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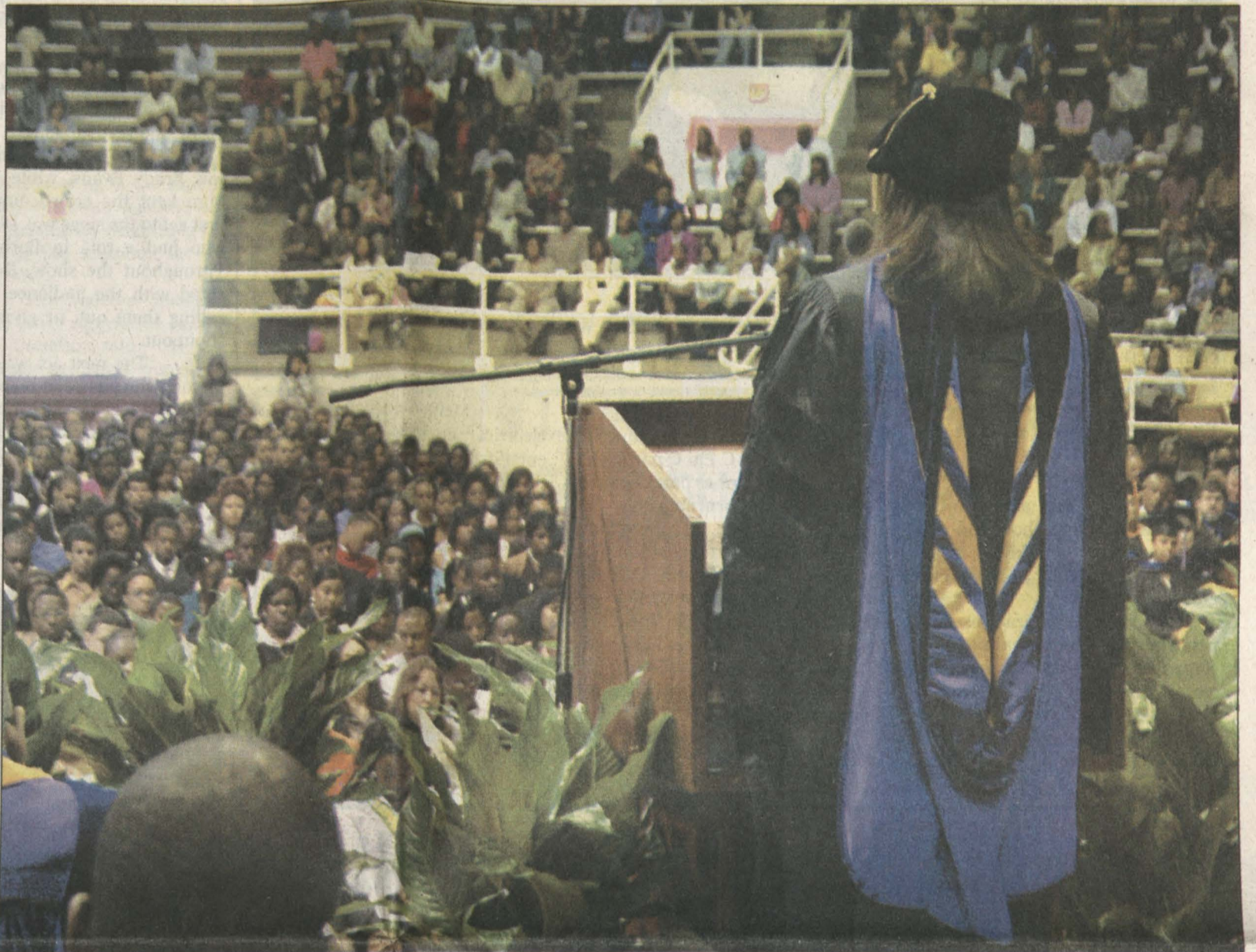
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Prairie View celebrates the past with annual honors convocation



By Evan White, The Panther

Reflecting on the future: Parents, students, and faculty gathered in celebration of 131 years of excellence on Prairie View's historic campus.

By Jerrell Allen
Panther Staff

Proud parents, students and faculty attended the annual Founders' Day and Honors Recognition ceremony Wednesday, March 28, in the William "Billy" J. Nicks Field House.

The convocation, hosted by the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education, is an annual remembrance of the founders of Prairie View, as well as a day of recognition for honor roll students.

The convocation's theme "Celebrating the Past...Reflecting on the Future" was touched upon by Celene Hernandez, who provided the occasion for the event, and reminded students that the focus of the convo-

cation should be "developing respect for self, family, and community."

The University Concert Choral, University Symphonic Band, and University Brass Ensemble provided musical interludes during intermissions.

Alumnus Craig Watkins, the first African-American district attorney in the state of Texas, was scheduled to speak at the event, but was unable to attend.

His wife, Tanya Watkins, a Prairie View alumna, spoke in his absence on the importance of setting goals and personal responsibility.

"Only you can define what success is," said Watkins, who gave her own impression on the definition of success, "...and always remember that there is goodness in all of us."

President George C. Wright also

provided uplifting words for the celebration. "I am not exaggerating when I say that since I've been made president, I've thanked the good Lord every day," he said.

Wright congratulated the honor roll students saying, "Your GPA is one indication that you are focused on your future."

Ashley B. Harrison, an education major, gave recognition to the honor societies and their new inductees for spring 2007.

Christina Martinez, an architecture major who was recognized for her GPA during the fall semester of 2006 said, "This event really makes me proud. I really enjoyed Mrs. Watkins' speech. It was very insightful."

The convocation was closed by a short benediction performed by Mr. Carlton L. Todd, and a recessional performance of "Pomp and Circumstance" by Dr. John Cornelius.

First African-American woman on Texas Court of Appeals speaks on women's history

By Jerrell Allen
Panther Staff

Prairie View's celebration of Women's History Month continued with a lecture by Gaynelle Jones at the School of Architecture last Thursday.

The program, which was hosted by the university's Office of Cultural Development opened to a modest crowd of faculty and students.

Gaynelle Jones, whose grandfather served as a professor at Prairie View, is the first African-American woman to serve on the

Texas Court of Appeals.

A graduate of Boston College of Law, Jones has served on the US Attorney General's Advisory Committee and is currently the director of Standards of Business Conduct at Hewlett Packard Company and an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law School.

Jones spoke on the evolution of women's rights in the United States, and the importance of women in the political history of the United States.

The rise of feminism from early colonial history to the rebirth of the definition of womanhood in the 1960s was the principal subject of the lecture.

She also highlighted the feminist movement's role in the quest for universal suffrage and prohibition.

Jones focused on the economic disparity between men and women in the workplace and explained the reasoning behind the lack of respect for women in the workplace.

"More women face challenges of balancing their jobs and families—the reason why 42 percent of women in corporations are childless by age 40," Jones said.

She also stressed the importance of selflessness in helping fellow women. "Don't be selfish about our choices. Don't focus on fame and fortune...instead think of making a difference."

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Spring Fest stomps the yard



By Evan White, The Panther

Kappa Kappa Psi: "The band boys" step their way to the winner's circle of the 2007 Spring Fest step show with their precise and dominating moves.

By Ashley Slayton
Panther Staff

Spring Fest activities concluded with a step show and after party held last Saturday at 8 p.m. in the William "Billy J" Nicks Field House.

Many organizations competed but Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi emerged victorious taking a cash prize of \$4,000.

Hosts David Butler and Rickie Dodd amused the audience, while DJ Mr. Rogers entertained the

crowd. Residents of building 37 and members of C Phi C participated in the step show as part of a prize for winning the dorm step off.

"I'd like to congratulate everyone who participated in the step show," said Justin Douglas, senior music education major and vice-president of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. "Stepping is hard work and takes a lot of dedication. I was pleased with the crowd participation in our show."

Some students expressed discontent with the turnout.

Melissa Richard, a junior electrical engineering and mathematics major said, "The step show would have been a lot better if more people showed up to support Spring Fest activities."

Even though attendance was low, participants were still pleased with the step show performances.

"It was kind of interesting for me to step against my own bruhs," said Douglas. "I'd like to congratulate my bruhs in Kappa Kappa Psi and my sorors in Tau Beta Sigma."

A night with the high rollers

By Richard White
Panther Staff

Spring Fest activities continued with casino night, hosted by Campus Activity Board March 28 in the MSC Ballroom.

Throughout the duration of casino night, students tried their luck at poker, Texas hold 'Em, craps, black jack, roulette, and the slot machine.

Some students came prepared to win it all, while others came to get a breather from the everyday hustle and bustle of school.

As an added incentive this

year CAB offered the biggest winner two step show tickets, two concert tickets, and two Spring Fest T-shirts. DJ Candy Man kept the students entertained and cocktail waiters made sure no one was thirsty.

Prairie View's Panther Dolls gave a brief performance and freshman Nicoli Williams and (RJ) performed an original song titled "No Games."

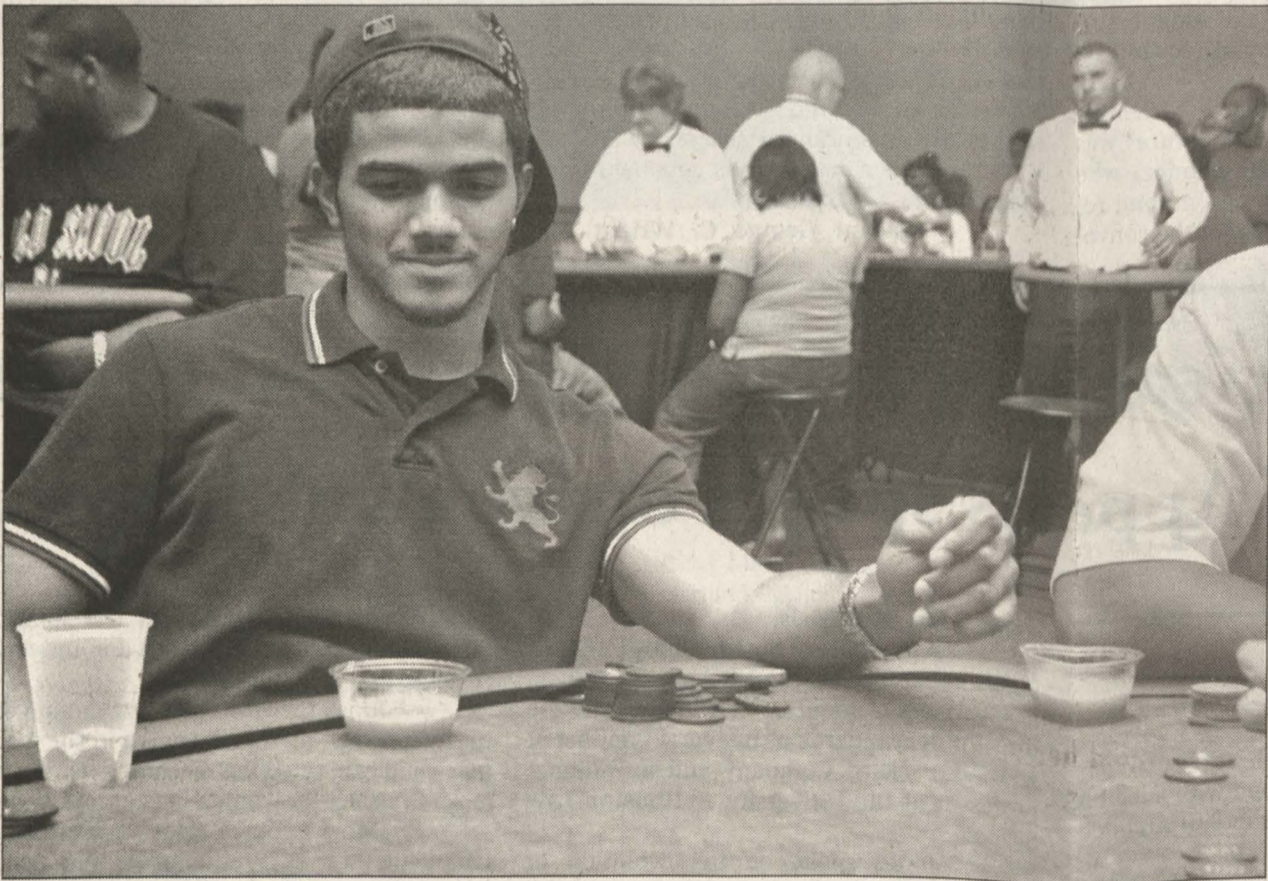
Outside the ballroom, CAB members setup a mini wedding chapel and performed en "hitch"ments, temporary marriage licenses that lasted throughout the week of Spring Fest. Immediately after the license was signed, a reception was held for

newlyweds where cake and punch were served.

CAB member and coordinator for casino night, sophomore Jasmine Parker, said "This night was a big success, and the turnout was great."

"I really did enjoy casino night," stated sophomore Evelyn McCormick. "It gave me something to do when there was nothing to do."

"Casino Night was an outlet for students to escape, and a place where they could gamble and not go into debt," stated Anthony Child. "This is an event Prairie View needs to have every year."



By Evan White, The Panther

Play your chips right: One high roller debates his next move in a game of Texas Hold 'Em.

PV, UT team up to offer services

By Jerrell Allen
Panther Staff

Prairie View has paired with the University of Texas to provide health and financial services to Prairie View students.

The program, which will supplement the services already provided by the Student Counsel-

ing Center, will offer a range of resources to students.

The counseling and health services will include relationship counseling, help with child birth or child rearing, illness or death of a loved one, personal or academic stress, alcohol and drug problems, as well as other common issues that students face.

Financial planning assis-

tance will be provided to students seeking aid with personal budgeting, credit advice, debt consolidation and identify theft protection.

Services will be free for students through the Owen-Franklin Health Center.

For appointments, call (936) 857-2511, and for emergency lines call (713) 500-3327 or (800) 346-3549.

Noted comics perform for Spring Fest 2007

By Richard White
Panther Staff

One of the many festivities planned for the week of Spring Fest was a comedy show, which was held on the evening of March 27 in the Baby Dome.

Students of Prairie View came to the show with a cheerful attitude and ready to laugh.

The host for the evening was Brady Evans, while DJ Candy Man kept the crowd amused. The first act to the stage was Deon Jones, who had a role in Barbershop 2. Throughout the show, Deon interacted with the audience, either by calling them out, or giving them a shout out.

The next act was Rob Stapelton, who has been seen on Comic View and has played small roles in several movies. Rob captured the crowd's attention with his energy.

During the performance, he touched on many issues that the men and women in the audience could relate to.

Gary Owen was scheduled to appear next, but due to a conflict in scheduling, he was unable to attend. In his place was David Williams, who has made many appearances on Comic View, and an appearance in Jamie Foxx's Laffapalooza. The last time Williams performed at Prairie View was in 1999. During the show, Williams left audience members in tears from laughing so hard.

The comedians spoke about issues ranging from current events to personal anecdotes.

After the show, host Brady Evans gave the audience a chance to tell a joke. Eight students competed and the crowd decided the winner. Leslie Coleman, sophomore biology major and winner of the competition received a cash prize of \$100.

Senior Monique Holloway said, "It was cool, but last year's show was better."

Others students disagreed. "This year was an overall good show," said sophomore Darian Cornelius. "I was surprised when the student called out the comedian. As soon as that happened, I knew that student was about to get it."



By Evan White, The Panther

Laugh 'til it hurts: Deon Cole kept the audience laughing so hard they couldn't take anymore.

Hilliards visit campus

By Yonne Bellamy
Panther Staff

Sons of the late Roby Hilliard Sr., for whom Hilliard Hall is named, visited campus Friday, March 30.

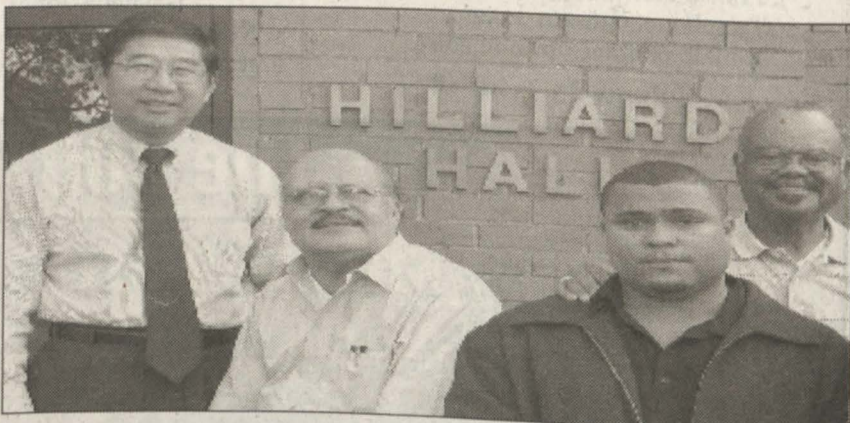
Hilliard Sr. was a PV alum who became director of the dining hall and later dean of men.

David Hilliard, Roby Jr. and son met with Dr. Dejun Liu,

head of the Department of Languages and Communications.

The Hilliards have a scholarship in remembrance of their father. The \$3,000 scholarship is matched 100 percent by State Farm Insurance Co.

Applicants must officially declare a major in communications, Spanish, or English, have a minimum 3.25 GPA, 940 SAT/20 ACT score, financial need and show community involvement.



By Jaryt montgomery

The legacy continues: The Hilliards pictured with Dr. Dejun Liu.

Meltdown on plans for chocolate Christ sculpture

By Larry McShane
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Artist Cosimo Cavallaro is known for his quirky work with food as art. His past efforts include repainting a Manhattan hotel room in melted mozzarella, spraying five tons of pepper jack cheese on a Wyoming home, and festooning a four-poster bed with 312 pounds of processed ham.

But one of Cavallaro's latest twists on culinary art struck many Catholics as a display of bad taste. They spurred the cancellation Friday of a planned Holy Week exhibition featuring Cavallaro's nude, anatomically correct chocolate sculpture of Jesus Christ.

The hotel that houses the Lab Gallery announced the shutdown of the "My Sweet Lord" show after it was inundated with complaints regarding the six-foot confectionary Christ. In a letter that opened

"Dear friends," Roger Smith Hotel president James Knowles cited the public outcry in explaining his decision.

"Your response ... is crystal clear and has brought to our attention the unintended reaction of you and other conscientious friends of ours to the exhibition," Knowles wrote in the two-paragraph cancellation notice.

Matt Semler, creative director of the Lab Gallery, resigned in protest.

Cavallaro's chocolate creation was the victim of "a strong-arming from people who haven't seen the show, seen what we're doing," Semler said. "They jumped to conclusions completely contrary to our intentions."

The artwork, fashioned from more than 200 pounds of milk chocolate, presented Christ with his arms outstretched as though nailed to an invisible cross. The Cavallaro creation, in contrast with typical religious portrayals of Christ, did not include a loincloth.

Word of the milk chocolate Christ infuriated Catholics, including Cardinal Edward Egan, who described it as "a sickening display." Bill Donohue, head of the watchdog Catholic League, said it was "one of the worst assaults on Christian sensibilities ever."

On Friday, Donohue said he was "delighted with the outcome" after hearing of the cancellation. But Donohue was still angry with Semler for describing his criticism of the sculpture as "a Catholic fatwa."

"He had no business saying my letter of protest was hate speech," Donohue said. "It just goes to show the guy is out of his mind."

The sculpture was to debut Monday evening, the day after Palm Sunday and just four days before Christians mark the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday. The final day of the exhibit was planned for Easter Sunday.

The hotel and the gallery were overrun Thursday with angry phone calls and e-mails about the exhibit. Semler said the calls included death threats over the work of Cavallaro, who was described as disappointed by the cancellation.

"In this situation, the hotel couldn't continue to be supportive because of a fear for their own safety," said Semler. Cavallaro still hoped the sweet sculpture could go on display elsewhere, according to Semler.

Romney raises \$23 million for GOP race

By Glem Johnson
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Mitt Romney blew away the top-ranked Republican presidential candidates in fundraising during the first three months of the year, reporting he had raised an astonishing \$23 million. Rudy Giuliani and John McCain, favored in the polls, trailed far behind.

The former Massachusetts governor's first-quarter tally put him on a financial par with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, the leading Democratic candidate. On Sunday, she reported raising \$26 million.

"People are having a positive reaction to him and are willing to open up a vein for him," David King, a professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said of Romney.

Former New York Mayor Giuliani, who has amassed a sizable lead in national popularity polls of GOP candidates, reported raising \$15 million this quarter — more than McCain, but still considerably behind Romney.


McCain's \$12.5 million appeared to be another sign the Arizona senator's campaign is flagging.

"For McCain, it looks like he's made campaign finance reform work," King said. Everyone knew he didn't like the role of money in politics, but one would have hoped he would have liked the role of money in his own campaign. He's now coming to this race a day late and \$12 million short."


One other GOP contender, Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, a favorite of social conservatives, reported raising over \$1.9 million, including a \$575,000 transfer from his Senate campaign account.

"The Republican activists who actually get out and do the hard work of winning elections are responding very favorably to Sen. Brownback's candidacy, and we are looking forward to running a strong issue-based, positive campaign and continuing to activate the grassroots," Rob Wasinger, Brownback's campaign manager, said.

Romney's total included an unexpected asterisk: a \$2.35 million loan from the candidate himself. In January, the Republican stunned the field by raising \$6.5 million on a single day in which he invited his supporters to Boston and asked them to call their professional and social circles for donations.



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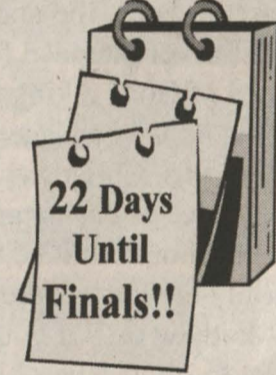
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Weekly Update for Freshmen

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Rich in our spirits: Christianity

It's another Sunday morning, and millions of Americans are beginning their day. A good portion of them like to call themselves Christian; it is, after all, very fashionable to belong to the religious group that founded their country. They pull on their expensive clothes with resolve and hop into their SUVs, setting their hearts away from sin and preparing themselves to hear the message of the true and divine God. And so, driving past a number of missions, orphanages, drastically under-staffed homeless shelters, over-crowded prisons—and the occasional halfway house—they arrive at their illustrious houses of God. For a few hours, they all sit in reverence and listen to a man tell them to be more like Jesus. Thank God we live in a Christian country.

Mikhail Gorbachev once said that the first socialist on the planet was Jesus Christ. He was a man who resolved to make things better for everyone (Jesus, that is). Kurt Vonnegut, in his semi-memoir *A Man without a Country* argues that socialism and Christianity are essentially the same thing; ideologies that argue that everything should be equal and all men and women are, in essence, the same under God. Ridiculous! If Christ intended his people to support welfare for people who cannot take care of themselves or pensions for the elderly and disabled, he wouldn't put those concepts into the heads of those murderous liberals, right? The same liberals, I may add, that support the murdering of thousands of unborn fetuses. The same, of course, could never be said of our trustworthy, God-fearing conservatives. I've never heard of a Republican who supported state-sanctioned murder. (Note: The War in Iraq doesn't count, as Iraqis are mostly Muslims, not beautiful, Christian babies).

So we all know that there are a few holes in the entire "Christian Conservative" argument; that goes without saying. Further proof, perhaps, is the fact that while many of those same faith-based initiative volunteers often gasp in horror at the thought of the 10 commandments being excluded from a courthouse, I have yet to hear even one of them suggest any of the adages of Jesus Christ to be put up in government buildings. "Turn the other cheek" just wouldn't look right if we put it up on any of the walls of the Pentagon. "Blessed are the meek" isn't exactly something that would sit well in the Capitol building (especially with congressmen being paid \$165,200 or more per year).

I hold no personal qualms with those people, as most of them have their hearts in the right places. However, a shocking trend has gripped a number of Christians living in this beautiful country. Apparently, good Christian charity and meekness has been completely crowded out by the number one enemy of anyone who respects a fair society; capitalism. In the United States, a surprisingly large number of Christians believe that there is nothing wrong with amassing a great amount of wealth. Indeed, many religious leaders make over \$100,000 a year. The people who preach to you that the poor will receive the kingdom of heaven (Luke 6:20) are making quite a lot of dough!

Just a short read through any of the gospels makes it obvious that this was never a part of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Even from the perspective of an agnostic, the interpretation of lines like, "woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation" (Luke 6:24) is obvious. Of course, many people read a different version of the beatitudes; in Matthew, Jesus claims that the "poor in spirit" are the inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. Later in Matthew, however, Jesus restates the principles of the evils of wealth, saying "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24). The only conclusion one can draw is that Christ never intended for his followers to be super-rich hyper-industrialists like the so-called "men of God" raking in thousands more than their followers, indeed, his outrage at the temple being used as a place to sell things proves his inherent aversion to capitalism.

Yet with all this, Christians have taken an Old Testament Job-had-a-lot-of-money-why-shouldn't-I stance on the nature of wealth. Indeed, if God showers a Christian with the blessings of wealth shouldn't it be that man's responsibility to share his treasures, not hoard them? Your earthly blessings were never meant to be locked away in your bank accounts (take a look at Matthew 6:19 if you don't believe me), but rather given to those who have not the means to care for themselves. Part of the creed of socialism is "while there is one man poor, I, too, am poor"; without a doubt something Jesus would easily agree with.

-Jerrell Allen

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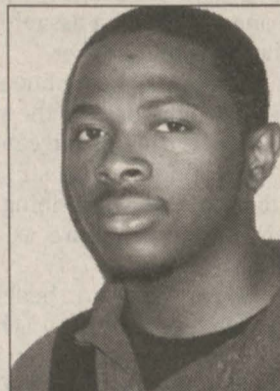
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PURPLE & GOLD POLL

By Richard White
Panther Staff

Do you think the newly elected
SGA officials will make changes for
the student body?



"The people who the campus voted for will step up to the plate and fulfill their promises, but nevertheless they are human and I do expect error in their judgment and decision making."

Patrick King
Freshman
Business Management



"I believe that they are really devoted individuals, and I pray that they make a change with the university."

Danielle Abrams
Senior
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"I think they'll make a difference if the people I voted for won."

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By Evan White, The Panther

Flying high: Sophomore Justin Brewer won first place in the pole vaulting competition last Saturday.

Men's and women's track capture title at home

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

Prairie View's men's and women's track teams along with the Lancaster High School girls and Klein Oak High School boys captured the titles in their respective divisions at the 78th Annual Hoover Wright-Barbara Jacket Prairie View Relays on Saturday.

Prairie View's men's team captured the title by gaining 52 points, most of which were garnered from victories in the distance medley, 4 x 100, 4 x 800 and 4 x 400 relays

and Jason Mitchell's victory in the 110 meter hurdles. The closest competitor was second place finisher, Southern with 36 points. In the women's division, the Lady Panthers dominated the event by gaining 46 points, 22 more than second place Texas Southern, who finished with 24 points. Prairie View's women won the sprint medley relay, 4 x 800, 4 x 200, and 4 x 400 relays.

Lancaster High School girls and Klein Oak boys racked up in the high school division.

Most of the scheduled field events were cancelled due to inclement weather in the area during the early morning.

Prairie View blows past Arkansas Pine Bluff

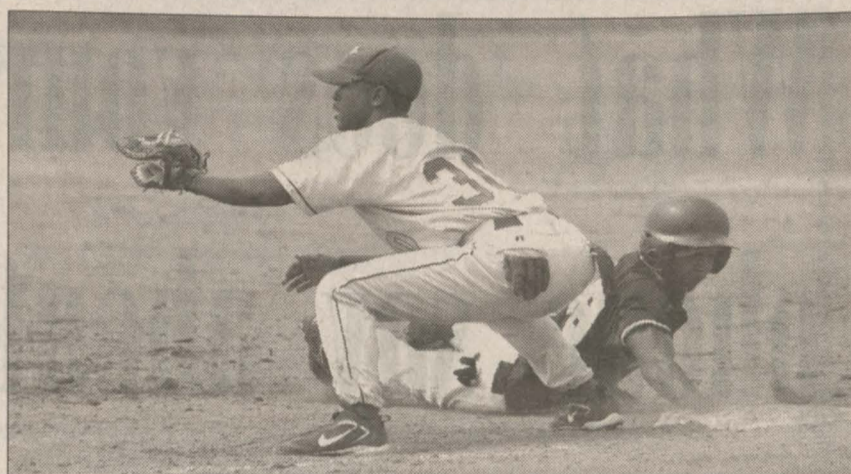
By Rashad Morgan
Sports Editor

While most of the crowd was attending the Prairie View Relays which was just hundreds of feet away, the Panther baseball squad were preparing themselves for the battle against conference foe Arkansas Pine-Bluff.

Every game is just as important as the next, but the Golden Lions (3-15, 2-9) would prove to be just a "push over" as the Panthers (21-10, 10-1) humiliated them, in a two game series.

The second game got off to a fast paced start as Pine Bluff would quickly score their lone point in the game.

First at bat for the Panthers, Senior Michael Richard would be walked, but eventually score the



By Evan White, The Panther

He's out: Paul Johnson, prevents a Tiger from reaching base.

first run for the Panthers off a single by Paul Johnson. Prairie View would end up scoring four more runs before the end of the first inning.

Two runs and two home runs later, one by Richard and the other by sophomore Greg Ford

would propel the Panthers to an unrecoverable 9-1 lead.

The Panthers next face Grambling State in Grambling, La. The Tigers (13-20, 3-9) are currently on a three-game skid, and should be a easy defeat.

Buildings 44 and 45 win UCBA championship

By Whitney Harris
Panther Staff

University College held it's annual UCBA championship games Monday, April, 2 in the New Gym.

The women of buildings 41 and 44 battled for the title, while buildings 43 and 45 played for the boys.

For most of the first half the ladies of Building 44 left few opportunities for their opponents to take many shots. Up by at least six the entire half, building 44 dominated early throughout the championship, leading 20-6 in the halftime. 41's Shaun Williams scored her team's first points after five minutes of play.

It was clear that 44 practiced together often from how

in sync they were on the court. "They practiced late all of the time," said 44 LCM Tiffany Hogg. "They were always inquisitive on when they were playing next and eager for the games." Building 44 won the women's title for the UCBA's after beating building 41 34-10.

The men of buildings 43 and 45 played a tighter, more competitive game for the championship.

Taking home the UCBA men's title was building 45 after winning 36-34. "It was extremely important for us to win because a lot of people didn't believe we could come from the losers side and win the championship," said Jeremi Miller.

Neither team had a tremendous lead during the game, causing a high intensity battle. Leading 17-14 into halftime, building 45 prepared to try and

keep the lead for the win.

"We tried to focus on not fouling and turning the ball over," Miller said.

During the final minutes of the game, building 43 closed the lead more often than before, causing the crowd to get very involved in the game.

"We felt like we were in control of the game. We tried to stay concentrated and not let the crowd get in our heads to mess up our game," said Lawrence Laryea of Building 45.

Both winners are anxiously waiting to receive their rewards for winning the annual University College Basketball Association's championships.

"They immediately asked what incentives they would get for winning," said Hogg. "They suggested an ice cream party or some type of social to celebrate."

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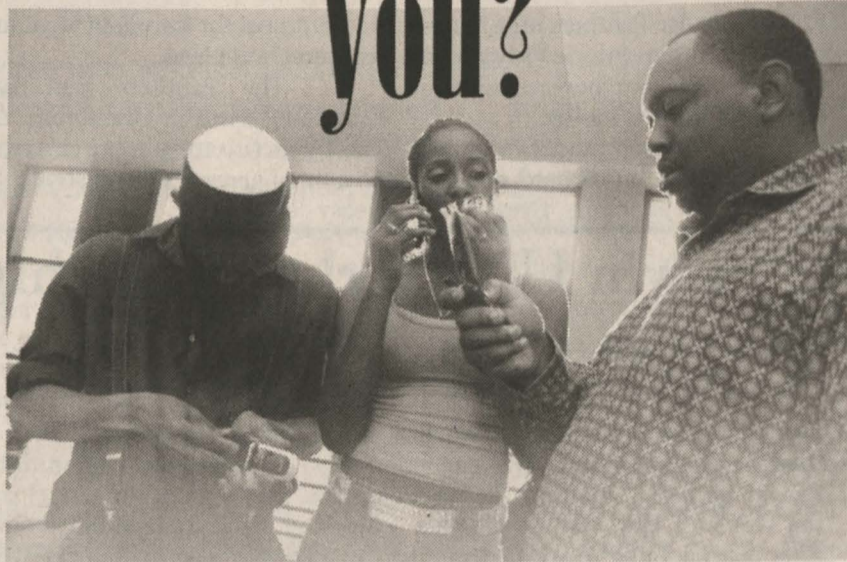
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What does your phone say about you?



By David Butler
Online Editor and L/H and A/E Editor

Four months into 2007, our technical savvy lifestyle deserves a pause and look back on where we came from - our cell phones. They're like silent voices that scream out first impressions daily, but what do they really say about you?

A decade ago many of us students were storming the hall ways of a dress-code-abiding, detention-assigning middle or intermediate school. Communication was probably as important as it is now, but it is apparent what the answer to the question "what does your phone say about you" would have been. Whoever the kid was with the cell phone in 7th grade, either stole it or his/her parents had some money to waste! This was the case in 1997, but it's a totally different scenario in 2007. Literally everyone has a cell phone, and it isn't chance that brought us this way either. Over the last few years, telecommunication companies have spent billions of dollars to increase the manufacturing of cellular devices.

Even though they are more accessible and compatible with plenty of voice plans now, the blueprint of what makes the "perfect" cell phone is constantly changing also. Unlimited texts... check. Voice dialing... check. Email and instant messenger... check. But is that the extent of what people look for when shopping for a celly? Can all these features be spotted

from the exterior of the phone, and what do they mean?

Cory Dixon, a graduate student, says, "A person either has a phone to show how trendy they are, or to meet up with what type of business they do with the phone. If they only want a phone to just chat with friends, then their phone might not be all that, but if they're running a business, they might have a Sidekick or Nextel."

In a survey conducted and printed by Neilson Media Research found in an article by "The Tech Diva," Gina Hughes on yahoo.com, it has been proven (by the survey) that cell phones do say a lot about our personality. According to Neilson Media Research associate director Mr. Jody Loughlin, "The type of mobile you're seen with could even be more important than whether you're with...one of the other major carriers."

In the same survey here at Prairie View, eight out of 10 people say it says a lot as well. Jeffery Thomas, 26, says, "It's definitely an 'in crowd' thing to speculate peoples' reasons about what kind of phone they have, or whether or not they even have one." Even though everyone surveyed owned a cell phone, some felt it doesn't matter what kind you have or if it makes you any cooler than you already are. Some said the opposite.

It's possible if you have that phone that no one has, you'll be starting a trend. As always, if you have that phone that everyone has, you're inside the loop, but what if you don't? Is it time to upgrade?

Do you fall into any of these categories:

Motorola Magenta RAZR: Fashion conscious, under 24, fun seekers, individualistic. The "it" girls must have phone.

Celebrities who have one: Maria Sharapova, Paris Hilton, Denise Richards, Nicole Richie, Rachael Bilson, and Mischa Barton.

Dolce & Gabbana V3i RAZR: Only 1,000 of these were made so this phone screams "I'm One of a Kind."

Celebrities who have one: Sharon Stone, Hillary Duff, Reese Witherspoon

Chocolate LG Pink: Favorite with moms/stay-at-home parents, success driven, harmony seekers.
Celebrities who have one: Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Jessica Alba, Snoop Dog, Hugh Hefner, Girls Next Door.

Sidekick 3: You can be exclusive and you like to have people wonder what you are doing at all times.

Celebrities who have one: Hillary Duff, Paris Hilton, Lindsey Lohan

Nokia: Family-minded, middle aged managers, balance seekers, health conscious.

Celebrities who have one: Jennifer Lopez, Mary J. Blige

Sony Ericsson: Ambitious young men, professionals, success driven, individualistic

Celebrities who have one: Robbie Williams, Helena Christensen

Samsung: Young women, career focused, success driven, fun seekers

Celebrities who have one: Leonardo DiCaprio, Allison Janney

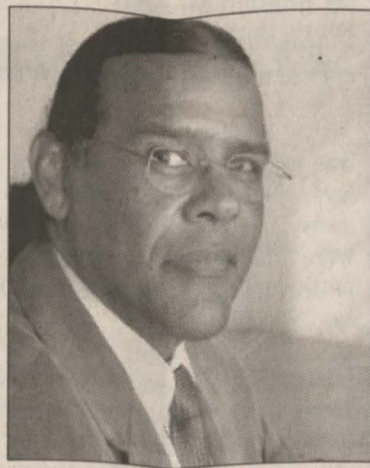
Blackberry: You are into all of the tech things and like new things. Carrying a PDA also means you may be demanding but only because you are a multi-tasker. You are extremely organized.

Celebrities who have one: Jaime Fox, Britney Spears, Lauren Conrad, Jennifer Aniston, Jessica Simpson, Adrian Grenier, and Tina Fey.

Treo: You are into all of the tech things and like new things. Carrying a PDA also means you may be demanding but only because you are a multi-tasker. You are extremely organized.

Celebrities who have one: Mathew Broderick, Peter Gabriel

This info was provided by a survey on yahoo.com. For more info on tech viewpoints, go to tech.yahoo.com.



By Dr Victor Pendleton
Psychologist, PVAMU
Counseling Center

Did you know that we are all wanna bees? Yup, we are. Why? Because being ourselves is not good enough! Our lives are a constant struggle of going against our true natures.

That is why self-control is the most highly prized quality a person can possess: we have a special admiration for those among us with abundant self control.

That we are not good enough is very well documented. Zimbardo's prison experiment showed it. He showed that average people become cruel and sadistic when placed in positions of absolute power.

Milgram's often

repeated study showed it. He showed that, **much to their own surprise**, people will violate their core values when directed to do so by an authority figure.

Asch's studies showed it. He showed that people will question themselves at the most basic levels when faced with group pressure to do so: they will deny their own feelings to avoid negative evaluation by the group, especially if they are the lone target of the group's evaluation.

Paul the Apostle spoke of it very clearly in Rom 7:15-20. Essentially, he says that though he wants to be good, his nature is to behave badly. In Christianity, that is what is meant by the phrase: "we are sinners." We are capable of the most messed-up stuff. Our task in life is to demonstrate the courage to be who we wanna be.

So, life is concerned

with two primary objectives: 1) choosing who we wanna be, and 2) demonstrating the courage to be that person. And it ain't easy.

It ain't easy to choose who we wanna be. Who do I wanna be? Do I wanna be good, or do I wanna be bad? Do I wanna be a devoted friend and lover, or do I wanna be a backstabbing player? Why should I be this way, or that? There are no easy answers. We choose based on faith. And our faith will be tested.

Once we have chosen a way, whatever it is, it takes courage to stick with it: to walk the walk. But we strive to do it because walking the walk is what gives us true satisfaction in life. To be able to honestly look in the mirror and know that you did your best, that you were a true hero, a true Christian, a devoted parent, whatever you choose, that is true satisfaction in life.



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Timbaland: Ego Trippin'

Allhiphop.com

At 36-years-old, Timbaland brings a youthful energy to his music that speaks to the stamina of a 20 year-old sneaking in the club and a 45 year-old raised amidst the Electronic genesis of the '80s. Coming off of one of the most dominant streaks of hits in Tim's 15 year career, the Virginia rapper and super-producer aimed to capitalize off of that attention with Shock Value. Although the burgeoning sound is certainly garnering its share of talk, the most shocking thing about Timbaland in 2007 is his new attitude.

The man who began his career as DJ Timmy Tim claims that his modesty has come to an end. Though he refuses to confirm that his verse on current single "Give It To Me" is specifically intended for Scott Storch, Tim hides no superiority complex about his craft. Like Miles Davis or The Beatles, Timbaland insists that he'll rearrange his entire sound the moment a peer comes anywhere close. Whether it was 1998, 2001 or present day, it's proven that the music created out in these times for Tim can affect the status-quo within several genres.

Unless he or his associates are winning an award, Timbaland has never been a big talker. Still, the head of Mosely Music says a lot in a little. With the kind of attitude that's been previously displayed by Jay-Z and 50 Cent with their respective break-through years, Timbaland aims for an immortalized legacy, while his album tells others to kill themselves.

AllHipHop.com: Your sound has constantly evolved, which people can easily hear on your various albums over the years. After the success of 2006, what makes Shock Value different in the scheme of things?

Timbaland: What you're going to get on this album is a lot of dimensions from me. Different genres of music that people think that I can't do or see me doing, I'm actually doing. So that's how I look at this album as taking a look at my world around music that's what you're going to get from this album.

AllHipHop.com: The music took a big leap over the last two years. What prompted this change on your part?

Timbaland: My sound is always changing, so I can't pinpoint myself. Once I think someone's got it, I'll change it up and that happens all the time. I don't try to do that; it just comes natural to me. Sometimes I don't like my sound, it's just nagging to me, sometimes I'm just like "This is trash," but that's just me being a hard critic.

AllHipHop.com: Much of Shock Value has heavy doses of ego, lots of confidence and more lyrical swag than we've previously seen from you. I know this new attitude started last year, but what prompted it?

Timbaland: I feel like I've been modest too long. People just take me for granted, talk about me. I used to just sit there and take it. But you've got to realize that I am the best, and I'm going to stand for it proudly. Whoever wants to get in my way and [think that] they're better than me, then come on, I'm all about competition. 'Cause I feel like no one can beat me, and that's just me. This is the first time I have talked about how good I am.

AllHipHop.com: So is it Scott Storch you're addressing on the line "I'm a real producer, you're just a piano-man"? Or is that a general criticism of producers?

Timbaland: Producers. There's a lot of producers out there that are just beat-makers, but I'm a real producer. There's a lot of people that think it's aimed at them. Hey, if you think it's towards you. [Or] hey, if you think you're a producer then yeah, it's about you.

AllHipHop.com: So since modesty is out, what do you really see as your legacy in music?

Timbaland: I'm going for the best that did it in my generation - well, one of the best. 'Cause when people mention my name, [they'll mention me alongside] Quincy Jones, Teddy Riley, all those great people that changed their genre of music for that generation. I just want to leave a legacy mark and still touch people. That's how I want to be perceived if I'm here. If I'm not here or if I'm not doing music, I want people to be like he was the greatest; he needs to come back and do it again.

AllHipHop.com: For years, music critics have been trying to analyze your ear and see where your sound comes from. In your own words, where does the music begin for you?

Timbaland: I just let my brain take me where it takes me. I don't really look deep into it. My rhythm is a gift from God. I don't sit there and think about it, it just comes. I just get a lot of different type of rhythms in my head a lot of Latin rhythm, and I just fool with it. And I just put it in there; I don't think twice about it. It just comes to me.

AllHipHop.com: Between the Justin Timberlake tour, working on your solo album and with other major artists, how do you physically do it all?

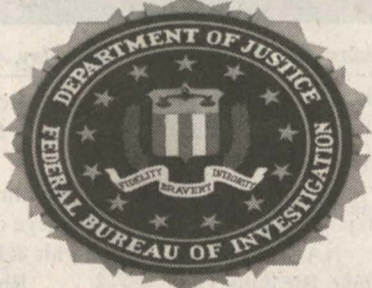
Timbaland: I guess [with the occasional] 20-minute nap, that's how I keep things going. I keep things going by taking a time out. I don't need a long time out, maybe like an hour, and then I'll get back up and start working again.

AllHipHop.com: If you had the chance, dead or alive, what artist would you like to work with?

Timbaland: Biggie. I was almost about to work with Biggie before he got killed. That's who I would want to work with.

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- Shouldn't he just stick to pictures?
- Who is the hater who doesn't know King David works for the paper?
- Why does building 35 think they're the most hated building?
- Who are the random people hating on DST?
- Do they wish they were hated before created?
- Should C Phi C really be stepping with the freshman buildings?
- Weren't they better than the Alphas?
- Speaking of them, what happened?
- Will Toga 3 be better than Toga 2?
- What happened to DJ Unk?
- He didn't even get here to walk it out, huh?
- Who really thinks the Gamma Sigs should compete in any more step shows?
- How many times can you really beg June to make a guest appearance, and still not win?
- Who was waiting for a fight to break out at the after party?
- Who will be at Texas Relays instead of Easter Sunday?
- If you make it to both, are you the prime suspect in a Panther viewpoint?
- What do you think?

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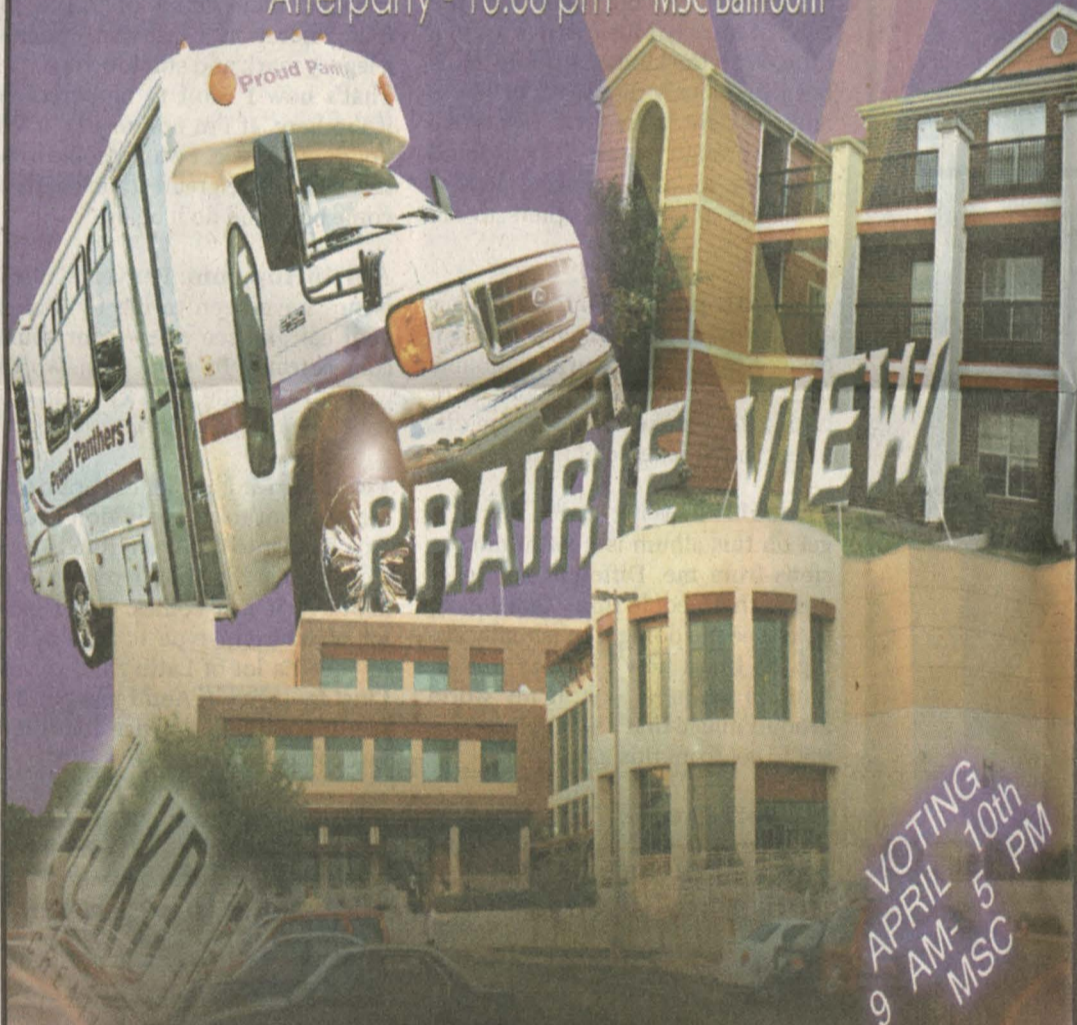
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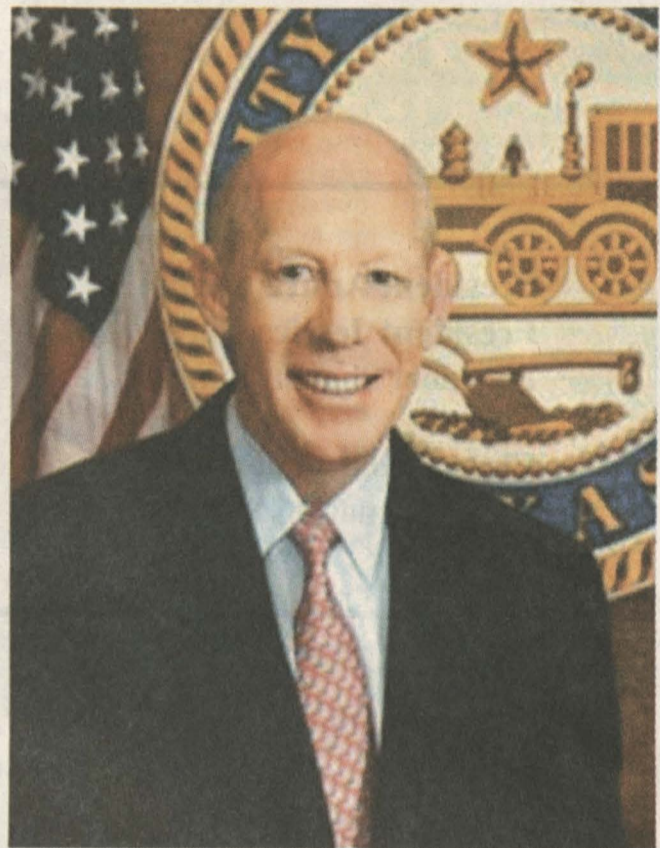


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This Week On The Hill

Thursday, Apr. 5, 2007

- 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sigma Tau Theta
Media Conference @ MSC
Ballroom Rm. 204
- 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Gamma Sigma Sigma
Seminar @ Library Rm.
108
- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Political Science
Newgrowth Hair Screening
@ New Science Rm. A103.
- 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Iota Phi Theta
Barack Obama Seminar @
New Science Rm. 103
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Phi Beta Sigma
Candle Light Vigil @
Water Fountain

Friday, Apr. 6, 2007

- Good Friday/Easter - Stu-
dent Holiday
- 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
SIFE
- Black Male Leadership
Summit/Collegiate Pageant
@ MSC Auditorium
- 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Softball Classic @ Student
Park

Saturday, Apr. 7, 2007

- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
SIFE
- Black Male Leadership
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Sunday, Apr. 8, 2007

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
College of Education
Job Fair @ MSC Ballroom

Monday, Apr. 9, 2007

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
College of Education
Job Fair @ MSC Ballroom
- 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP
Seminar: Breaking The
Chain @ New Science Rm.
A103
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Career Services
Seminar @ MSC Ballroom
Section B

Tuesday, Apr. 10, 2007

- Priority Registration Be-
gins For Summer/Fall
- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
College of Education
Job Fair @MSC Ballroom
Rm. 204
- 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Poetry Night @ Water
Fountain
- 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP
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- 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta
Seminar: Physical & Men-
tal Health @ New Science
Rm. A103

Wednesday, Apr. 11, 2007

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
College of Education
Job Fair @MSC Ballroom
Rm. 204
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