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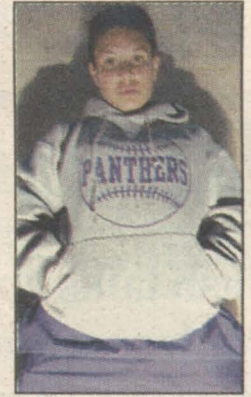
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THE OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

University affirms zero tolerance policy

Jameka Merriweather
Panther Staff

Sanderson Woods, director of judicial services, has said that the punishment for being caught with a weapon on campus is "expulsion" from the university.

In an interview with *The Panther*, Woods said, "Our responsibility is to make it [the campus] safe. The whole idea is education, not worrying."

Drawing attention to the university's status as a state institution, Woods said, "There are signs once you enter campus that Prairie View is a state school.

We should all be knowledgeable that Prairie View is a state school on state property."

Also stressing the need for campus safety, Tyra Metoyer, director of university relations, said that prevention is just as important as punishment. She noted that President Wright established a Student Conduct Task Force in November 2004, chaired by Associate Provost Dr. Michael McFrazier.

Metoyer said the committee is made up of representatives from many areas connected to student life on campus, including housing and Student Activities.

Explaining the role of

the committee, Metoyer said it is charged with addressing issues of inappropriate behavior and punishment or consequences. She said that the committee is responsible for implementing preventive measures "to ensure student safety and knowledge of the rules and the university's zero tolerance policy."

Metoyer stated that the committee's work and Dr. Wright's consistent messages about the zero tolerance policy are "making a difference in the number of inappropriate incidents and will continue to encourage students to make choices that are in their best interest."

The Student Hand-

book states "a person having knowledge of anyone who is in possession of a weapon on campus has a responsibility to report the violation to appropriate university officials. Failure to report the violation may result in judiciary action. The possession of a weapon on campus is a third degree felony and simply will not be tolerated." Woods said, "We need people who know of people who have weapons to report it. If someone feels unsafe, they need to take precautions."

Campus police officers also play a major role in student safety. Corporal Corey C. Johnson said, "We do take any tip concerning weapons very seri-

ously and we will go through and follow up."

Johnson said there is very little that can be done to know who has a weapon but "we do follow up on any tip." Methods used by the police include metal detectors and officers at campus parties and other activities, and a canine unit.

"We do have a canine unit that can detect gun powder, C-4, etc. If we have probable cause or plain view, we can use the canine unit," Johnson added.

The university as a whole has a responsibility to ensure student safety. Woods stated, "We are all in this together."

Spring career fair provides opportunities for students

By Chantel Gage
Panther Staff

Students gathered in business attire with resumes in hand, Tuesday, Feb. 21, for the Spring 2006 Career Fair.

The event, sponsored by the university's Office of Career Services, was held on the second floor of the MSC. Many companies such as Duke Energy, Zachry Construction, Countrywide Financial, Walgreens, Krogers, and Wal-Mart participated in the fair.

Terrance Goods, a recruiter for Countrywide Financial said, "There are three things that a student must remember to do to get a good career: Utilizing the career services on campus, finding an internship that specializes in the field you are interested in, and to always remember to try to

commercialize yourself when at a career fair."

It is never too late or too early to attend a career fair and it benefits every classification.

Carmyca McDaniel, a freshman electrical engineering technology major said, "I came so I will know what to do over the next couple of years to prepare for my career field."

Chris Wesley, a junior mechanical engineering major said, "I benefited from the career fair because, I was able to receive new opportunities in my field."

The next career fair on campus will be held in September 2006.

Goods said, "Students tend to take for granted that HBCUs are breeding grounds for talent that America is looking for." This talent can be recognized and developed at a career fair, he said.



Photo by David Butler

Whats next?: Students were allowed to talk to and give out resumes to potential employers.

In the news...

Bush talks about border security with Mexico's Vicente Fox

MILWAUKEE (AP) — President Bush and President Vicente Fox of Mexico exchanged ideas Monday on how to stop violence and improve security along the two countries' mutual border, the White House said.

Press secretary Scott McClellan said that Bush telephoned Fox while traveling here to give a speech and said the pair "talked about working together" to improve conditions that have been a source of friction between the two countries.

McClellan told reporters that Bush has designated Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to talk to his counterpart in Mexico about the problem and said that Bush and Fox also talked about pending immigration legislation in Congress.

Late last year, Washington dispatched federal agents to Texas to combat violent crime along the Mexican border.

In August, U.S. and Mexican officials had traded accusations over who is to blame for problems in border security.

Bridge to bear abolitionist's name

WALTERBORO, S.C. (AP) — A new bridge over the Combahee River, just south of the site of one of Harriet Tubman's famous raids on Southern plantations, will bear the abolitionist's name.

The state Legislature recently decided to name the future U.S. Highway 17 bridge over the river the Harriet Tubman Bridge.

Historians say Tubman helped lead a Union raid on several plantations June 2, 1863, that freed more than 750 slaves.

"The Combahee River raid was one of the most drastic events during the course of her career," said Catherine Clinton, author of the 2004 book, "Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom."

Work on the \$13 million bridge is set to begin in the spring.

Rep. Kenneth Hodges, D-Green Pond, who sponsored the legislation, said naming the bridge for Tubman will have "national implications."

"Harriet Tubman is certainly the most prominent person to come out of that era," Hodges said.

Fort Worth officer killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army officer from Fort Worth died from a gunshot wound in Iraq, the Department of Defense said Monday.

Capt. Anthony R. Garcia, 48, died in Tikrit on Feb. 17. The shooting is under investigation because it happened on a military base, said Cathy Gramling, a spokeswoman for Fort Campbell, Ky., where Garcia was assigned. No further details were released.

Garcia is at least the sixth Texan to die in Iraq this year and at least the 197th since the war began in March 2003. The physician assistant was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. He joined the Army in 1989 and was assigned to Fort Campbell in 2001.

He is survived by a wife, Doris, a daughter, Kelly, and a son, Garrick, of Clarksville, Tenn.; and his parents, Monico and Josephine Garcia, of Hudson Oaks, Texas.

Pine Bluff, County reach tentative settlement on jail

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Lead officials for Jefferson County and the city of Pine Bluff have reached a tentative agreement in a dispute over jail fees.

County Judge Jack Jones, Pine Bluff Mayor Carl Redus Jr. and attorneys for both sides arrived at an agreement and the city council approved it Saturday. The county Quorum Court was scheduled to consider the settlement Monday night.

The county had sued the city in 2004, alleging the city failed to pay more than \$800,000 in jail bills. The city argued it had been overbilled.

In the tentative settlement, the city agreed to pay the county \$565,000 in back fees. To fulfill that obligation, the city agreed to pay \$75,000 on March 1 then make monthly payments of about \$24,000 starting in January 2007.

The parties also agreed on fees to cover the cost of ongoing use of the jail. On March 1, Pine Bluff will resume making monthly payments of about \$31,000 for 24 beds it leases at the jail.

In addition, the city would make an \$8,000 monthly payment, beginning March 1, to the Juvenile Justice Center. The city would stop making those payments at the end of the year.

Government officials plan to review the agreement at the end of 2006.

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Out of the ashes: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales (left) and Pastor Arthur Price (right) stand behind Interior Secretary Gale Norton as she signs a proclamation Monday adding Sixteenth Street Baptist Church to a list of about 2,500 places that carry the title of National Historic Landmark.

Alabama church bombed in '63 made a landmark

Associated Press

(AP) BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Relatives of the four black girls who were killed in a Ku Klux Klan bombing in 1963 gathered at the church where they died to mark its designation as a national landmark.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Monday called the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church "a catalyst for the cause of justice" as he referred to the girls — Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, all 14, and Denise McNair, 11.

"We protect this place for them," Gonzales said, speaking at the church's pulpit.

Gonzales likened the deadly bombing of the old brick building to a series of arsons that have hit 10 Alabama churches since Feb. 3.

Investigators have said they don't know a motive in the arsons, but there is no racial pattern. Five of the churches had white congregations and five black. All were Baptist, the dominant faith in the region, and mostly in

isolated country settings.

But Gonzales said the fires are a reminder "there is still work to be done" in ensuring equal justice and fighting discrimination.

At the ceremony, Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton signed a proclamation adding the church to a list of about 2,500 places that carry the title of National Historic Landmark.

Church members gave Gonzales a lengthy ovation, and the pastor, the Rev. Arthur Price Jr., called the historic landmark designation "major for us."

Price said a previous attempt to have the 200-member church designated a federal landmark failed, although he was unsure of details.

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was an important meeting place for activists during the civil rights era, and the bombing became a worldwide symbol illustrating the depth of racial hatred in the South at the time. Three Klansmen were convicted in the blast, the last in 2002.

The bomb knocked out part of a wall and heavily damaged the bathroom where the girls died.

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You ought to be in pictures!

Gettin' down at the Black and White Tie Affair



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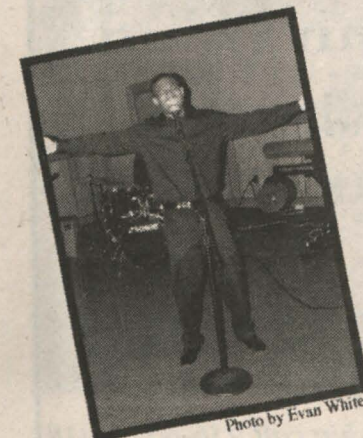


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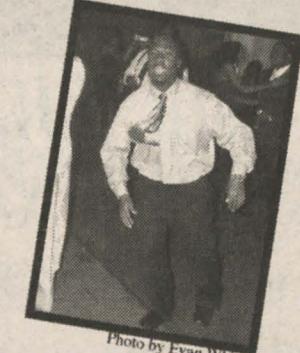


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Frank Jackson speaks at black history seminar

By Ashley Slayton
Panther Staff

Prairie View mayor Frank Jackson gave a riveting seminar Monday in the New Science Building in which he discussed black history and heritage.

"The role of black history is to restore your historical memory," said Jackson as he spoke about the veil that black people live behind. "It is a veil that blinds black people. It conceals knowledge of their rich history and supports the continuity of black people living without knowledge of self."

Jackson went into a humorous tirade about the behaviors of the student body and the escalating violence on campus. "That's not the way you behave when the veil has been lifted," he said. Dwelling on the way some people use foul language, fighting and illegal activities that occur on HBCU campuses, he recalled one of his favorite moments in a student's college career, the

arrival. The arrival on campus is the beginning of the transition, the first of the many steps taken to lift the veil. Watching parents with students in tow the first day and realizing that they bring "dreams to our doorsteps," is what inspires Jackson not to give up on students but encourage them to aspire for excellence.

"We know who you are," said Jackson, "you're somebody's dream." That is a dream he helps to nurture so that it may flourish.

"The early Egyptians believed that knowledge was power," said Jackson as he educated the crowd on the history of Prairie View. "Prairie View A&M University was built on top of the Kirby slave plantation. It sits in the Brazos River Valley, an area the ancient Indians called 'the arms of God.' You are sitting in the arms of God."

When asked if he believed attending an HBCU hampered black students from understanding how to interact

with other cultures, Jackson adamantly said no. Referring to the enlightening experiences he had with people of other cultures he points out that "race is political, it's not biological." He also adds that he "could have used it as a crutch," but chose not to do so. Instead, he opted to focus on his own transition. With these thoughts turning over in the minds of students, the seminar closed with a heartfelt rendition of the national black anthem.

Jackson has been in office as mayor since 2002. He is from Luling, Texas, and graduated in 1973 from Prairie View A&M University.

After graduation, Jackson was an active member of the United States Navy for 10 years and served aboard ships including the USS Longbeach, a nuclear missile warship. He was promoted to captain in 1995.

Jackson served as city councilman in Prairie View for 12 years. He heads the volunteer firefighters association.

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Church, Inc. comes to PV with an artistic spin

By Sharonda Peals
Panther Staff

Several artists including some of Prairie View's own professors recently exhibited their art work in the John B. Coleman Library. The artists purpose was to note the connections between Christianity and commerce. The extravaganza recognized the presence of church elders, while recognizing the importance of ancient tradition in present day worship.

The first artist to make a presentation was Memphis, Tennessee native, Michael D. Yates. Yates has been a photographer and graphic designer, as well as a mixed media artist for the past four years.

One of his works was a piece called "Can I Live," illustrating an image of the Bible. Yates explained that he experiments with a lot of color in his work as well as digital images.

Professor Harold Dorsey had a piece in the show called "Passion of Black Christ," where he used symbolic images. In this piece, Dorsey paid homage to all "black Christs." He used thorns around the heads of black men which symbolizes cruelty, and the color blue stating that, "Whenever blacks went to work for whites, they worked for pennies. When the black man got home, he got kicked in the butt by his wife. There was nothing else to do but

go to the juke joint and listen to blues music." He explained that Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X were black Christs who brought truth and justice to the United States.

Frank D. Robinson Jr. is an alumnus of Memphis State University and works with collages and logos. One of his paintings featured in the show was called, "All Glitter Ain't Gold." Robinson often used keys in these paintings to symbolize the tears that unlock emotions. He turns "trash to treasure" by using such discarded items in his paintings that are used every day, such as skillets and drawers. He explained that, "These pieces are time capsules because they may not be used in

tant people in history and gives them a chance to be appreciated in several of his works. He often paints these figures without eyes to give them a more generic look so that people can identify with them. Shell often uses the color brown in his pieces to symbolize the "dirty south" and ever since he has been in graduate school, has played around with graffiti. He states that, "I believe the problem with black communities is there is a gap between generations and through my paintings, I want to build a bridge for that gap so that we can grow as a people."

Edward Swine from Mississippi has been a mixed media artist for the past five years. In his piece, "Welcome Home," he used land from Mississippi in all of his images and symbols and from West Africa he used the ancient star which symbolizes guidance. Also in all of his paintings is the number 61, which symbolizes the interstate that runs through the Delta area.

Swine showed pictures from his grandmother's photo album as well as pictures already used in previous paintings.

Work by Elvira Clayton who is also a multi-media artist, with a background as a jewelry artist as well as a photographer was also exhibited. She described her work as very personal and being all about self-acceptance. She has created a collection of what she calls her mojo box series. In this box are pieces that include "Cinderella Story" and "Get My Mojo Back" because she



Photo by LeWebster Lacy

explained that she went through a period of emotional and spiritual hard times resulting from a broken heart. "Growing up, no one on TV looked like me and it was not until I was much older that I realized that you don't have to look like Cinderella to be beautiful." Clayton also collects items that end up in her work, such as jewelry, beads, and shells. She stated that, "Mojo is magic and occurs only in the state of surrender. You have to have faith that

everything is in divine order."

Prairie View's own Professor Ann Johnson also had work displayed. Johnson goes by the artist name "Soul Sister" and often paints with her feet. In her piece, "Unbalanced Faith," Johnson depicted an unbalanced society using faith and Christian symbols. For example, the nails in this work of art represent crucifixion.

Prairie View professor Reverend Clarence Talley, Sr. explained that "ninety-nine percent of my work is of a religious nature." While taking a trip to West Africa this past summer, Talley traveled to Ghana where he saw a number of businesses with religious passages for names of the stores. "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "God is my Provider" are two photographs demonstrated in his work from the exhibit taken during his Ghana trip. He stated that, "The owners of these shops believed that their businesses would receive protection by using these store names." Talley also explained that he loves to use bright colors especially the color red.

Parking ticket prices on the rise

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

Parking on PVAMU's campus is an ongoing confusing problem which causes students to endure the semester-to-semester inflated prices on parking tickets.

"The parking situation is not acceptable... and is very limited," said undergraduate student Uniquka Johnson. "People who choose to drive close to their destination, and find a park close to their classes are penalized because they apparently chose to park in the wrong place."

The penalties Johnson is referring to are the tickets issued by parking patrollers. Not only do students see the tickets as unfair to them in terms of their effort to be on time to class, many feel there are too many restrictions when it comes to parking on campus. There is a perception among students that the issuing of tickets has been on the rise.

But according to Fred E. Washington, vice president for administration and auxiliary services, this not so. He said, "Some people are getting multiple violations, which increases the amount of the ticket."

An example is illustrated when one takes into ac-

count the amount of single violations that add up to increase the total amount of a ticket.

Hypothetically, if a person parks in a restricted parking spot (\$25 fine) and also displays a parking decal improperly (\$25 fine), the ticket price will total \$50.

It is details such as these that can bring about confusion, as well as the belief that every ticket is the same amount no matter what violation they committed. An individual may receive a \$25 ticket one day, then \$50 another day, and another time, and finally a \$75 ticket and feel as if the price of the same ticket is increasing.

Another issue many have had with the situation on campus is that parking still can seem limited during the weekdays. Since on-campus students and their designated parking location can be extremely far from some of their classes, many feel it necessary to drive to their class. The problem that arises is that students who live on campus are obligated by university policy to stay in their designated parking area from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Parking decals state where a car should be parked, (whether in University College, Phase III, etc...) and if a car is not where it should be parked or is missing a decal, then it's

subject to being ticketed, since parking spaces are needed for commuting students. Because of this, many students feel hassled in just getting to class.

However, Washington said it was important to take note of the measures the administration has taken to lessen the burden.

"We have provided the shuttle service for free to help students who have an issue with walking long distances."

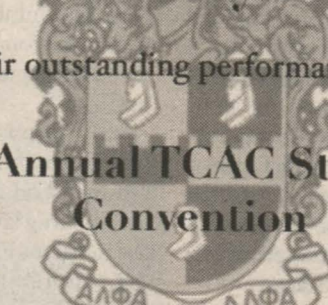
Overall, Washington felt it was important that students familiarize themselves with the rules, regulations, and policies of parking on campus.

"People don't understand these rules, which leads to lots of frustration."

For more information, you can reach Washington's department at (936) 857-2950 or ext. 2638.

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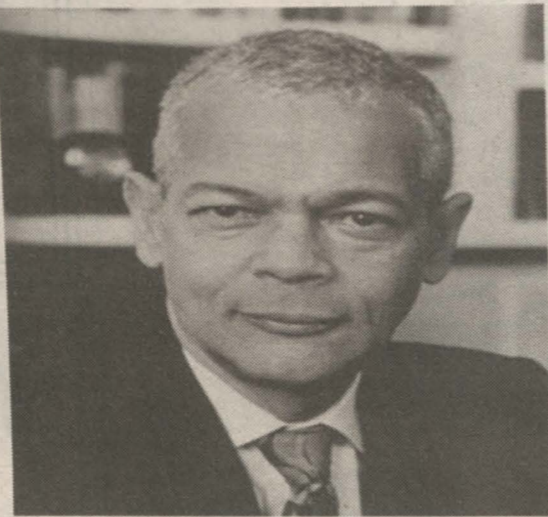
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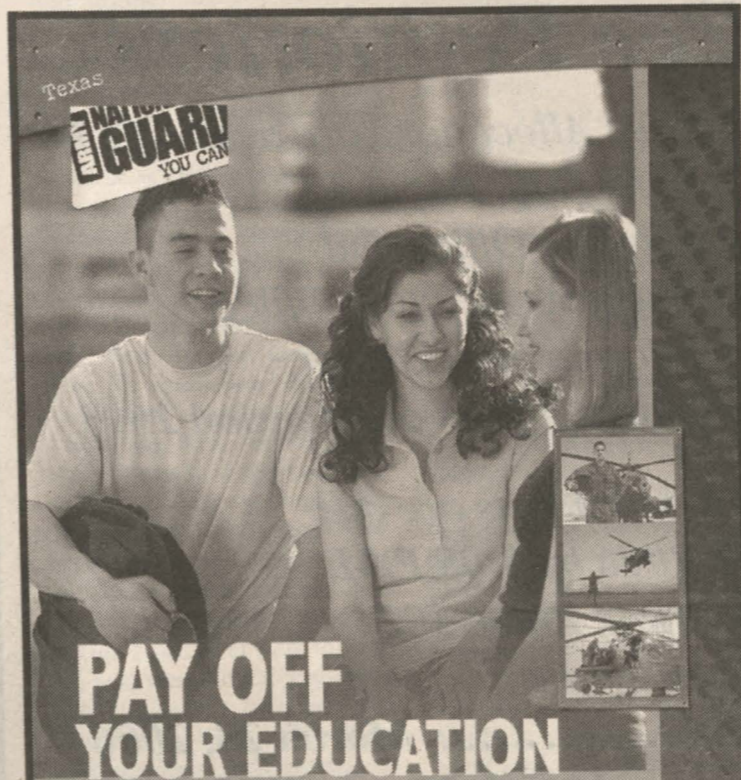
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Supreme Court OKs drinking of hallucinogenic tea for religious purposes

Associated Press

A small branch of a South American religious sect may use hallucinogenic tea as part of a ritual intended to connect with God, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

In its first religious freedom decision under Chief Justice John Roberts, the court said the government cannot hinder religious practices without proof of a "compelling" need to do so.

"This is a very important decision for minority religious freedom in this country," said lawyer John Boyd, who represents about 130 U.S. members of O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao do Vegetal who live in New Mexico, California and Colorado.

The tea, which contains an illegal drug known as DMT, is considered sacred to members of the sect, which has a blend of Christian beliefs and South American traditions. Members believe they can understand God

only by drinking the tea, which is consumed twice a month at four-hour ceremonies.

A trial judge found the government's evidence that the drug is harmful was equal in weight to information provided by the sect that said its method of use in tea is not.

Roberts, in writing the opinion for the court, said the government had failed to prove that federal drug laws should outweigh the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which Congress passed in 1993 to prohibit burdening a person's exercise of religion.

The Bush administration had argued that the drug in the tea not only violates a federal narcotics law but a treaty in which the United States promised to block the importation of drugs including dimethyltryptamine, also known as DMT.

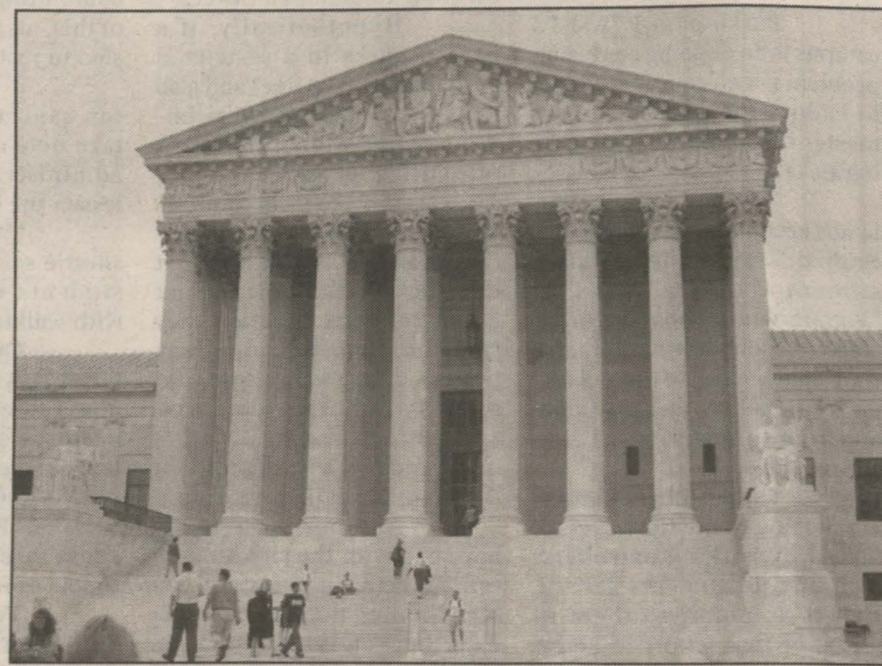
Religious groups of various faiths, along with civil liberties organizations, filed friend-of-the-court briefs supporting the sect. "This is just one step in the right

direction in the fight for religious liberty," said Jared Leland, legal counsel for The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Washington.

New Justice Samuel Alito did not take part in the case, which was argued last fall before Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement. Alito was on the bench for the first time on Tuesday.

The justices sent the case back to a federal appeals court, which could consider more evidence.

Roberts, writing his second opinion since joining the court, said that religious



A special brew: In front US Supreme Court building where US Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the government cannot stop a small religious sect from using hallucinogenic tea that they believe brings them closer to God.

freedom cases can be difficult that courts should strike sensible "but Congress has determined balances."

Attention!!!

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A biblical legacy: we have one

By Dr. Clarence Talley
Faculty Contributor

This month is designated as African American History month: a time when we celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans to the world. Those contributions have been varied and have no bounds. From science to math, from history to philosophy, from the great Pyramids of Egypt to the Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies, African Americans have contributed in unique and meaningful ways.

African Americans have received notable recognition for their push for civil rights, social change, their athleticism, and for our rich musical heritage. Yet, very few are aware of the deep roots of our biblical heritage.

During the early history of America and biblical history, the role of "people of color" is well documented and firmly established. Our presence and acquaintance with God did not begin on slave ships or plantations.

As with all mankind, Black lineage begins with Adam whose name also reflect the fact that he was a person of color created in the image and likeness of God. And although this extraordinary heritage has its roots in Adam, it really begins to unfold through Noah.

Noah is the builder of the ark which saved him, his wife, three sons and their wives from the great flood recorded in Genesis chapters 7 and 8. Following this catastrophic event, it was the expressed duty of Noah's sons to replenish the earth. "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." "And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread (repopulated)."

Shem was the oldest of Noah's sons and is the ancestor of the people of the ancient near east and the Hebrews. The Medians, the Greeks, Romans, Russians, and Gauls are descendants of Japheth. Ham whose name translated from the Hebrew means "hot, heated, or black" had four sons: Cush,

Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. Cush was the progenitor of the Ethiopian people; Mizraim was the progenitor of the Egyptian people; Put was the progenitor of the Libyian, and Canaan was the progenitor of the Canaanites.

Out of the sons of Noah comes the whole of humanity; everyone is represented in them—red and yellow, black and white. We, African Americans, should be proud of our ancient biblical heritage and should seek to better understand our presence in the Bible.

The following is a limited but rather impressive list of Black people in the Bible.

Nimrod was the descendant of Cush, grandson of Ham. He became the Father of the greatest empires in the Bible, the Assyrian and the Babylonian.

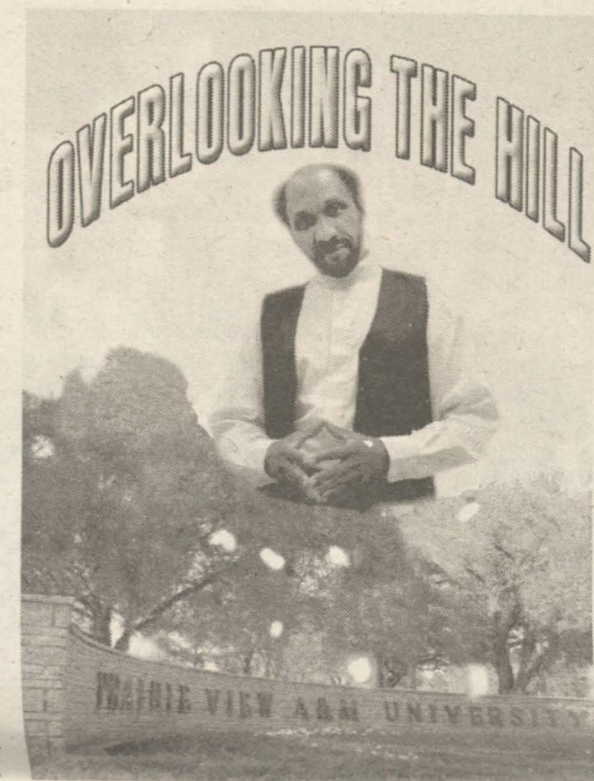
Zipporah was the wife of Moses. She was of Cushite descent, (Ethiopian) and the daughter of Jethro.

Asenath was the Egyptian wife of Joseph, given to him by the Pharaoh. Asenath bore Joseph two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh who became leaders of Jewish tribes.

Hagar was the Egyptian handmaiden of Sarai, wife of Abraham. Hagar served as Abraham's concubine, and she became the mother of his first son, Ishmael.

Queen of Sheba, also known as the Queen of the South was an Egyptian queen who traveled to Jerusalem to see the riches of Solomon and to inquire of his wisdom.

In the New Testament canon, the presence of Blacks is also evident. There were two



For my niggas

A letter from the editor



By Nneka Meka
Editor in Chief

On the 100th anniversary of Emancipation, James Baldwin warned his nephew, "You can only be destroyed by believing that you really are what the white world calls a nigger... it was intended that you should perish in the ghetto, perish by never being allowed to go behind the white man's definitions..."

When I reflect on the rich and bittersweet history of my people I can't help but be puzzled by what we have become. In some instances I could say we are the white man's dream, a legion of niggers.

Don't misunderstand me, we have come a mighty long way. But is being able to sit at the lunch counter with white folks or having the choice to cast a ballot in an election enough? Should we as a people be satisfied? We've become so lackadaisical that we have now begun disrespecting our history and ourselves. Aaron McGruder depicted it best in

the Boondocks episode "Return of the King," where in a speech after waking up from a coma Dr. King says: "As I look out across the crowd now at all these black people who sacrificed nothing for the cause of freedom, I see nothing but a bunch of lazy, shiftless, triffin' niggas!"

We traded in the Revolution for BET's *UnCut* and Paul Walls *Grillz*. We have reduced our women to "Ms. Fat Booty," and due to the fact that according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics 10.4 percent of the country's entire black male population, between the ages of 25 and 29 are in prison, our men have been reduced to inmates.

If we truly want to make sure that the struggles of Ida B. Wells, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Ella Baker, Philip A. Randolph, and numerous others were not in vain, we have a lot of work to do. Being blessed with

the opportunity to become more than our great grandfathers should be enough of a driving force to make us get out of bed and go to class. Being blessed with the opportunity to become more than our great grandfathers should be enough to sway us to up lift our people, whether it be through supporting black owned business or volunteering in the community. It's time for us to take a page from history and take a stand. It does not necessarily require carrying a picket sign, it's more of using education and unity as a weapon for advancement. What do you think?



It's not too late for me to get it right

By Frenchi Johnson-Jones
Black College Wire

When I first arrived at the HBCU Newspaper Conference and Job Fair in Greensboro, N.C., I was elated to be in the presence of dedicated brothers and sisters with the same mission.

I enjoyed going into the beautiful classrooms at North Carolina A&T State University, to workshops where most of the students and media professionals had the same brown pigment that I did.

Every workshop gave me insight and every professional seemed to give me hope -- hope that there was a place in the industry for someone like me, whose ancestors were cheated of the education and networking opportunities required to be competitive.

However, as I was waiting to leave the hotel, my perception changed and my vision of hope was blinded.

I sat down with an adviser who had been present for the entire Feb. 8-11 conference and started to discuss the editors' roundtable held the day before.

After telling the adviser how we students had discussed the joys and hardships of being editors of our campus newspapers, she told me how she and some of the other advisers had met to discuss some of the same issues.

Although I was glad the advisers were discussing these concerns, I was saddened by some of the ideas she said had been presented. They were quite different from the ones we students had come up with.

The adviser said many student journalists do not know the fundamentals of writing by graduation. She said one idea advanced was that it was too late for students who had not grasped the essentials by the time they made it to college. In other words, if a student had trouble with simple sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style, it was too late for him or her to be able to conquer the craft of journalism.

I was appalled by this suggestion and taken aback by the idea that those who were projecting so much hope into our minds could also be casting so much doubt.

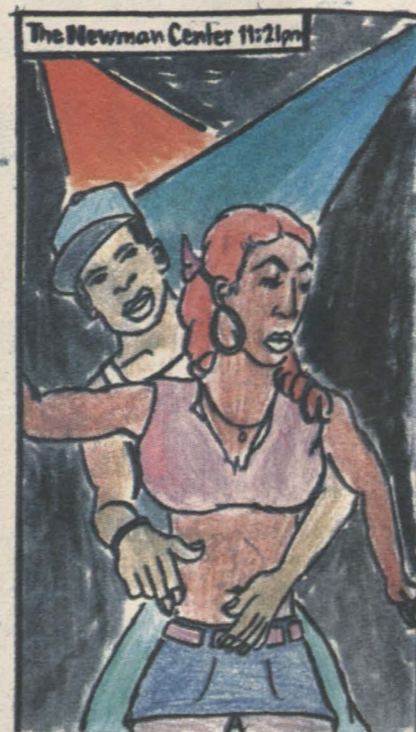
A nontraditional student, I came to college at a disadvantage. Not only had I had two kids, but I had attended a high school where the teachers were worried only about getting students out the door. I was one of those students it was "too late for."

When I became involved in my concentration, I struggled. As a matter of fact, at one time it was pointed out to me that I did not know the difference between "their" and "there."

Despite that, it was not too late for me.

Thank God for two of my advisers who believed I was capable. One took the time to show me the proper way and the other gave me the constructive criticism I needed to keep motivated. They never gave up on me, and in return, I never gave up on myself. I was always motivated and encouraged.

Now I am proud when I tell people that I am the executive editor. I beat the odds. If I had listened to the negative criticism, I might not be who I am today: a concerned, caring, compassionate, patient, understanding and educated editor.



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Do you feel it is necessary to go beyond getting a bachelor's degree to get a job in your field?



Yes, because nowadays a bachelor's degree is just not enough to get ahead of your competition.
-Benita Brown
Freshman
Nursing



It depends on what you want to do with your life or what options you have.
-Jeremy Tubbs
Junior
Criminal Justice



Yes, if you have the money for it.
-Krystyle Curtis
Freshman
Nursing



People should go beyond a B.S. because nowadays more people are going to college after high school and you need to get something higher to separate yourself from other people.
-Sarah Meriwether
Freshman
Biology

Evan White

SPORTS

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Fuller, Lilly receive All-SWAC preseason honors

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

The All-SWAC preseason teams were recently announced and two members of the Prairie View A&M lady softball team were named among the elite. Second baseman/shortstop Amberly Fuller and outfielder Nikki Lilly received second team honors.

The teams were selected by a poll taken among the conference's women's softball coaches and the sports information personnel.

Fuller, a graduate of Garland high school was named to the 2005 All-SWAC first team. She ranked among the top ten in the conference in three statistical categories at the end of last season.

The 5-4 sophomore hit five home runs placing her in fourth, touched home base 32 times, tying her for eighth, and touched base a total of 67 times leaving her ninth in the conference. Fuller also ranked third among the Lady Panthers with a .291 batting average.

Of the honor, Fuller stated "It's good, but it doesn't affect me because I still have to perform and pull through for my team."

This will be Lilly's second time around after being named to the All-SWAC preseason in 2005.

A native of Hempstead, Texas, Lilly led the team in stolen bases, garnering nine. Her 2005 statistics were a .228 batting average, which included 33 hits and 15 RBIs. The 5-4 junior also tied for fourth on the team with 26 runs scored.

The Lady Panthers finished last season 14-10 in the SWAC conference.

In last year's tournament they defeated Alabama A&M 9-3 and Texas Southern 11-1. They were eliminated from the tournament after a 3-5 loss to conference champion, the Mississippi Valley State Delta Devils, in the semi-finals.

After ending the season ranked third in the SWAC and placing among the best in the conference in every statistical category, the Lady Panthers are ready for their time to shine.

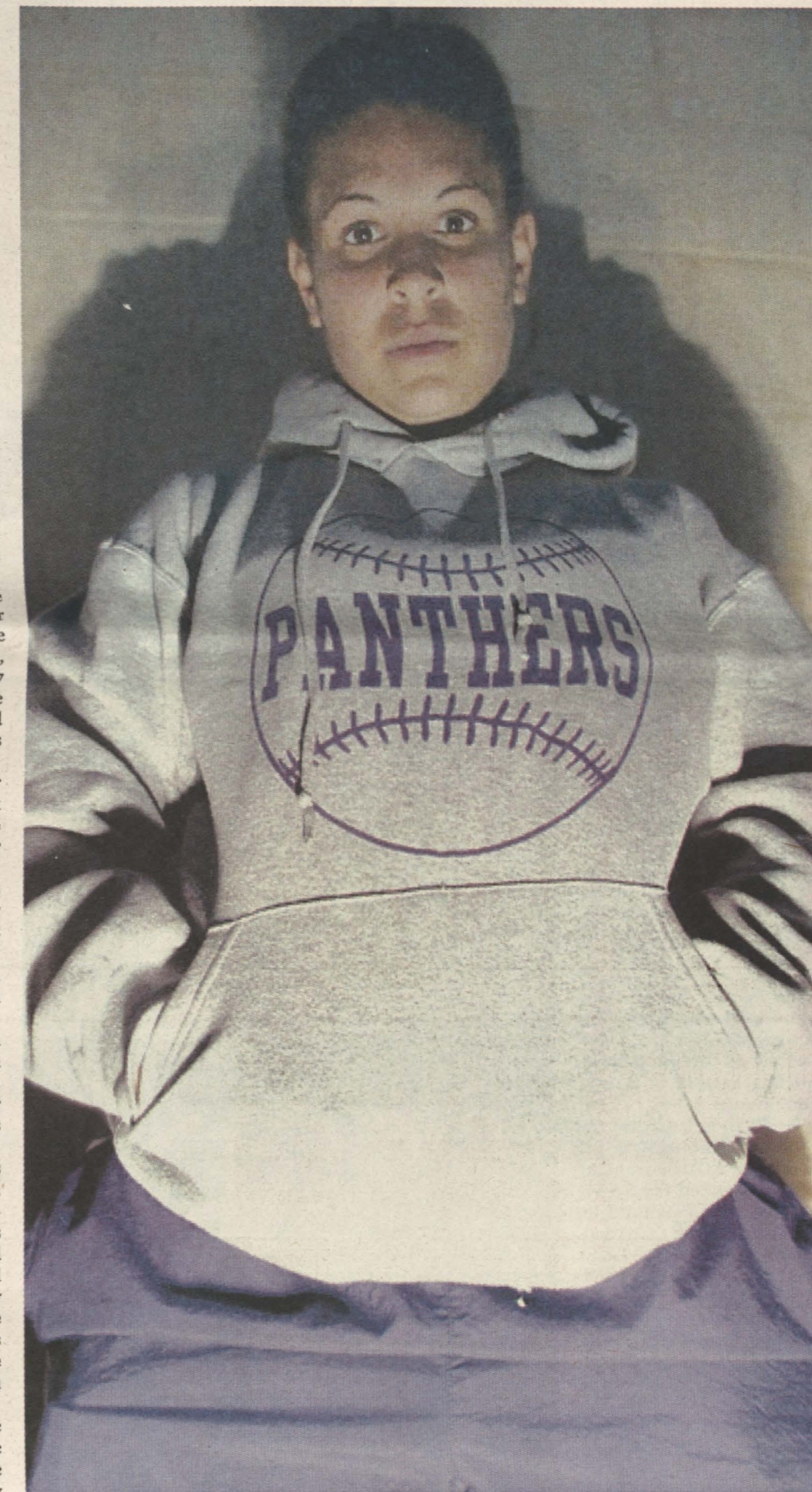


Photo by Evan White

SWAC's best: Fuller helped push the Lady Panthers to the top of the conference. They ended last season ranking in the top three in runs scored, hits, home runs, and total bases.

Upcoming Events

Basketball

Men
2/25 vs. Alabama A&M 7:30pm
2/27 vs. Alabama State 7:30pm
3/2 @ Southern 7:30pm

Women
2/25 vs. Alabama A&M 5:30pm
2/27 vs. Alabama State 5:30pm
3/2 @ Southern 5:30pm

Baseball

2/25 @ Texas South. 12:00pm
2/26 @ Texas South. 12:00pm
2/28 vs. Houston-Tillotson 1:00pm
3/3 vs. Ark. Pine Bluff 1:00pm

Softball

2/25 vs. Univ. of Texas San Antonio 1:00pm
2/27 vs. Centenary 5:00pm

Track & Field

Men
2/24-26 SWAC Indoor Championships
Women
2/24-26 SWAC Indoor Championships

Basketball Standings

Men

Southern	12-3, 13-12
Grambling State	10-4, 12-9
Alabama State	9-5, 11-14
Jackson State	8-6, 12-14
Miss. Valley State	8-7, 8-16
Alabama A&M*	7-7, 9-12
Ark. Pine Bluff	6-9, 9-14
Alcorn State	6-9, 6-18
Texas Southern	5-9, 7-19
Prairie View	1-13, 4-21

Women

Jackson State	11-3, 13-11
Southern	11-4, 14-10
Miss. Valley State	10-5, 14-10
Alabama A&M**	8-6, 12-11
Alabama State	8-6, 11-12
Alcorn State	7-8, 9-14
Ark. Pine Bluff	6-9, 7-17
Grambling State	5-9, 9-12
Prairie View	5-9, 6-18
Texas Southern	1-13, 3-20

*Men's basketball next opponent
**Women's basketball next opponent

James named MVP in East victory



By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

Led by Cleveland Cavalier and NBA phenom, Lebron James, the eastern conference all-stars rallied in the second half to come back and defeat the western conference all-stars 122-120.

James, who scored 29 points and was also named the game's MVP, was one of the key components in the eastern conference's 21 point comeback, but the defense exhibited from the four members of the Pistons' squad, Chauncey Billups, Richard Hamilton, Rasheed Wallace, and Ben Wallace, in the fourth quarter are what held the west back for the two point victory.

The first quarter ended with the score tied at 28, but by the end of the first half, the western conference embarked on a 23-8 run, and led the east 70-53 at halftime. Houston's Tracy McGrady, who put up game MVP numbers, led all scorers with 17 points in the first half.

In the second half the western conference came out of the locker room as if attempting to go on another scoring tangent with McGrady scoring the first four points of the half, but James brought the lead down to the low double digits by scoring 13 points in the first six minutes of the third period. At the beginning of the fourth quarter the west's lead was down to only three points, 97-94.

The fourth quarter was highlighted throughout by the defensive intensity of the four members of the Pistons who all graced the floor at the same time. Pistons guard Hamilton said, "We went out there and did us, that's how we play." Laker guard Kobe Bryant just coming off a career high 81 points wasn't a dominant force throughout the game, but he hit a jumper with 31 seconds left to tie the game at 120. The tie didn't last long as the acrobatic Wade drove through the lane of a rebound and scored with 16 seconds left. The east held on to the win as final shot attempts by the west failed.

McGrady led all scorers with 36 points. James became the youngest all star game MVP in history with the east's victory.

Taylor named preseason SWAC pitcher of the year

Panther News Service

Pitcher Wrandal Taylor was named Southwestern Athletic Conference preseason pitcher of the year and to the all-conference preseason first team for the 2006 season.

Pitcher Matthew Chase and right fielder Anton Daley also earned preseason all-SWAC honors.

Taylor, a 5-10, 190-pound sophomore from Beaumont, Texas, had a 4.56 earned run average while leading the conference with 10 wins and a .710 win-loss percentage.

In other league statistical categories, he led in games started (15), ranked first in innings pitched (100.2) and fourth in strikeouts (71).

Taylor was honored twice last year as SWAC pitcher of the week for his play during the weeks of Feb. 24 and March 17. In addition, he was named to the Louisville Slugger's Freshman All-American Team, SWAC freshman of the year and selected to the SWAC all-tournament team.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Chase spent one year at Weatherford College before arriving at Prairie View last year.

He has emerged as the team's number two starter and teamed with Taylor to give the Panthers a solid 1-2 combination. Standing 6-5, this 200-pound junior led the SWAC with a 3.51 ERA and was tied for fourth in the conference with six wins.

He finished the 2005 season tied for third in the conference standings, pitching five complete games. He also struck out 45 batters and held opposing batters to a .277 batting average.

A 6-1, 200-pound senior from Boston, Mass. by way of Western Oklahoma State College, Daley led the SWAC with 12 homers, was third in slugging percentage (.621) and first in total bases (105). Daley also had 17 stolen bases and scored 52 runs.

Last year he reaped first team all-SWAC honors and was selected as the SWAC player of the week for the week of March 24.

"All of these guys are athletes that can make a difference in a game," said head baseball coach Michael Robertson. "With them on the field we are always in a position to win."



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

First team All-SWAC: Sophomore Wrandal Taylor led the conference last year with ten wins, and was named SWAC freshman of the year.

Williams fails fourth drug test

Associated Press

Several league sources said Monday night that the case against Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams, who reportedly violated the NFL's substance-abuse policy for a fourth time and who faces a possible one-year suspension, already is in the appeals process.

The timetable for resolving such appeals, which could be heard by commissioner Paul Tagliabue, varies by case and might take several months. Sources on Monday suggested Williams' appeal will likely take one-to-three months to resolve.

The substance discovered is not known publicly but a source said that the drug for which Williams was said to have tested positive was not marijuana. Williams has three times prior tested positive for marijuana use.

The Miami Herald quoted a source who called the Williams' situation "confusing." When asked what substance he might have been using, the

source told the newspaper, "This whole thing is a little confusing. I'll just leave it at that. The best way to say it is he violated the program."

The basis of Johnson's appeal remains unknown. Williams has tested positive for marijuana three times and served a four-game suspension when he returned to the NFL last season following a one-year retirement.

Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg, did not wish to discuss Williams' situation except in hypothetical terms, according to the Herald. "Assuming that something like this happened, an appeal would have been filed. In the best case, that appeal would probably not have been heard until April, but now that all this information is out, it's impossible to know what might happen. I would be blown away if Ricky Williams used drugs, and that's how most of the people around him also feel," Steinberg told the newspaper.

The report caught Williams' mother by surprise. On Sunday, Sandy Williams told the Palm Beach Post that her son is

currently in India, that they had not spoken of late, and that she'd "bet my life he's not smoking marijuana."

Steinberg said Williams has been in India for approximately two weeks and is not scheduled to return to the United States until early April. He said Williams could have received permission from the NFL to leave the country for a period of time and not be tested under the league's substance-abuse policy.

Williams abruptly retired from the NFL in July 2004 and the Dolphins fell apart, losing their first six games and finishing 4-12 -- their worst season since the 1960s.

At the time of his return, Williams was ordered to pay the Dolphins \$8.6 million for breaching his contract, although there has been no financial resolution between him and the team. He was scheduled to be paid the league minimum of \$540,000 last season but was docked four games' pay because of his league-mandated suspension and was fined another four games in pay, reducing his take to \$285,882.

Stokes named SWAC newcomer of the week

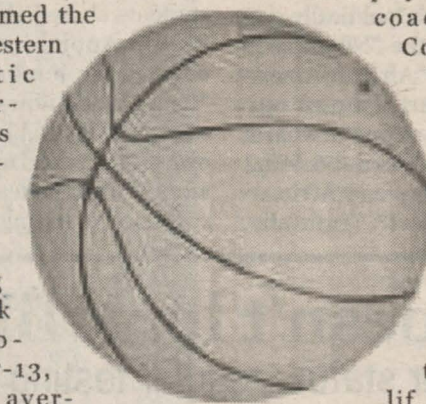
Panther News Service

For the second time this season Prairie View A&M University freshman forward Twila Stokes has been named the Southwestern Athletic Conference's newcomer of the week.

During the week of February 7-13, Stokes averaged 11.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, one assist, 1 steal and 0.5 blocks in a weekend series against Jackson State University (L 85-71) and Grambling State University (W 79-73). On

Monday night against Grambling State, she recorded 18 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist and two steals.

"Twila has improved steadily throughout the season and is beginning to reach her full potential as a player," said head coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke.



"She will continue to grow and improve with experience."

The 6-0 freshman from Hawthorne, Calif. is currently ranked 26th among NCAA Division I rebounders and first in the SWAC with 10 boards per game. Stokes also ranks third in the conference in blocks with 30 in 21 games.



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What does it mean to be black in 2006?

By **Jemma Hepburn**
Panther Staff

Some two centuries ago, being "black" meant being a "slave." A century or so later, a black person in America was considered a "Negro." Flash-forward into the country's "politically-correct" era, and the "Negro" was dubbed as an "African-American." Now at start of the 21st century, some may wonder what it means to be black in 2006. What new terminology can African-Americans expect? Truthfully,

the answer is not certain, but being black in 2006 means so much more than a mere term or label, or "ethnicity" slot on a job application.

Many would agree that "being black" currently is an attitude, way of life, way of dress, or even vernacular. Some PV students shared their opinions. Phillip Appiah, an electrical engineering junior states that, "Being black nowadays means to be free, to be able to own your own business, and to be a millionaire." "To me, it means that we're still here, standing strong, and

getting stronger everyday," says Sade Turner, a criminal justice sophomore.

Positive words, but not everyone feels as optimistic about the current state of the black race. Criminal justice sophomore, Courtney Hunter, claims that, "In 2006 black people are considered as entertainers, because the only time black people get any recognition is when they're getting some kind of Grammy award or when they're dead." Black people in 2006 don't set their goals far enough. Most blacks see graduating from college as impossibility,

especially black men. Women are spearheading the black race in corporate America. The gender roles have definitely changed in the home and workplace," says Scott Seymour, a chemistry graduate student.

What will the history books write about the black race of the 21st century? In years past, black people in America were known for their civil rights work, inventions, and political accomplishments. History tells us of the George Washington Carvers, Martin Luther Kings, and Rosa Parks of the world. Can the same

be said about the black achievers of this century? The answer—as seen by those interviewed—depends on whom you ask. Some may argue, however, that the era of segregation and outright inequality of African-Americans is over; therefore accomplishments of the sort do not apply. True as it may be, are there not other areas that we can conquer? As we celebrate Black History Month this month, let us not only reflect on the accomplishments of our forefathers, but on how we can continue to carry on the legacy in 2006.

He doesn't look like he has AIDS:

Know your status, regular testing can save your life



By **Theresa Okeyo-Oweor, Nichole Liggins and Dennis E. Daniels, M.P.H., Dr.P.H.**
Medical Correspondent

the number one cause of death for African American women aged 25-34 years.

In 2004, the primary mode of HIV transmission among African American men was sexual contact with other men, followed by heterosexual contact and injection drug use. The primary mode of HIV transmission among African American women was heterosexual contact, followed by injection drug use. African Americans accounted for 20,965 (49%) of the 42,514 estimated AIDS cases diagnosed in the United States (including US dependencies, possessions, and associated nations).

The rate of AIDS diagnoses for African American adults and adolescents was 10 times the rate for whites and almost three times the rate for Hispanics. The rate of AIDS diagnoses for African American women was 23 times the rate for white women. The rate of AIDS diagnoses for African American men was eight times the rate for white men. The 178,233 African Americans living with AIDS in the United States accounted for 43% of all people in the United States

living with AIDS.

African American women, a term that includes adults and adolescents, are especially hard hit by HIV/AIDS. During 2001-2004, African American women accounted for 68% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses for women in the 33 states with long-term, confidential name-based HIV reporting. More than three-fourths of the HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed for African American women during 2001-2004 were caused by heterosexual contact. Injection drug use accounted for almost one fifth of the cases.

HIV/AIDS is a disease that continues to take its toll on the African American community and denial is no longer a viable option. Getting tested and knowing your status and that of your partner could be a life and death decision.

For more information contact www.cdc.gov and for information on testing and counseling please contact the Owens-Franklin Health Center at extension 2511 or the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services at (713) 794-9640.

Is it sex or love?

Students highlight the significance and differences between two concepts

By **Palmer Perez**
Panther staff

"Does love exist on the campus of Prairie View A&M? Well, you can't rule out the thought, because there are some couples that have genuine feelings for each other and cherish the thought of being together. On the other hand, you also have to acknowledge the fact that we live in a day and age where an increasing number of people are just having sex "for the thrill of it".

Chris Smith, a graduate student from Galveston, Texas, offered his view on how sex and love differ but also go hand in hand. "Love is when you really care for someone and are willing to go that extra mile to please them".

With the regularity that people are having sex, is it even possible to have a relationship that doesn't include sex?

"Sex can complicate things, but it can also make things easier. It's difficult because the reason most relation-

ships fail is because of something relating to sex. Whether it's lack of sex, cheating or 'poor performance', the reason for breaking up almost always revolves around sex. The grounds of the relationship need to be set early, so that both partners know if sex is high on their agenda when it comes to a relationship," said Smith.

Sharise Washington, a sophomore nursing major from Houston, Texas gave her thoughts on love and sex.

"I would put the sex to lovemaking ratio at 70-30. 70 percent for the amount of people that have sex for fun and 30 for people actually making love and enjoying each other," said Washington.

From a girl's view, can a relationship last without sex?

"No, because sex is what keeps a relationship going. In a relationship, the feelings and passion involved with sex helps out a great deal," said Washington.

True love isn't dead. It takes a special person to be able to look their partner in the eye and confess their love for them and mean it. Guys tend to hide their feelings because they feel that they may have to rip their Players Card when they fall for a girl, while girls naturally show feelings and are more inclined to show emotion in a relationship. It may come as a surprise to many ladies on this campus, but there are some quality gentlemen on "The Yard" who know how to treat a woman and know what it means to be loyal.

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Did you know? A look into black history

By **Sean Mitchell**
Panther Staff

February is Black History Month and many people spend the month reflecting on the most famous figures, people, and moments in African-American culture. While this effort is okay there other known facts that may come as a surprise as well. The following are some facts are not as commonly known, but are astounding nonetheless. Did you know that....

*Lawrence Douglas Wilder was the first elected black governor, winning the governorship of Virginia in 1990.

*The NAACP started off as the Niagara Movement in 1905, led by W.E.B. Dubois.

*Manulana Karenga established Kwanza in 1966

*Long before Randall Cunningham and Michael Vick ran down NFL fields, Willie Thower became the first black quarterback in 1953, playing for the Chicago Bears.

*After reconstruction, a number of Black towns were founded in the South, including Nicodemus, Kansas; Langston City, Oklahoma; and Kendleton, Texas; among others.

*Madame C.J. Walker (aka Sarah Breedlove Walker) became the first millionaire having invented a series of black hair care products.

*Though he is well known for helping establish Washington D.C., Benjamin Banneker created a watch out of wood that kept accurate time for 40 years.

*Just 3 months after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier in the Major Leagues, Larry Doby broke the American League color barrier in July of 1947.

The list continues for the number of African Americans who contributed to the pursuit of black history. While the plight for essence of African Americans is never ending, we must not forget the past. For more information, log onto <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>.

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PV students shine with stars during all-star weekend

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

Tracy McGrady, T.I., Young Jeezy, Lil Wayne, and Baby Face Nubia threw parties at the local clubs like Mercury Room, Club Hush, Visions, Maxis, M-Bar, Roxy, The Renaissance, and Dreams.

Even though the parties were star studded, many clubs were charging an arm and a leg to get in. For instance R. Kelly's pre-game party was charging one-hundred dollars for general admission and two-hun-

dred dollars for VIP. Many students from Prairie View A&M University attended a majority of these events. Senior education major Natasha Octave said "I went to Maxis on Friday, I saw Lil Wayne and he

looked so much better in person. We only paid twenty dollars to get in but, we had to pay another twenty dollars for parking."

The Bar-Rio, for

merly known as T-Town, was invaded with celebrities such as Big Tigger, Trina, Jazze Phe', Lil Flip, Jody Breeze, and Chamillionaire. The party was thrown by R. Kelly, who by the way, never showed up, but that did not spoil the atmosphere.

Senior business management major Jason Hooley was in attendance at the Bar Rio and he said "Yeah, me and my people were all access, VIP, I saw a lot of stars, but me and my boys are already nation wide celebrities so it was all eyes on us." When asked about the club atmosphere he said "It was money everywhere, the ladies was looking lovely, it was a nice party."

The festivities ended late Sunday night, and it will be awhile before Houston host a weekend like this again.

This past weekend was one of the most eventful occasions ever to come to Houston, Texas. This event even topped last year's Super Bowl. The NBA all-star weekend, which started on Thursday for most of us, was filled with long days at the mall and long nights at the club.

Houston was filled with hundreds of thousands of tourists from all over the world. Even though the main attraction was the all-star game, the biggest draw was the Houston club scene. Many celebrities such as P.Diddy, Mary J. Blige, Shaggy, Nelly, R. Kelly,



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Bldg #38 "Celebrated Academic Excellence" for its 3.0 to 4.0 students. Their Faculty Fellow, Dr. Parks briefed the students on ways to boost their GPA and enhance their academic success
Bldg#45 held a seminar on "Greek Organization Formation and African-American History."

The UC Talent Show will be held on March 8, 2006. Practices will be held February 20, 28 and March 7th.

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Events for Feb. 23-Mar.1, 2006

Thursday, 2/23	Monday, 2/27	Tuesday, 2/28	Wednesday, 3/1
NAACP 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m. NSB	SGA 12 p.m.-2 p.m. MSC	Alpha Kappa Alpha 5:30 p.m-11 p.m. Hobart	Phi Beta Sigma 6 p.m-10 p.m. SL
African Student Association 6 p.m. -10 p.m. MSC	CAB 5 p.m. -7 p.m. NSB	Blackstone Pre-law Society Meeting 5 p.m-8 p.m. Woolfolk	Blackstone Pre-law Society Meeting 5 p.m-8 p.m. Woolfolk
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Sigma Alpha Iota 7 p.m-9 p.m. SL	Phi Beta Sigma 6 p.m-10 p.m. SL	Gamma Phi Delta 6:30 p.m-9 p.m. All Faiths Chapel	FOCCS Meeting 7 p.m-8:30 p.m. JPAFC
Friday, 2/24		FOCCS Meeting 7 p.m-8:30 p.m. JPAFC	PEACE Project 12 p.m -2 p.m. Evans Hall
University Village 6 p.m- 9 p.m. MSC		PEACE Project 12 p.m-2 p.m. Evans Hall	
African Student Association 6 p.m-9 p.m. MSC		Criminal Justice Club 4 p.m-5 p.m. Woolfolk-110.	
Saturday, 2/25		African Students Assoc. 6 p.m-9 p.m. BSBA-101	
Recruitment 7 a.m- 2 p.m. MSC		NAACP 6:45 p.m-9p.m. W.R.Banks-204	
Sunday, 2/26		Church of Christ 7 p.m-8 p.m. Delco-328	
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED			



Panther Poetry Lounge

Chocolate Girl

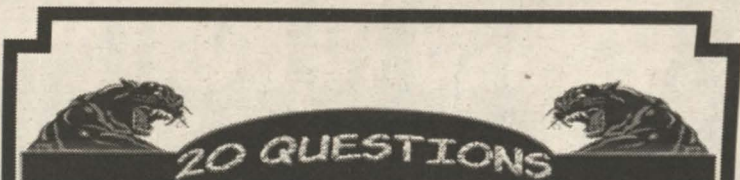
By Joseph F. Carr II

I must say you are my world
Smooth to the touch with EBONY skin
Everyone knows that I want to get in ...

... To you ever so deep
Give you a love that I feel is unique
Keep you selfishly to my self
Everyone knows I just can't help

... Myself when I'm around you
I hold a passion ever so true
With all the money in the world I couldn't buy you
Everyone knows I want to try you ...

... Now from your lips to your head
From your wall to your ceiling to your floor to
your bed. When you speak my toes just curl
Everyone knows this, my chocolate girl

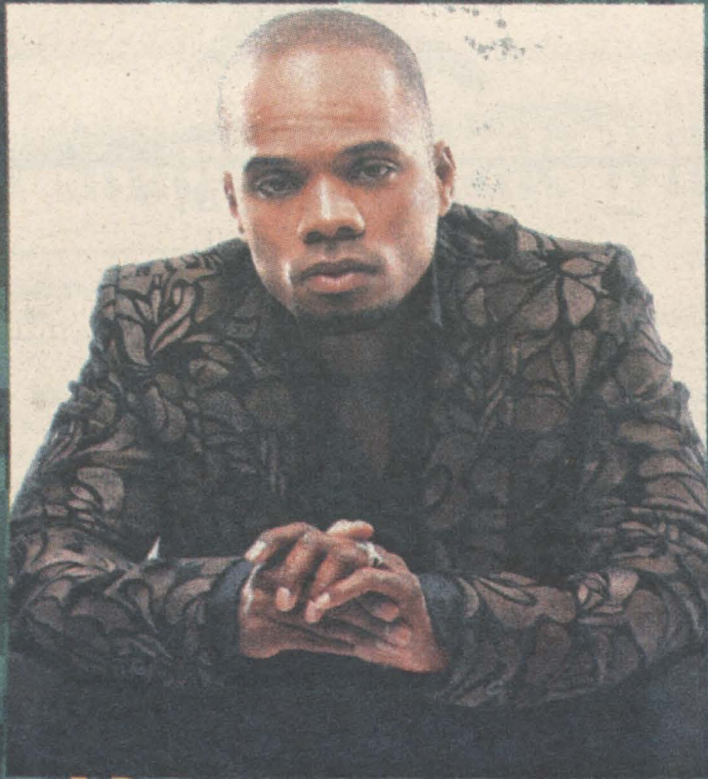


1. Why was the football team practicing in the new gym on Monday? 2. Were they inspired by all-star weekend? 3. And speaking of all-star weekend how many people spent their tuition and rent money going to the club? 4. If your organization has only two struts, is it necessary to participate in hump day on the hill? 5. Who went to spring MIPs and found out their organization is not having a line this semester? 6. What is really happening in U.C? 7. What football player got caught on facebook cheating on his girlfriend? 8. Did he ever get his windows repaired? 9. How many females have their boyfriends living with them in the Phases? 10. Do they help pay rent or just play house? 11. Why is it that faculty, staff, and administrators can park illegally in handicap parking spots but students are ticketed for parking where they are told to park? 12. Even though you are a twin why do you have to still dress alike in college? 13. How can two people be identical but one still look better than the other one? 14. How many people are finished with their points? 15. Who is the girl with the red and white hair? 16. Doesn't she know you need a black rinse and an attitude to impress that organization? 17. Who is still going to class but not registered? 18. How many females were serenaded in the village by KKPsi for Valentine's Day? 19. Did they strip too? 20. Who is ready for probate?

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