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Financial aid office strives to meet students' needs

By Jerrell Allen
Panther Staff

The financial aid office is implementing new measures this semester in an effort to serve Prairie View A&M University students more efficiently.

In an interview with *The Panther*, Tracie N. Matthews, director of financial aid, said the financial aid office is undergoing many changes to increase its accessibility and to give students more opportunities to gain scholarships. An example is the "Designated Tuition" scholarship. The \$500 is awarded to Texas residents on need-based criteria.

To improve the speed and reliability of the office, four new staff members have been added. They are Shanita Parker, a scholarship coordinator, Ursula Robinson, an assistant in the financial aid office, Michelle Murray, a customer service representative, and Lana Williams, a financial aid counselor.

The office now has 23 staff members. The office hours are now from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

The financial aid Web site located at pvamu.edu has also been revamped for easier information accessibility and processing.

Matthews said that many counselors have been incredibly busy processing files on students who have already submitted all of

their information, but the financial aid counselors will be available after Sept. 6 to assist students with their financial aid needs.

"We have a long way to go for improvement; we have made strides to improve the financial aid office. This year students

in a timely manner," Matthews added.

In order for students to help with improvements, Matthews promised to provide a suggestion box at the front counter of the financial aid office. She encouraged students who are having problems with the office or who have had problems in the past to submit suggestions. "We're here to service you," continued Matthews. "If you have questions or concerns, please contact the financial aid office. Appointments are appreciated."

As a general rule for handling concerns, Matthews advised that "e-mail is the best means of communication with the office, so it is important that students check their e-mail consistently."

Matthews said she would continue to update students on developments and scholarship opportunities.



Making moves: Financial aid director Tracie N. Matthews (right) and the financial aid department are doing all they can to serve students better.

are being processed faster, and more students are being processed before class begins and before the 12th class day. Notification for students is being sent in the summer months and more loans have been certified



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In the news...

Democrats urge Bush to consider changing Pentagon civilian bosses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading Democratic lawmakers on Monday urged President Bush to consider changing the civilian leadership at the Pentagon, one week after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warned against fascism and appeasement as he defended U.S. policies in Iraq.

Rumsfeld drew heavy criticism from Democrats after telling an American Legion convention in Salt Lake City that "it is apparent that many have still not learned history's lessons." In alluding to criticism aimed at Bush administration war policies, he used terms associated with the failure to stop Nazism in the 1930s.

The political parties renewed debate over Iraq and Rumsfeld's tenure at the Defense Department as the traditional fall campaign season began on Labor Day.

In a letter released Monday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and 10 other congressional party leaders told the president that considering making such a change would show he recognizes the problems his policies "created in Iraq and elsewhere."

"While a change in your Iraq policy will best advance our chances for success, we do not believe the current civilian leadership at the Department of Defense is suited to implement and oversee such a change in policy," the lawmakers wrote.

The 850-word letter criticizes Bush's policies in Iraq, calling them part of a "stay the course strategy" that has failed to make the U.S. more secure, and it suggests several changes long called for by Democratic leaders.

Others who signed the letter were

Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Carl Levin of Michigan, Joe Biden of Delaware, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii; and Reps. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, Ike Skelton of Missouri, Tom Lantos and Jane Harman of California, and John Murtha of Pennsylvania.

In response to the Democrats' letter, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., issued a statement accusing Democrats, including national chairman Howard Dean, of calling for retreat from Iraq before the U.S. mission there was completed. U.S.-led forces invaded Iraq in March 2003 and removed dictator Saddam Hussein from power.

"The Democrat leadership finally agrees on something unfortunately it's retreat. Whether they call it 're-deployment' or 'phased withdrawal,' the effect is the same: We would leave Americans more vulnerable and Iraqis at the mercy of al-Qaida, a terrorist group whose aim toward Iraqis and Americans is clear," said McConnell, the Republican whip in the Senate.

Child on Arkansas theme park ride struck by stray bullet

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) A child was struck by a stray bullet Monday while riding a log flume ride at Magic Springs & Crystal Falls theme park, officials said.

The victim, who has not been identified, was struck in the wrist by a .22 caliber bullet while on the ride. Authorities believe that someone outside the theme park fired a weapon into the air, and the bullet came down and hit the child.

Dan Aylward, Magic Springs president and general manager, said the victim received treatment from on-site emergency medical technicians. No one else was injured in the shooting, Aylward said.

Officials don't know who fired the gun, and no one reported hearing

Texas cornerback arrested on drug, weapon charges

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas. Texas cornerback Tarell Brown was arrested on misdemeanor drug and weapon charges early Monday, leaving his status in question for the No. 3 Longhorns' game with top-ranked Ohio State.

Brown, a senior starter, was arrested with Tyrell Gatewood, a backup junior linebacker and special teams player, and former Texas linebacker Aaron Harris.

Brown was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, a loaded 9 mm handgun, and possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana. Gatewood and Harris were charged with the same drug misdemeanor.

The attorney for Brown and Gatewood said Gatewood legally purchased the gun earlier this year and that neither of them smoked the marijuana found in the car.

The gun charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. The drug charge carries a maximum of 180 days in a jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Brown and Gatewood were released on personal recognizance bond Monday afternoon and Harris was released later in the day.

Coach Mack Brown said he met with both players and was "holding them out of all team functions as we gather as much information as possible before making a team decision."

Texas (1-0) and Ohio State (1-0) play in Austin on Saturday night.

Defensive co-coordinator Gene Chizik said the team remains "very focused."

"One thing that's awesome about the University of Texas, you have opportunities to have great depth," Chizik said.

According to the arrest affidavit filed by deputies, the three were in a car Harris was driving on Interstate 35 about 2:50 a.m. A deputy pulled the group over after watching the car weave erratically and nearly strike another car.

According to the report, Harris got out of the car when pulled over and Brown and Gatewood were asleep.

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Harris passed a field sobriety test but told the deputy he had been smoking marijuana and there was "some" in the car. When deputies approached, they saw Brown in the back seat asleep with his hand on a gun in his lap.

Under state law, a person commits an offense if he intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries on or about his person a handgun, illegal knife, or club.

The officers also reported finding marijuana under the front seat and charged all three with possession. Only Brown was charged with a weapons violation.

Attorney Jamie Balagia said Gatewood bought the gun at a store and left it in the car after going to a shooting range a couple weeks earlier.

Balagia said Brown picked up the gun only after it slid out from under the front seat and intended to bring it inside when the players got home.

"It was in his lap but he was not intentionally violating the law," Balagia said. "Tarell does nothing to suggest he's doing anything illegal or intentionally violating the law. I think what we have is a misunderstanding."

Balagia also said Brown and Gatewood underwent urine tests at school Monday to prove they didn't smoke the marijuana.

If Brown is suspended, it could be a huge blow to a defensive unit considered the team's strength this season. Brown was likely to draw the assignment of covering Buckeye wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr., one of Ohio State's top playmakers.

The Longhorns could start junior Brandon Foster or sophomore Ryan Palmer. Foster has played in 22 games and Palmer in 10 last season.

Brown has 127 career tackles and three interceptions. He broke his arm in the second half of the Rose Bowl last year and had six tackles in a 56-7 win over North Texas.

Gatewood was a former wide receiver before switching to linebacker this season.

In 2003, Mack Brown suspended standout running back Cedric Benson, who was charged with criminal trespassing.

CAMPUS

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Dr. Alfred Poindexter, PV faculty member for 59 years

By Anterria Brown
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University professor emeritus Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter died Saturday, Aug. 19, at the age of 85 from natural causes. Memorial services were held for the beloved professor on Thursday, Aug. 24, in the William J. Nicks building.

Dr. Poindexter, or "Doc" as he was affectionally called by his friends, colleagues, and students began teaching animal science and practicing veterinary medicine at Prairie View in 1945, when he was only 24 years old. He remained at Prairie View and educated thousands of students for more than 50 years until his retirement in 2004.

"He used humor to entertain, to instruct, and inform thereby preparing students to face life's challenges without fear or bewilderment," said Provost E. Joahanne-Thomas-Smith.

Shortly after receiving his veterinary degree from Kansas State University, and accepting a faculty appointment at Prairie View, Poindexter

began developing a reputation as an impeccable veterinarian. People brought their animals from near and far for him to treat.

He was deemed a healer, and became known as the vet who could heal animals when all others had failed. Due to his superb reputation as a vet, Poindexter along with former Prairie View A&M University President Dr. E.B. Evans were inducted into the Texas Veterinary Association. They were the first two African Americans to gain membership into the exclusive state veterinary association.

Over the years Poindexter received numerous awards, honors, and recognition for his veterinary skills and accomplishments as an educator. In 1992, the Texas A&M University Board of Regents approved the naming of

the veterinary hospital as the Alfred N. Poindexter Veterinary Hospital, in honor of the distin-

community.

Poindexter was also selected as one of the four most outstanding black agriculturists in Texas, and shortly after he was inducted into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor.

Poindexter was selected to be the recipient of Tuskegee University's 1996 George Washington Carver Award for public service.

In 2005, he was selected to receive the Alumni Recognition Award from Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to his teaching career spanning nearly 60 years, Poindexter was very active in the community. He co-founded the Prairie View Trail riders, and played a major part in the Houston Live Stock show.

He was

scoutmaster of Prairie View Troop 141, and received a medal for outstanding service by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Poindexter was a charter member of the Epsilon Tau Lambda chapter Of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Poindexter's life was full of numerous achievements, honors, and awards. Those who knew him well, testify that he considered his greatest achievement as being able to educate all five of his children. Poindexter was a devoted family man who worked hard to achieve his dreams and he stressed the importance of education to his children.

"Dr. Poindexter to me was ahead of his time. Even though he came up in an era of racism and hardship he was able to break that barrier. He was a pillar in the community and people loved and respected him. He will be missed," said Frederick Roberts, career services coordinator.

Poindexter is survived by his wife of 65 years Rachel, and their five children Alfred, Betti, Bruce, Paula, and Yvette, and numerous grandchildren.



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Lorna Bailey, a special person who was easy to love

By Anterria Brown
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University recently bid farewell to one of its brightest stars. Lorna Bailey, a senior communications major, died Monday, Aug. 21, from complications and injuries resulting from an automobile accident.

Bailey, 22, was traveling in the car with fellow Prairie View student and lifelong friend Shayna Woods, 21, on their way to Prairie View when for unknown reasons the Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving went off road and flipped. As a result of the accident, Bailey was thrown from her car.

Bailey was life flighted by helicopter to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, where a day later she died. Shayna Woods, the passenger in the car was treated for minor cuts and bruises

and was then released from the hospital.

"From the moment I met Lorna, I knew she was special. Someone so easy to love. God put her on this earth for a reason and he took her away for the same. I have to remind myself that she was a borrowed blessing not mine to keep. There will never be another like her she was one of a kind", said junior Ashley Slayton

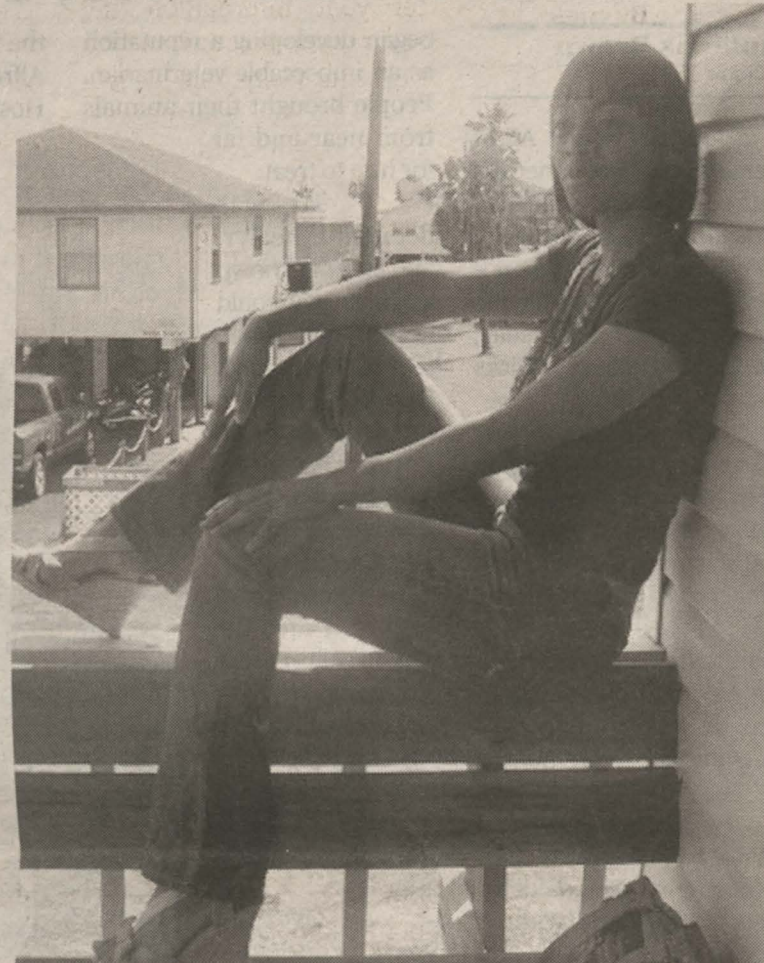
Funeral services were held for the beloved student on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Forth Worth, Texas. At the memorial services Bailey's family was presented with her degree; she was scheduled to graduate in December of 2006.

"Lorna was a truly sweet and loving friend to all who knew her, I know she is still

smiling down on us. I met Lorna this year, through Sigma Tau Theta and I am truly grateful to have been blessed with having know her," said junior Alexis Benton

Bailey was a member of Sigma Tau Theta, a communication fraternity, and was also a Rap-A-Lot intern, as well as a Universal Records intern.

She is survived by her mother Carol Bailey, her father Leonard Bailey; her two sisters Michelle Livingston, and Carsha Bailey; and her two brothers Sanford Crayton Jr. and Aldrich Bailey.



Gone but not forgotten. Bailey was scheduled for graduation in December of 2006.

President addresses student body at general assembly

By Alexis Benton
Panther Staff

The pre-posting of colors presented by the AROTC marked the beginning of the general student assembly last Wednesday at William J. "Billy" Nicks Field House.

Following the Star Spangled Banner performed by the University Concert Chorale, the invocation was presented by Mr. Asad Abdul-Salaam, Mr. Prairie View 2006-2007, which was followed by the welcome from SGA vice president,

Bryan Robertson.

President George C. Wright gave an annual address to both new and returning students, faculty members, and guests. With a "Welcome back to the hill." Dr. Wright acknowledged the many organizations gathered at the assembly and wished to inspire all students to set goals and meet them before they graduate.

The President gave a warm reminder to students to make valuable decisions and choices while in college and to remember how precious life is and that

college will fundamentally change your life.

The president also called on students to learn and think for themselves and to not be easily persuaded by others. "Going upstream with everybody can be bad for you," stated Wright on how students should listen to family members or role models who offer constructive criticism.

Zero tolerance on inappropriate behavior such as fighting, and drug use was also affirmed by the president.

Wright called on

faculty members to help students achieve their goals while here at Prairie View. Junior communications major Eric Thomas spoke with agreement on faculty members becoming more involved in students academic success. "If we took a list of our goals to our advisors they probably wouldn't pay it much concern, but I'm going to try it because they should try to help students with their goals, they are suppose to be here to help," Thomas said.

Dr. E. Johanne Thomas-Smith, provost

and senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs recognized the many awards and honors received by each college and department. Programs such as Access and PAW were acknowledged for their community service involvement on and off campus.

The assembly ended with a purple and gold preview with performances by cheerleaders, the Marching Storm and a brief spirit rally in support of the football team for the 22nd Annual Labor Day Classic.

Paperless overpayment checks

By Jamaur Barnes
Panther Staff

The office of Fiscal Services now provides a brand new quick and easy system to assist students in the disbursement and receiving of their overpayment checks, which has conveniently been dubbed, PV Pay.

This new system allows undergraduate and graduate students alike to receive their re-imbursement checks through their major checking or savings account as soon as it hits their fees.

Registration requires access to a computer, your banking information, and a few minutes of free time.

To register access PantherTracks, and select "enter student services." Enter your user I.D. and pin number and select "Bank Account Information." En-

ter your information and registration is complete.

Students seem to be pleased with all of the new advancements. "I'm so excited that we can now get our checks routed directly to our bank accounts. After four long years of taking numbers and waiting in lines, this new advancement definitely cuts the stress and anticipation of overpayment checks in half," said senior Afton J. McDonald.

PV Pay is accessible to students with major banking accounts, but it also provides a service for those who are without such access.

"I'm not really sure about the new direct deposit system, I dont like to give out my personal information over the Internet so I dont think I would take advantage of it", said freshmen Ebony Ross.

The PV Pay Website offers an array of banks

as well as banking associates and branch managers, which can be accessed directly from the page, and allows students to immediately register with local and national banks, and then directly links their new bank and PV Pay.

"I'm proud to say that my school is stepping to the forefront of technological advancement; oftentimes we as students will say 'Look at what that school has,' now other schools will be saying that about us," said junior Ashley Copeland.

"This system is all around great; it helps those with or without bank accounts, as well as those who may not have access to transportation to cash those checks, and it keeps your parents out of your mail," said junior Ashley Copeland.

More information about PV Pay can be found at <http://www.pvamu.edu/pvpay>.

PV alumnus receives honor from NASA

By Jerrell Allen
Panther Staff

Last July NASA reaffirmed the oft-repeated motto of this university: Prairie View produces productive people.

On July 1, during the week of the shuttle launch of the STS-121, NASA awarded Kofi S. Burney, son of Ulysses E. Burney and Bettye M. Burney, the Space Flight Awareness Launch Honoree Award. Burney, who was a 1991 honor graduate of Cass Technical High School, attended Prairie View A&M and graduated in 1996 with honors. He went on to attend the University of Houston for post-graduate studies, where he also graduated with honors in 2001. The STS-121, the 115th space shuttle flight which Burney contributed his efforts to, will continue to test new equipment and procedures that increase the safety of space shuttles. It also will perform maintenance on the

International Space Station and deliver more supplies and cargo for future station expansion. The Space Flight Awareness Award, or SFA, is among the highest presented by NASA for its first-level management positions and below.

The award honors employees for their dedication to quality work and flight safety. Recipients are rewarded with a visit to a space facility in Orlando, Florida as a NASA VIP. The award is only given when an employee contributes beyond the normal work requirements, attains a particular program goal, acts as a key player in developing a beneficial process improvement, contributes to a major cost savings, is instrumental in developing modification to hardware, software, or materials that increase reliability, efficiency, or performance.

Presently working as a senior network engineer with Lockheed, Burney has recently been promoted to a position with NASA.

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Johnathan Ross, a sincere friend and hardworking individual

By Anterria Brown
News Editor

Prairie View A&M University student Jonathan Ross 20, died Thursday Aug. 20, 2006 as a result of injuries obtained during an automobile accident.

Ross, a junior accounting major from Dallas, Texas was traveling on the highway when his tire blew out and he lost control of his vehicle, causing his car to flip. Ross who was originally from Santa Ana, California attended high school at Dallas Lake

Highlands and graduated with honors. He then came to Prairie View, where he was a member of the football team, as well as being a member of the track team.

"Jonathan Ross was one of the most sincere and hard working individuals I've ever met. He taught me to be concerned with pleasing God instead of pleasing man. That's one of the best lessons I've ever learned" said junior Burks Titus

Ross was laid to rest on Aug. 24, in Sulfur Springs, Texas.

He is survived by his father Jerry Ross Sr, his mother, Rose Marie Ross, his fiancé Ashle Hampton, his daughter Aniyah Ross, his sister Tonya Mayfield, his two brothers Jerry Ross Jr, and Joshua Ross, his God parents, Martin and Beverly Houston, and his God brother, Carl Smith.

"Surley goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the lord forever" Psalms 23:6.

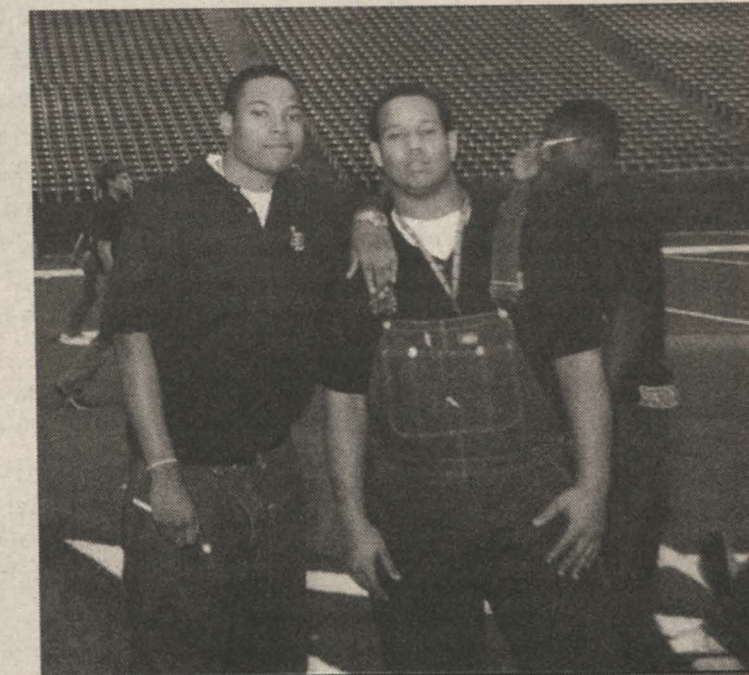


Photo courtesy of Burks Titus
In loving memory: Ross and longtime friend Burks Titus.

The Rastafarian movement

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

The Rastafarian movement is a religion that accepts former Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie I, or "Power of the Trinity I" (whose real name was Ras Tafari Makonnen) as God incarnate or Jah.

Founded around 1930, the religion was popularized by lower-class Jamaicans and was formed from an interpretation of the Bible by the said Jamaicans. Additionally, political activist Marcus Garvey was very influential in the formation of the Rastafari movement.

Many view the religion negatively, with the most notable reason being its acceptance and encouragement of the use of cannabis (marijuana).

In the 1920s, Marcus Garvey

started the United Negro Improvement Association, whose stated goal was to reunite black people all over the world with their "homeland" of Africa. He explained that this was necessary because "Babylon," or Caucasians, had spread black people all over the world and that it was tough for them to have one solid state of mind since they were not unified. Babylon had set unto them a "slave mentality" that lasted to this present day. The unification of blacks, according to Garvey, would happen when there is the crowning of a king in Africa.

In the late 1920s, he would go back to his native homeland of Jamaica to spread his ideas.

In 1930, Makonnen was crowned king in Ethiopia and Garvey's "prophecy" had come true, at least to some.

It should be noted that nei-

ther Garvey nor Makonnen ever were part of the Rastafarian movement. Nevertheless, the movement gained heavy footing in Jamaica and was the cause of civil unrest in Jamaica (though, as practitioners of non-violence, there was little violence. Jamaican authorities did not take too kindly to some of their actions and repressed Rastafarian ideas such as push to end segregation and racism in Jamaica. More importantly, the movement didn't seem organized.

The movement finally headed in a more positive direction when in the late 1960s the Walter Rodney led Black Power movement, helped spur Rastafarians into action across the Caribbean and led to many express themselves not only politically, but via the arts. This includes arguably

the most famous Rastafarian, Bob Marley, whose music and popularity made certain that the movement would be better understood and recognized.

According to the University of Virginia's library Web site, despite the fact that few practitioners agree on one solid doctrine, they agree on the following ideas: "First, all four groups [or sects of the Rastafarian movement] condemned Jamaica's colonial society. Second, all believed repatriation to Africa was the key to overcoming oppression. Next, all of these groups advocated non-violence. Finally, all four groups worshipped the divinity of Haile Selassie I.

The four early Rastafarian groups reflected the movement's history of diversification and lack of centralized leadership." Ideas such as these, mainly the

belief of black supremacy, has led to misunderstandings by other groups of people and is why Rastafarians have generally met harsh treatment no matter where they have gone.

In addition, those who are true Rastafarians have to deal with the fact that many young non-Rastafarian Caribbean blacks have adopted their look (such as their wearing of dreadlocks), and many people, including many Americans, do not differentiate between them and the non-Rastafarian. However, more than anything the use of cannabis is what hurts the perception of Rastafarians.

Few Rastafarians smoke recreationally and some do not smoke it at all. Instead, those who do use cannabis say they use it to aid their meditations and also for medical purposes.

IN THE SPIRIT

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Image is everything

By Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Black College Wire

You can whine, cry, complain, stomp and scream about it, but image is everything.

Perception is 99 percent of getting your foot in the door.

I spent the week before classes leading the fall workshop for The Meter, the student newspaper at Tennessee State University, recruiting for the publication and meeting with different campus constituents. In almost all these settings, I noticed a common thread: image. I also noticed a concerted effort by the university, intentional or not, to stress image.

During a lunch with Tennessee State President Melvin N. Johnson and some members of his executive cabinet, he spoke of the university's image.

When students do not score well on the rising-junior or senior-exit exams, the scores paint a portrait of poor academic performance at Tennessee State. By contrast, the university's image was perceived as stellar when researcher Frank Fekel visited the Czech Republic in August to vote on whether the solar

system will gain three planets or lose one.

It got me thinking. What part does Corporate America's opinion on image have to do with us? I mean, we're just students.

Well, professionalism is exciting to me. I dress the part and have fun doing it. I've interned and networked

dents in transition from high school to college life. A small group of male members of the university's staff, faculty and administration have made an effort to rectify what they see is a problem.

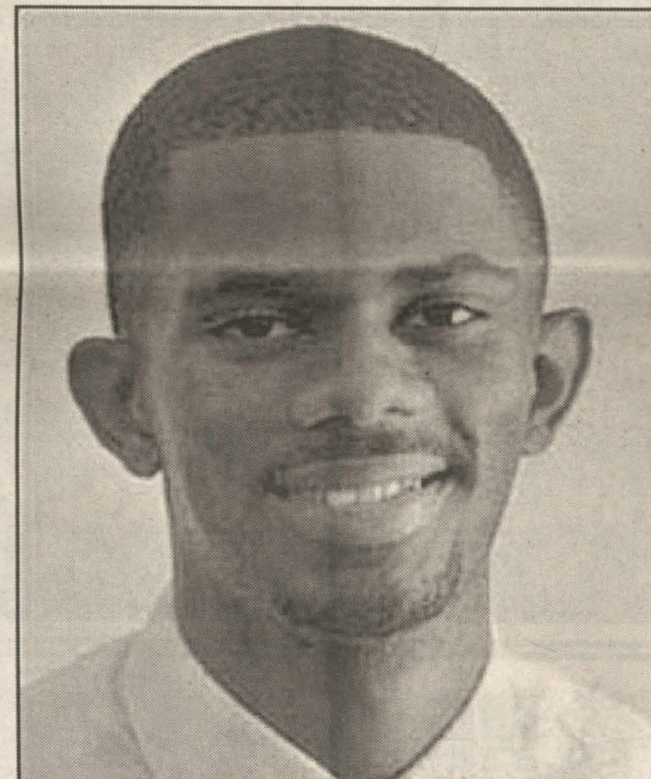
Several male freshmen are suffering disciplinary setbacks early in their collegiate careers, tarnishing both their individual images and that of the university. During a meeting with some 150 new male students on Aug. 22, image was emphasized as a top priority for the newest Tigers.

Later that week, Dewey English, managing editor of the Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register, met with The Meter staff. In short, he gave a seven-point series of suggestions for young college students beginning careers. What was English's No. 2 point? The idea of image came up: Dress professional.

At some point, we have to step up and take responsibility for that which we call our own, whether it is embracing the university, taking pride in the things we do for our communities, or doing on a personal note what is necessary to take ourselves to the next level.

Therefore, in the words of Johnson, "As we develop our image, we need to own it and protect it."

Eddie R. Cole Jr., a student at Tennessee State University, is editor in chief of The Meter.



Eddie R. Cole Jr.

Attention: All faculty and staff

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Counseling Center Activities

Emotional Intelligence (EI) Workshop

Description: Emotional Intelligence (EI) has become one of the hottest buzzwords incorporate America. For example, when the Harvard Business Review published an article on the subject in 1998, it attracted more readers than any other article it had published in the last 40 years. Many believe that EI is a better predictor of job performance than IQ. As a result, EI is increasingly being considered in employee hiring decisions and in job performance evaluation. As a professional preparing to enter the workforce, you need to know what EI is and how you can leverage that information to give you a competitive edge. This workshop will measure your EI from an internal and an external perspective. Areas of weakness and strength will be identified. Participants will develop a personal plan to increase their EI competencies.

Duration: Two day workshop, 2hrs each day

Date/Time: Mon 11Sep06, 3-5pm, and the follow-up session 2 weeks later

Location: MSC Ballroom Room 204

Contact: Dr Pendleton, 936-857-1215

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How have the recent deaths of Lorna Bailey, Dr. Poindexter, and Jonathan Ross changed your perspective on life and how you will live life in the future?



"Tomorrow isn't promised to anyone and everyday should be lived to its fullest."

Shalisa Tompkins, 28 Senior, Business



"Stop taking the little things for granted and enjoy my time now because tomorrow isn't promised. Also, I will drive slower."

Malvin Wilcox, 22 Senior, Communication



"Makes me think that I shouldn't take life for granted and to always wear my seatbelt."

Ciceley Curvey, 21 Junior, Social Work

Photos and interviews conducted by Alanna Jones

Defeated but unbowed

Panthers fall short of third consecutive Labor Day classic victory



Panthers suffer heartbreaking loss

By Palmer Perez
Panther Staff

Sept. 2 marked the annual Labor Classic featuring the Prairie View Panthers versus the Tigers of Texas Southern University. The game, a close one throughout, was decided when Tiger kicker DJavan Conway kicked a 33 yard field goal with 11 seconds left to give TSU a 17-14 victory.

Things started sloppy when the opening kickoff was fumbled by TSU and recovered by sophomore Sheron Harmon at the 21 yard line. Play only got sloppier when junior Prairie View running back Arnell Fontenot coughed up the ball and gave possession right back to the Tigers. Texas Southern started driving the ball and got to the 16 yard line of the Panthers, looking to score. Tiger QB Tino Edgcombe sailed an errant pass that was promptly intercepted by sophomore defensive back Jason Fobbs. Fobbs would add another interception later in the game.

Neither team was able to mount an offensive strike until Edgcombe connected with a Tiger receiver for a 50 yard touchdown pass at the 11:09 mark of the second quarter. With a little over six minutes remaining in the first half, the Tigers

again scored on an Edgcombe touchdown pass, pushing the lead to 14-0.

The Panthers were unable to answer offensively until the 7:16 mark of the third quarter, when junior QB Chris Gibson found sophomore receiver Joe Townsend for a 22 yard touchdown pass. In the fourth quarter, Gibson added another score on the ground, this time a ten yard run to tie the game at 14-14.

Play went back and forth scoreless until Texas Southern blocked a punt by the Panthers to set up a short field that would lead to the winning field goal.

Statistically, it was a bad game for the Panthers. Gibson led the squad in passing with 77 yards on 10 of 25 passing. Fontenot led all Panther rushers with 52 yards on 17 carries. Senior Marvin Howard was Gibson's leading receiver with 43 yards on six catches. The Panther defense was a swarming unit that forced three fumbles and two interceptions. Junior linebacker Zach East led all tacklers with 14 stops. Senior defensive end Jermaine McGhee was second with 11 tackles and senior linebacker Van Sallier also finished with a double digit tackle total with 10.

The Panthers return to action on Sept. 9, when they host Edward Waters here on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.



Facing a defender: Quarterback Austin Nwokobia jukes past a Tiger linebacker during the classic.

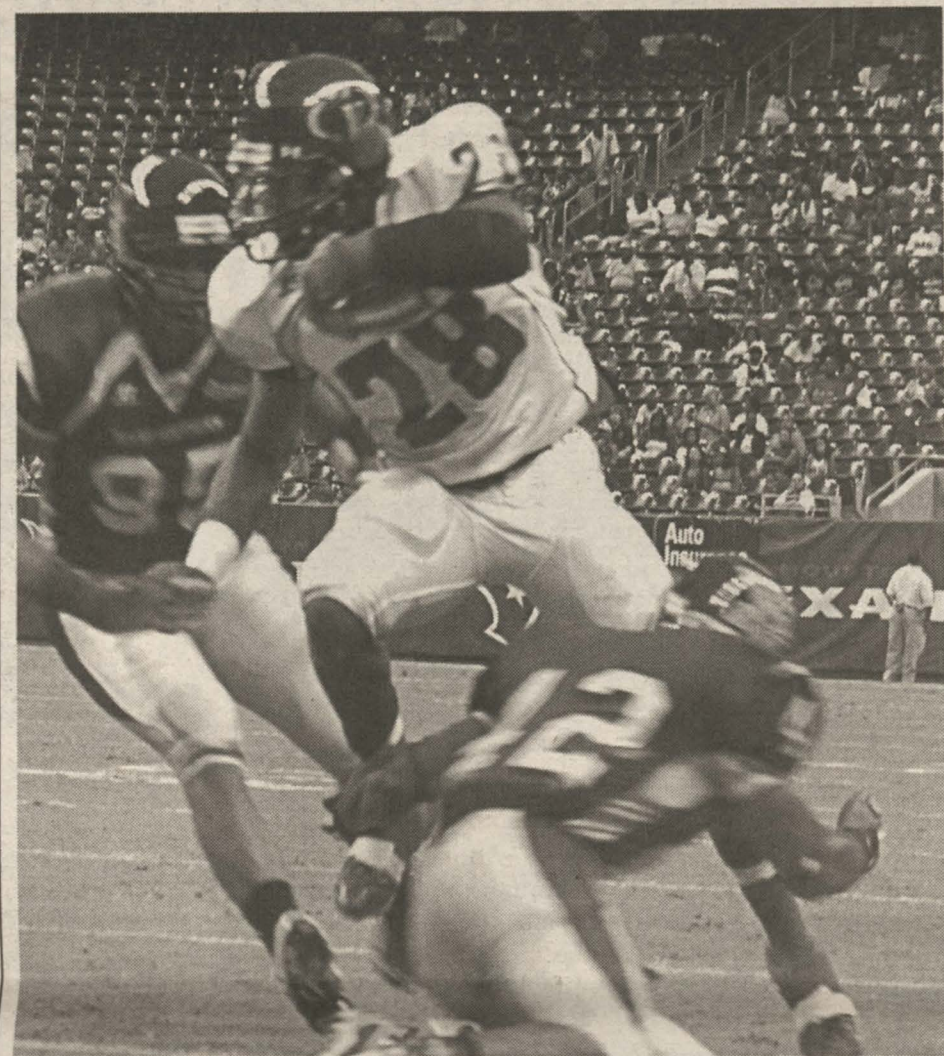


Photo by Evan White

Speed and Power: A returning starter, running back Arnell Fontenot breaks his way through Tiger defenders Saturday.

Scoring is no problem for Panthers

With eight offensive starters back, Prairie View heads for the end zone

By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

The Panther football team has returned with eight offensive starters from a squad that ranked third in the conference in rushing offense and led the SWAC in time of possession.

Among those starters are the combo of Arnell Fontenot (5-10, 195) and Kerry Wilson (6-1, 190) in the backfield, as well as three of the five starting linemen on a line that ranked second in the conference in sacks allowed. "We feel like we have a solid back field with Fontenot and Wilson carrying the load," said head coach Henry Frazier.

Also, receivers Marvin Howard and Joe Townsend (5-10, 160) have returned to add experience within the Panthers passing game.

Howard, a 6-1 senior from Miami led the team in receiving last year.

The most anticipated player to watch this season is new starting quarterback Chris Gibson, a junior out of Houston, Texas. This season will be his first as a full time starter.

"Townsend and Howard will be intricate parts of what we want to do in our passing game," said Frazier. The last of the eight is tight end Rafael Revulta (6-3, 240). A huge target, Revulta was third on the team in yards per catch last season. He also was a huge part of the Panthers running attack with his blocking ability.

With talent like these on the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers should give defenses a lot of trouble throughout the season. Frazier feels that it generally takes some time for offenses to gel together but feels when that happens his team should feature a very special unit.

New head coach at Morgan given second chance

By Austin Ward and
Jessica Harris
Black College Wire

Asked his time frame in turning around the Morgan State University men's basketball program, Todd Bozeman said, "Be patient . . . be patient, but I'll have to say three years." He added, "You can expect a tough, hard-nosed team that can compete with an up-tempo exciting style of basketball. We're going to press the issue offensively, and we're going to press the issue defensively." Bozeman, who was banned from coaching for eight years over illegal recruitment practices, was named Morgan State's 15th head men's basketball coach. It is his first coaching position since the infraction. He succeeds Alfred Beard, who resigned on March 28.

"With the recent improvements to MSU's infrastructure and the development of a marketing platform in mind, the addition of Todd Bozeman will hopefully be viewed years from now as the turning point in the history of Morgan State's basketball program," director of athletics Floyd Kerr said in his April 27 announcement. The Bears' record was 4-26 this year.

Bozeman held a head coaching position at the University of California until 1996, when he was accused of making payments to the parents of Cal player Jelani Gardner.

Bozeman was also cited for denying the NCAA violations and providing false and misleading information during the initial

NCAA-University of California investigation. During the eight-year ban, any school that wanted to hire Bozeman had to appeal to the NCAA infraction committee and "show cause or reason" why he should be hired.

Bozeman, 42, was released from the show-cause on June 1, 2005. "It's the right time, the right place, and the right situation for me," Bozeman said. He added, "My goal is to make the Morgan State University basketball program a special place to students, fans, alumni, and to everybody who supports the program." Joe McLean, a leader on the men's basketball team, commented, "I'm very excited about next season, because I'll be a senior, and I feel that Coach Bozeman will be different, but it will be fun." Bozeman brings 15 years of coaching experience and three NCAA tournament berths. At age 29, he was the youngest head coach ever in the NCAA Sweet 16.

After taking over the head coach position at Cal in 1992, he posted a 63-35 career record. In four seasons, he led Cal to three top four finishes in the Pacific 10, ranked in the Top 20 in four years and led the Golden Bears to the regional semi-finals for the first time since 1960.

While on the Berkeley, Calif., campus, Bozeman coached the likes of current NBA players Jason Kidd and Lamond Murray of the New Jersey Nets and Shareef Abdur-Rahim of the Sacramento Kings. A native of Washington, D.C., Bozeman has contacts in the Baltimore area and said he had a strong desire to recruit students locally.

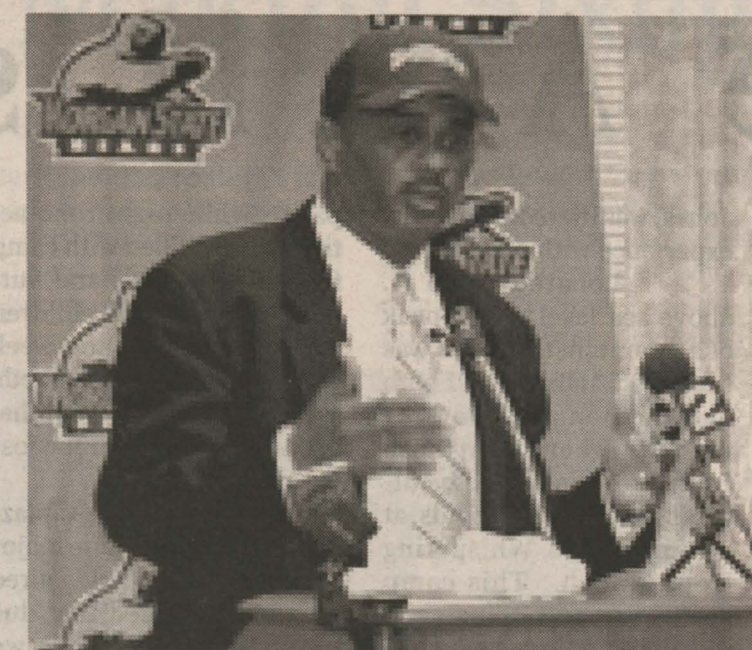


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A lesson learned: While a head coach at University of California Bozeman was accused of making payments to one of his players, Jelani Gardner. Bozeman was the youngest head coach ever to appear in the Sweet 16 at the age of 29.



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
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TALENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Like April showers

By LaCheryl Whitlow
Managing and L/H & A/E Editor

"Please fasten your seat belts and turn off all electronically devices." As I tilted my head back and gazed out the window I was so excited to leave Texas and head for Payson, Arizona.

Since I was a teenager I had always aspired to be a summer camp counselor because I knew how much summer camp had made such a positive impact on my life as a child and this summer I had the opportunity to do just that. To make it even better one of my dearest friends and our new editor in chief of *The Panther*, Alanna

Jones, was there to share this experience with me.

Located 6500 ft. above sea level at the peak of a mountain the ranch was beautiful. Alanna and I both had the honor of working with 10 other individuals from different states, cultures, and backgrounds at a camp called Whispering Hope Ranch. This camp hosted over 100 animals and was designed to give people with special needs a chance to embark on a wonderful journey of camp life.

Filled with a day of non-stop activity I was a creative arts counselor. My day consisted of my fair share of paint, glue, and construction

paper, while night time activities were filled with camp fire, talent shows, and outdoor camping. The children we encountered each week varied from special needs such as autism, hemophilia, and even children in the foster care system.

Ironically, as amazing as this job was one major problem. Prior to being hired we were informed that due to our high elevations we would not be able to use our cell phones, television, radio reception, and limited Internet access for the next two and a half months. That was the most insane thing I had ever heard of. Can you fathom what those first

couple of days were like for us with no contact with the outside world. We thought we were going to die!

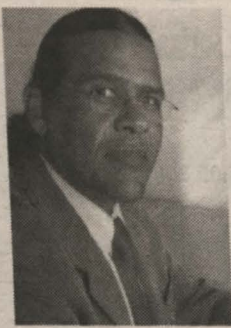
Yet it turned out to be one of the best things that could have ever happened to me. By the end of the summer we were able to see just how much frivolous time we waste talking on the phone, emailing people, or watching television. I understood what my elders meant by the notion that we actually had time for time. I had so much time to think and get a lot of things in perspective. I flew back to Texas at the end of the summer with a free mind, spirit, and soul.

As the new year be-

gins, I would like to challenge you to just take a day out for yourself. If you are giving 100 percent of yourself to the world everyday you need time to give it back to yourself. So put the phone down, turn off the television, back away from the computer. Spend a little time with yourself and see how refreshing real quite time can be.

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Are you emotionally intelligent?



By Dr. Victor Pandalton
Mental Health Contributor

Do we favor our smartest friends more than the friends that we think are not so smart? Do the smartest people make the best partners boyfriend or girlfriends? Do smarter people make the better employees? Regardless of what you may think, Corporate America has reached the conclusion that the best employees are

not necessarily the most intellectually intelligent but the best employees are emotionally intelligent. Corporate America is increasingly using measures of emotional intelligence in employee hiring decisions and in job performance evaluation. People entering the job market today need to know about emotional intelligence.

Exactly what is Emotional Intelligence? Emotions are automatic reactions to certain events. For example, some positive emotions can be feeling joy or hugging someone and while negative emotions are anger, violence. Emotional intelligence refers to our ability to manage our emotions and to interact effectively with others.

Today, the typical work environment involves teams of people rather than individual contributors such as specialists, salespeople, planners, developers, managers, or an administrative staff. The success of a business depends on how well these teams of people get along. Numerous studies have shown that the best teams are not soley made up of the academically equipped people.

A certain degree of book-smarts is required, of course. However, emotional intelligence seems to be an equally important factor in team effectiveness. This is why Corporate America has become more focused on hiring emotionally intelligent people.

Do you think you are emotionally intelligent? This question may not be as easy to answer as you might think. It may be difficult because we are often unaware of how we are perceived by others. A study was performed to study coaches' personal perceptions of their effectiveness compared to the players' perceptions of their coach's effectiveness. The results were as different as night and day. Many of the coaches saw themselves one way, but the players saw them in an entirely different way. For instance, some coaches thought they were good listeners, and open to new ideas, whereas their players felt that they did not listen and were stuck in old ways of doing things. Self-awareness

is often difficult to achieve.

One way to verify our self-perceptions is to compare them to the opinions others have of us. On Sept. 11, the Student Counseling Center will be hosting a two-hour workshop designed to help students understand their level of Emotional Intelligence. The workshop will help you compare the results to determine the consistency of your emotional intelligence and will also present ways of strengthening areas that may need work.

The workshop will give participants a competitive edge in the job market. It is highly encouraged that you take advantage of this interesting and informative workshop.

When You Are Making Sixfiggaz...

By Schirin Dodd
Panther Staff

While most college students are unsure of what they want to do after graduation, there are those shimmering and shinning exceptions like Carl Wesley, CEO and founder of Six Figgaz clothing. This 21-year old junior is already doing big things in a major way. He started Six Figgaz clothing his freshman year here on the campus of Prairie View and he's only grown to be more and more successful with his business each passing year.

He named his clothing line, Sixfiggaz, after the nickname that was bestowed on him by fellow classmates in high school. Clearly exemplifying his level of ambition and willingness to succeed even as a high school student, Wesley is continuing to set trends. Wesley's shirts are also being sold in numerous local stores. In addition to that, a recent BET interview on the college-gear show *The Center* aired on national television launching Sixfig-

gaz on track for soon to be mainstream status.

Asked if he had advice for aspiring peers who wished to follow in his footsteps, he said, "A dream

derstand that he didn't just become successful overnight due to the fact that there was a lot of hard work and struggling involved. To those who have a dream he says, "Find

Along with his recent partner Quinton Felder, Carl has more than realized his dreams and makes them a reality. "I knew I would make it someday," he said,

bly a public figure on the Prairie View's campus, yet Carl handles his status very humbly and with a grateful attitude. When asked what kind of legacy he would like to leave behind on this campus, he said, "I want to be remembered as a positive leader, hard worker, hustler, ambitious, educated and an example of mere perseverance." He is also very thankful to his family, friends and fellow Prairie View students and faculty for their support.

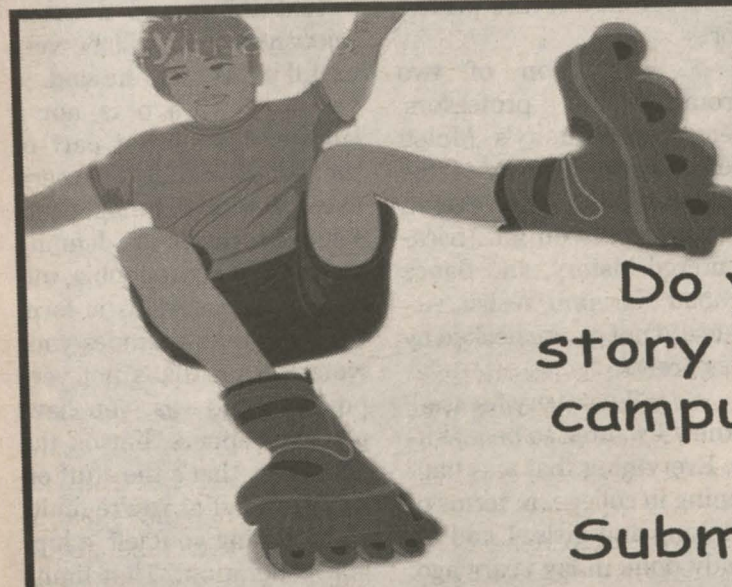
Right now Six Figgaz offers men's and women's T-shirts, and is looking to expand even bigger and better ideas for fashion in the future. These ideas include sponsoring an intramural basketball team and a dance group already titled "Undisputed." Consumers of Sixfiggaz merchandise can also look forward to mix tapes, which will showcase Six Figgaz, first rappers like Anonymous and Bruce Bruce. For purchase and other information check out Six Figgaz on Myspace. Sixfiggazclothing.com Sixfiggaz.com@gmail.com.



plus motivation equals success." Wesley declared that he wants everyone to un-

out what you want to do and stick with it, determination is the key."

"The sky is the limit." The Six Figgaz clothing creator is nota-



Hill-larious

Do you have a funny or embarrassing story that happened to you or a friend on campus, but don't want to reveal a name?

Submit it to *The Panther* and make sure it's Hill-larious!!!

The Critics Corner Idlewild

By David Butler
Online Editor

I'm crazy. There it is plain and simple with no reference to Gnarl's Barkley. This "wannabe" has literally submerged into the "speakerboxx flow", as the lyrics "Throw ya neck out....throw ya back out..." repeat and echo thru my living room. I have literally heard every song Outkast has put on the idiot box, I have seen the new movie "Idlewild", and I own the album sharing the same name (which most won't notice, isn't a sound track to the movie) and right now, "Life is a Musical."

Has any of this gone over your head? Perfect. Here is a little help. "Life is a Musical" is a brilliant ballad joining the hits, "Morris Brown" and "Idlewild Blue (Don't You Worry)" on the album, "Idlewild." The lyrics mentioned before are from the track "The Rooster" featured on the three-time Grammy award winning album, including album of the year 2003, "Speakboxx/The Love Below." Coincidentally, in "Idlewild", Antwan Patton (Big Boi) plays Rooster, a family man in the spotlight at the night club called "Church." In his first performance of the flick, he shuts the place down with "Bowtie," another hit from the Grammy winning masterpiece. Also to add, it wasn't unimagi-native but very exciting to see Rooster perform

"The Rooster" later in the movie with, that's right you guessed it, roosters accompanying him on stage. Also sharing the stage with Rooster is his sidekick and lifetime friend Percival, played by Andre' Benjamin (3000 to most). Percival is a shy but talented piano player who has a lot on his plate. With the pressures surrounding him in the club, which often make him want to throw up, and his father's strict values at home, siding completely opposite of where his heart is, the shy pianist provides the story line with superb talent and a five- star performance. Also, if I might add, he falls in love with a beautiful songstress, Angel Davenport, played by Paula Patton.

Now, driving the focus away from Outkast, this 30s' era hit was made possible by an all-star cast, featuring top notch headliners: Terrance Howard, Ving Rhames, Faizon Love (if you remember, was just here at Prairie View just a little over a year ago), legendary greats Ben Vereen, Cicely Tyson and Patti LaBelle, and newcomer Paula Patton. Three-time Tony winner, Hinton Battle, arranged the high-energy choreography of swing, acrobatics, break dance, and hip-hop fusion. Bryan Barber wrote and directed the movie, and much of his talented work can be found in the majority of Outkast's mu-

For "Post-Hip-Hop Generation," Prof Offers "360 Degrees of Blackness"

By Shauntel Lowe
Blackcollege Wire

At 24, M.K. Asante Jr. already wears atop his dreadlocks the hats of award-winning film producer, author, journalist and poet. And he's adding another — professor — as he begins teaching creative writing, screenwriting and African American cinema at Morgan State University for the fall semester.

The producer of an award-winning 2005 documentary about the African diaspora, "500 Years Later," has joined Morgan State's English and Language Arts department alongside Chair Dolan Hubbard, who says the department is pushing for a "multi-genre approach" by incorporating screenwriting, journalism and literature into its "English department for the 21st century."

Many may aspire, but few ever accomplish all the young professor has, and even fewer do it so soon into their careers. In addition to "500 Years Later," which won a documentary award at the 2005 Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles, Asante has published two poetry books, 2002's "Like Water Running Off My Back" and "Beautiful And Ugly Too," released in 2005. Just a few weeks ago he wrapped up his latest project, a film on Kwanzaa narrated by and co-written with renowned poet Dr. Maya Angelou, which he says is "really about the best of what it means to be black."

No longer a student himself, Asante said his youth will help him relate to his students, just as he

was able to better relate to younger professors while doing graduate work at UCLA.

"Everything they're going through I've been through very recently. . . . Also, what they want to do, I'm also doing in a very real way, so that not only can we relate and kind of share a common ground, I can use that relatability. I can tell them how to get where they want to go," he said.

Taking up residence at the historically black Baltimore school keeps Zimbabwe-born but Philadelphia-raised Asante close to home geographically, but miles away from the sub-world of teenage rebellion he once haunted.

He was the first African American born in Zimbabwe following the Second Chimurenga, an uprising that led to Zimbabwe's independence, but he spent most of his life in Philadelphia.

However, as a student growing up in the City of Brotherly Love, Asante did not always show the type of love for education one might expect from a future professor.

The son of two prominent professors, Temple University's Molefi Kete Asante, creator of the Afrocentricity movement, which focuses on an Africa-centered history, and dance scholar Kariamu Welsh, Asante did not go unchecked by his parents.

"I was very focused. I knew I wanted to be a writer. Everything that was happening in college, in terms of drinking and girls, I had already done many years ago. Eighth grade to 10th grade I was really out there. I had

already acted a fool. By the time I got to college, I was ready to act serious, to be serious," he said.

Asante said he would write from 5 a.m. until midnight, taking only a few breaks for eating and drinking. He wrote his first novel, which was not published, his freshman year. At the end of his sophomore year, "Like Water Running Off My Back" came out and gave the young poet his first taste of book signings and interviews. While at the University of London, he worked on a screenplay for a film about Assata Shakur, mother of rapper Tupac Shakur.

He said it was important for students not to wait until after college to begin their careers.

Asante's father said he was excited about his son teaching at Morgan. "As a professor, you always want to make sure that you never lose sight of the objective, which is to humanize the world. . . . He's been well-trained, he has a great sense of purpose and he has the kind of intellectual ability and the consciousness that will be very useful in his role," he said.

"Hip-hop is not a culture. It's maybe part of the black cultural experience. You're defining yourself by music. You're defining yourself by homophobia, misogyny, a materialistic form of music that degrades your women, and that's not very positive, and yes, you have positive rappers, but on the whole . . . that's the stuff on BET and radio. You're limited by calling yourself 'a hip-hop generation.' That limits your scope and definitely retards some of your success."

Events for September 7-13, 2006

<p>Thursday, 9/7 Withdrawal from Course(s) With Record of "W" BEGINS 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta MSC Lounge</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Panthers At Work MSC204 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Panthers At Work MSC2</p>	<p>Tuesday, 9/12 LATE Graduation Application Deadline Period for December Graduation 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Student Government MSC 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. PAN Hellenic MSC201 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta NSBA101</p>	<p>12 p.m. - 2 p.m. NAACP MSC 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. PEACE Project TBA 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FOCCS JPAFC 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta MSC204C 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. National Society of Collegiate Scholars NSBA101</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. International Student Organization JBCL108 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta NSBA101</p>	<p>Sunday, 9/10 No Events Are Scheduled For This Day</p>	<p>Monday, 9/11 LATE Graduation Application Deadline Period for December Graduation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Health & Counseling MSC204D 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Career Services MSC111</p>	<p>Wednesday, 9/13 LATE Graduation Application Deadline Period for December Graduation 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. CAB Alumni Field</p>

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- Are they not aware that they already stand out?
- How many couples broke up this summer because it was too hot?
- Will they get back together before Christmas break?
- How many people had throwback memories when they had hump day at alumni field?
- And if you can really remember alumni why haven't you graduated yet?
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- Why did we get new phone numbers?
- Why is PV avoiding phone calls from?
- How about that football team?
- Who really goes to The Panther Express?
- How many people are scared to give Prairie View their account information for direct deposit?
- Why do we have more children's books in the bookstore than the text books we need?
- How long will it be before the first food fight in the MSC?
- If we are charged to access the computer labs on campus why do we have to bring our own printing paper?
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- Don't they know they are prime targets?
- How many people bought those watered down snow cones from the cheerleaders?
- What do you really think?

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