally, 4. don't be afraid to take risks, and do things that



Photo by: Marquese Allen

**Success is within reach:**  
Triple Threat Entertainment.

others are afraid to do."

Inspiration from all four members range from parents, Russell Simmons, Puff Daddy, and Damon Dash, who have all in a significant way, established the foundation for them to be as determined as they are.

Even though Triple Threat, haven't reached a breaking point of exposure to fame, their success can do nothing but break down barriers that come in their way. These entrepreneurs are excited for their future and see themselves doing bigger and better things as the years progress. "We expect to be on B.E.T within the next five years," said Howard. Shelton, on the other hand looks forward to competing with, and or, collaborating with the infamous Louis Vitton, or Chanel designers.

Four minds collaborate in melody and synchronize to the beat of Cassidy's song "I'm a Hustla." They're either going to a nursing, marketing, management or engineering class, but all they hear is the beat each time they set foot on the ground, and the motivational words that remind them of where they want to go: "It is stated by some but performed by the best, you can always knock the vision, but you can never knock the hustle."

## Sneezing on fall allergies

By **LaCheryl E. Whitlow**  
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Everybody does it... well not exactly, but at some point outside of the many things on our to do list, recovering from allergies can be an uncanny and highly unwanted task added at the most inopportune time of the day.

Usually awakening us just as we've reached that last level of the sweetest sleep, it hits us like a ton of bricks! All of a sudden the infamous and most dreaded words you've ever uttered in your life, "My allergies!" has taken center stage.

Allergies chronologically occur as follows: First it's the itchy-watery eyes, then the runny nose, and finally the big banger, that itch in your throat that you always seem to get so confused on how to exactly scratch!

Derived from the Greek word allos, meaning 'other,' many of us are still misguided by what allergies are. Susan Boyer (Myallergies.org-reviewed by Dr. Glenn Birnbaum) described an allergy as being "an over reaction of the body to normally harmless substances." This harmless substance is also known as an allergen.

According to *All About Allergies* (a site provided for parents to better aid their children suffering from allergies), an allergic reaction is "an attempt to protect the body, the immune system

of the allergic person produces antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). Those antibodies then cause mast cells (which are allergy cells in the body) to release chemicals, including histamine, into the bloodstream to defend against the allergen 'invader.'"

While it may sound a bit soothing to know, everybody doesn't necessarily get allergies because it's primarily inherited. "My mother has allergies and I got it from her. Most people don't realize how much of an effect allergies can have on your life. I can't eat bread and because of that anything with yeast, so I always have to watch what I eat," said Rondrea Taylor, a sophomore English major.

Sneezing and coughing is hard enough to eradicate at times, others have more serious symptoms such as rash/hives, an affected respiratory tract, or even an upset gastrointestinal tract.

Nevertheless there are different types of allergies such as food allergies, pet allergies (i.e. cat dander), pollen, fungi, household allergy (i.e. cockroach droppings, dust mites), drug/ medicine allergies, and/ even latex (lifestyles condoms).

With the latest cold front hitting the PV area, the good news is there are things you can do to make the showcase of allergies a little easier if it happens to be playing on your channel.

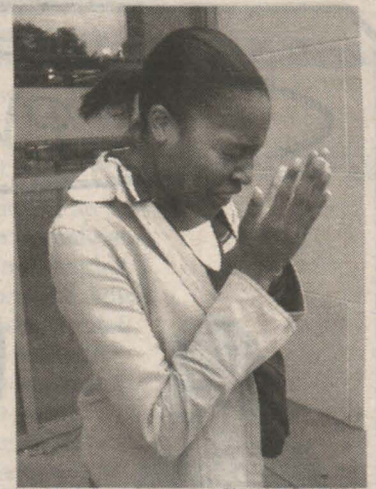


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**AH-CHOO!** Fall allergies are slowly creeping on PV's campus.

However there is not a lot of mainstream medical treatment for most allergies.

Yet, you can do things such as purchasing an air purifier and allergy cold relief medicines. For those of us whom allergies affect a bit more severely, injectable epinephrine (adrenaline) to counteract any allergic reactions is probably best. Not to mention, most allergies (excluding shellfish & perhaps tree nuts) are not lifelong.

For more information, contact a nurse at the Owens-Franklin Health Center (ext 2511). If any serious allergy outbreak should occur contact your family doctor.

## Mixing it up at PV

By **Shara Boykin**  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University has been considered one of the greatest historically black universities of all time, but now doors are being opened for more minority races other than blacks.

Oscar Guevara is a junior social work major at Prairie View and is of Latino descent. He loves Prairie View and has enjoyed all of his experiences here. He loves the idea of Prairie View opening its doors to other minorities. Beyond the negativity that has come from some students about diversity at Prairie View, this institution will always be an HBCU and opening its doors to other race groups does not harm students, but helps Prairie View not only produce productive people, but more well-rounded people as well.

Prairie View will be

carrying out efforts to diversify more over the years to come, and as the number of other minority groups grow on campus, in the future students will only be able to thank PV for the diversity it's going through.

A sophomore, who wishes to keep his name unidentified, does not agree that PV should diversify "I guess it's OK. I came here so that I could go to a black university, and I wish it was still all black, but at the same time I will not let it bother me."

Although it may seem like PV is changing, every student does not agree that PV should stay black. Sophomore Rashad Johnson says, "Prairie View has enough black minorities. I do not see enough Hispanics here. They should do more to enroll Hispanics." Lakiesha Holman, a senior, is thrilled about having diversification take place at PV: "I feel that having minorities at our school

is a great idea. Even though we are at an HBCU it is good to see other racial groups, because the real world is not just made up of one race."

Hispanics, Caucasians, Asians, and the many other groups on campus have offered and brought so many wonderful things to Prairie View. Beside diversity, culture and more scholarship money has been provided to accommodate the increase in students.

Guevara would like to inform students that "our individual race groups are just a label. Students should strive to help one another because in the end we are all in it together." He also feels that the more diverse we get, "the more diverse our ideas become. We learn from each other because outside the walls of PV, there are all types of colors, ideas and points of view. Becoming diverse is not a bad thing."

## PV's Freshest

## Odysseus Taylor



Photo By: Marquese Allen

Born and raised on the southwest side of Houston, 19-year-old Odysseus Taylor resides in building #36. This Sagittarian came to PV because several of his high school teachers were alumni and told him great prospects were here at PV. He also decided to come to PV because he wanted to get away from home but wanted to stay in Texas.

Majoring in biology, Taylor hopes to become a heart surgeon after witnessing how a heart surgery saved his mother's life. It has been his motivation to save lives ever since.

Taylor is involved in several Masonic Youth Organizations including DeMolay, The Eastern Star Youth Fraternity, and The Order of the Night Pythagoras, in which he currently holds the title of President of the Chapter. In the

past five years, he has held such titles as: Past Grand Tyler Knight, Past Grand Senior Knight, and Past Grand Master Knight. Another organization Taylor is involved in is The International Association of Turtles. He is a part of the Turtles Club because it helps donate money to less fortunate schools.

Taylor's favorite actor is Jamie Foxx, favorite actress Pam Greer, and his favorite artist is Nas. Taylor's hobbies include reading, swimming, playing football, and lifting weights. The words that Odysseus lives by are: "Jehova Jira," which means "The Lord, my provider."

## Felicity Lewis



Photo By: Marquese Allen

Born on January 30, 1987, Felicity Lewis is a popular young lady from Brookshire, Texas who has so many friends, that she needs two different cell phones; one for her friends and the other for her family to get in touch with. Lewis came to PV to become a Black Fox and decided this school was the top choice, because of its proximity to her many friends and family. She likes PV, but expected there to be a much better social environment. Lewis is a new member of the Campus Activity Board and being that she was the captain of her high school dance team, she now spends most of her time going back and forth to her old high school in Brookshire to help the dance team with their routines for their upcoming homecoming. She is also a member of the UC Dance Team here on campus.

Motivated to earn a degree in computer science, Lewis hopes to become a network specialist, whose average earning comes close to \$100,000 a year. Her hobbies include dancing, running track, and hanging out with her friends.

Lewis' favorite actor is Taye Diggs, favorite actress Angela Bassett, and her favorite music artist is Musiq. If you ever see her on campus she will more than likely be wearing a white muscle shirt, blue jeans, and flip flops. She is the only child of two loving parents but is blessed with a god brother, Quentin, and god sister, Turquisha, who keep her head on straight.

Lewis' mother is her main motivation for attending college and says that "I see what my mom goes through and not having a degree will hold you back from better opportunities."

By: Sharonda Peals  
Panther Staff

## The Review

## Movie: Roll Bounce

By Latrice Jordan  
Panther Staff

*Roll Bounce* has an all-star cast that includes Bow Wow, Chi McBride, Wesley Jonathan, Jurnee Smollett, Megan Good, Mike Epps, Charlie Murphy and Nick Cannon. What's unique about this film is that it portrays blacks in a different light; black people live in well-kept homes, have jobs, don't do drugs, don't have guns and aren't in gangs. Malcolm Lee, the same director of *Undercover Brother* and *The Best Man*, directed *Roll Bounce*.

It is a coming of age comedy about five friends who live in the south side of Chicago (during the 1970s) and enjoy roller-skating at the local rink. Xavier (Bow Wow) and his friends run the Palisades roller rink, and their summer seems

to be ruined when the rink suddenly closes. To keep their summer fun, the boys travel to the north side of Chicago so they can skate at Sweetwater. Sweetwater is different from what the boys are used to. It's more white, upscale, more disco, and Xavier is no longer on top like he was at the Palisades: Sweetness (Wesley Jonathan) is the man. Sweetness is worshiped by all the women and envied by all the men. To reclaim their title and to gain respect, Xavier and his buddies decide to enter the big \$500 Skate-Off at the end of the summer.

*Roll Bounce* brings back memories of growing up, memories of just having fun with your friends and enjoying your summer. This movie will bring about memories of having fun, laughter, and thoughts of childhood.

## Yummy Bingham: First Seed

By Latrice Jordan  
Panther Staff

*First Seed* is the title of the debut album by Yummy Bingham but she is hardly new to the music industry.

A former member of the group Tha Rayne, 19-year-old Bingham is the daughter of noted producer Osbourne "Dinky" Bingham Jr. (he has worked with New Edition, Kylie Minogue, Changing Faces and Bobby Brown), and the god-daughter Chaka Khan and Aaron Hall. She has been surrounded by music since birth. Yummy is multi-talented and very business minded. She is a trained dancer and is one of the music industry's youngest female executives, as a partner in Muzic Park Entertainment with producer Rockwilder.

She has also written songs for Amerie, Maya, Busta Rhymes, P. Diddy, Christina Aguilera, and Mary J. Blige.

Her self-written album has many hits: "Come Get It," the head-snapping first single that features Jadakiss, "Time," a track that showcases her versatility by being partially sung in Spanish and, "Queens," an ode to her hometown.

*First Seed* has songs produced by Rockwilder, Loren Dawson, Troy Oliver, and Jake One. Her music can be described as "playful, edgy, and soulful;" she has a style reminiscent of Little Moe.

Bingham's album showcases her powerful vocals with a youthful quality. *First Seed* is scheduled to be released in early 2006.

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## Events for October 13-19, 2005

### Thursday, 10/13

Career Services  
Air Force  
Intern Civilian  
Program/  
Information  
PALACE  
Acquire Intern  
Program  
All Day

### Friday, 10/14

There are no events  
scheduled for  
this day.

### Saturday, 10/15

There are no events  
scheduled for  
this day.

### Sunday, 10/16

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Informational Forum  
Hobart Taylor  
Recital Hall  
2 p.m.-10 p.m.

Volleyball  
@ Lady Jaguar  
Tournament  
Baton Rouge, La.\*  
TBA

### Monday, 10/17

Career Services  
Accenture  
Submit resume to:  
monstertrak.com  
All Day

Honda Campus  
All Stars  
Tournament  
for HCASC Quiz Bowl  
MSC, Rm. 204  
5 p.m.-10 p.m.

CAB  
Board Meeting  
News Science,  
Rm. A101  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Phi Beta Sigma  
Seminar  
How Much Time Do  
I Have?  
Chapel  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Delta Sigma Theta  
Meeting  
Student Center Lounge  
7 p.m.-11 p.m.

### Tuesday, 10/18

Mid-semester  
Grades Due

Career Fair  
Non-technical Day  
MSC, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Criminal Justice Club  
Meeting, Woolfolk  
Rm. 104, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Phi Beta Sigma  
Talent Showcase  
MSC Auditorium  
Rm. 111, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

CSO Meeting  
MSC, Rm. 203  
5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.

Epsilon Gamma Iota  
Fortune 500 Seminar  
CL Wilson Engineering  
Rm. 109, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

African Students  
Association Meeting  
WR Banks, Rm. 208  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
One Step At A Time:  
Lupus Awareness  
Seminar  
New Science, Rm. A101  
6 p.m.-9 p.m.

CAB  
Drive-in Movie  
Hobart Taylor  
South Parking Lot  
6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Gamma Phi Delta  
Bible Study  
Chapel  
6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Kappa Kappa Phi  
Band Meeting  
Band Hall, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Karnation Court  
Book Review  
WR Banks, Rm. 205  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Zeta Phi Beta  
Meeting  
WR Banks, Rm. 202  
7 p.m.-10 p.m.

BSM Rehearsal  
Chapel  
7 p.m.-10 p.m.

### Wednesday, 10/19

Delta Sigma Theta  
Annual Walk for Literacy  
Fundraiser, MSC Outside  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

SGA  
Voter Registration Drive  
Outside MSC  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
FY-Lupus, MSC Lobby  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

NAACP  
Membership Drive  
Outside MSC  
12 noon-2:30 p.m.

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

College of Juvenile  
Justice  
Graduate Studies  
Open House  
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Wesley Foundation  
Bible Study  
Chapel, 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

University Village  
Scholarship Pageant  
MSC, Rm. 111  
5 p.m.-11:55 p.m.

NAACP  
Racial Profiling Seminar  
New Science, Rm. A101  
6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Alpha Phi Alpha  
History of Buffalo Soldiers  
WR Banks, Rm. 240  
6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Phi Beta Lambda  
Entertainment Seminar  
Hobart Taylor, Rm. 1A110  
6 p.m.

Delta Sigma Theta  
Meeting  
MSC Student Lounge  
7 p.m.-11 p.m.

FOCCS  
Bible Study  
Chapel, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Blackstone Pre-law  
Society, Meeting  
Woolfolk, Rm. 103  
6 p.m.-7 p.m.



Panther Poetry Lounge

## Fear Not

By Danielle Traviece-Marie Roberts

Is it an emotion or an action,  
a power or a weakness,  
a game or a battle?  
Is it a victory or a defeat,  
a burden or a relief,  
a curse or a gift?  
Is it right or wrong,  
near or far,  
life or death?

As for me, it's the action I take when I can no longer trust  
my emotions.

It's the weakness I am not ashamed to admit I have no  
power.

It's the battle that is already won when I am through playing  
the game.

It's the victory I have when everyone sees defeat.  
It's the relief that comes when I eliminate the burden.

It's the right decision when all I know is wrong.

It's always near but seems so far.

It's the life I choose when I put my flesh to death.

The FEAR of the Lord believe me is all the above.

And as soon as I returned to the middle, I no longer had a  
FEAR of LOVE.

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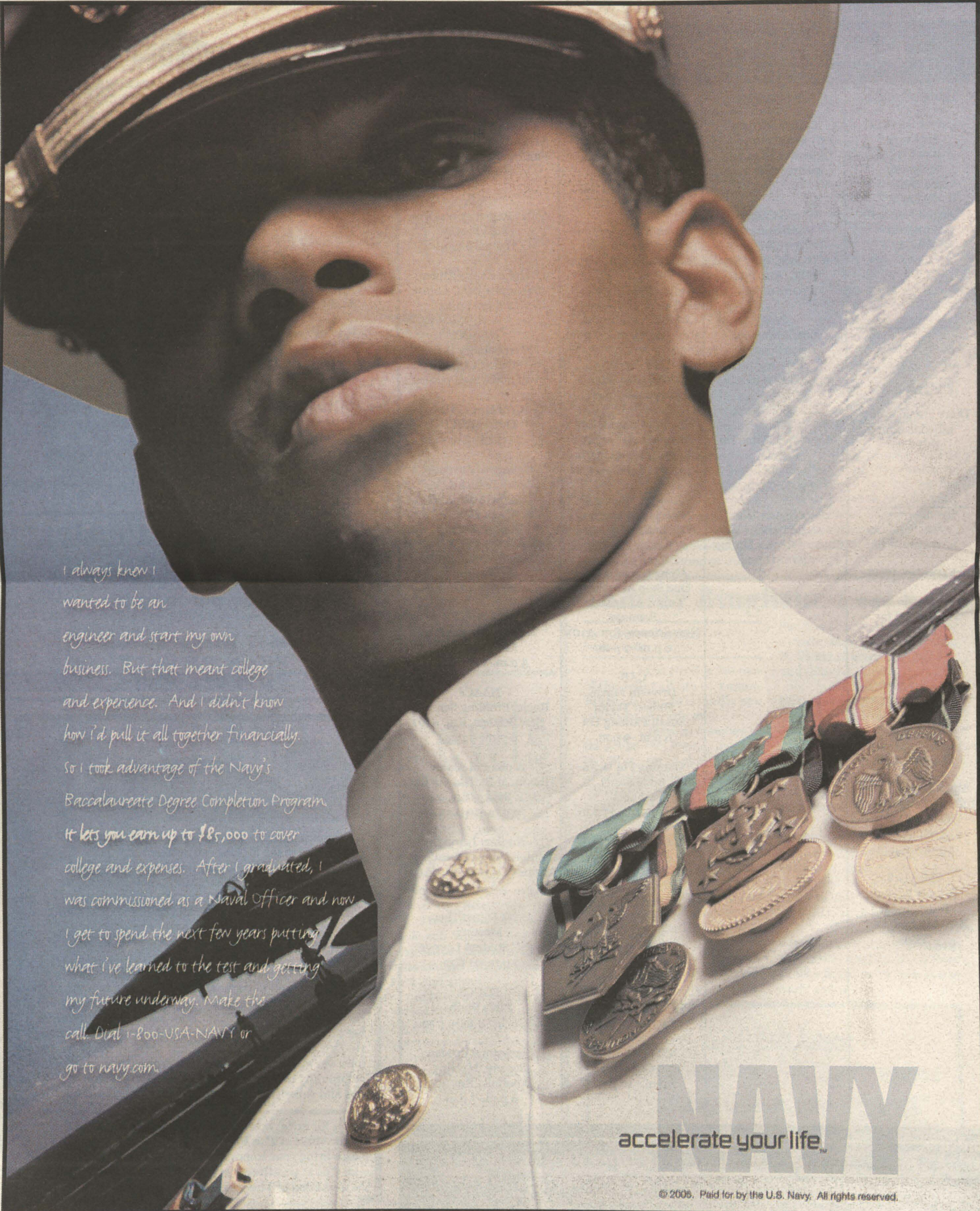
1. Who has a gap so big that a VHS tape can fit in it? 2. Can it play? 3. Are the Sigmas raising the bar? 4. Doesn't the guy who drives the red food cart look like "big worm"? 5. Who's happy that after three years they won't be a neo anymore? 6. How ironic is it that KKI and the Christian sorority, ALO, had a seminar together? 7. Did they break bread or turn water into wine and kept the party going? 8. Which Que is always barking? 9. And why is the only word in his vocabulary "bruh"? 10. Can we take him to the campus veterinarian to be sedated? 11. Is he PV's new Prime Time? 12. If you plan a protest, can you have more than 10 people march? 13. How about using facebook to get the word out? 14. When will the Zetas ask the AKAs and Deltas for a list of rejections? 15. It's been a Conspiracy and a Destruction, what's next, a tragedy? 16. Can the football team get any sorrier? 17. If so, can we have our athletic fee go somewhere else? 18. Is the down-low community taking over Greek life? 19. If so, should fraternities and sororities be co-ed? 20. What do you think?

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