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Campus police say three men drew these images on the side of the Memorial Student Center between the hours 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. No more details were given by the police.

Alphas win TCAC chapter of the year



By Demario Lowe, The Panther

The Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha swept the awards, taking home five including GPA and chapter of the year.

By Demario Lowe
Panther Contributor

The Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. went to the 50th annual Texas Council of Alpha Chapters District Convention and won five trophies.

The trophies include, TCAC Step Show winners, chapter member with the highest GPA, chapter of the year, Charles H. Wesley Award, and the Miss Black and Gold-TCAC.

Tafford White, technical manager of the step team was ecstatic when notified that the chapter had been so prevailing over the

weekend. "The Alpha Legacy continues in the state, and it is an honor to contribute to the dominance at the convention," said White as he jumped for joy during the announcements of awards and the black and gold banquet held at the convention.

The awards that the Eta Gamma chapter won reaffirmed the dominance that they have had historically. "We are just fortunate to add another state chapter of the year title to our belt," said Ameer McMillan, the current chapter vice president and newly nominated assistant district director, one of the highest collegiate positions an Alpha can hold in the state.

Willie McClure, the member responsible for winning the chapter member with the highest GPA was excited about the weekend as well. "I am happy that I could contribute to the chapter in a positive way," he said, "One of our aims in the fraternity exemplify scholarship, and it is rewarding to know that I helped our chapter get recognized by living up to that aim."

Willie McClure is a biology major, currently studying for the MCAT, and preparing for medical school once he graduates he won the title with a cumulative GPA of 3.9.

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Students network with companies at career fair

By Denzel Speights
Panther Staff

Students had a chance to present themselves Wednesday in front of countless companies and graduate schools at this spring semester career fair in the MSC.

"The career fair is an event where students and employers can meet, network, and discuss employment opportunities including graduate school," said Glenda Jones director of career services.

Many companies and graduate schools came out in support of PV's career fair. Companies like Geico, Shell Oil Company, Quorum Business Solutions, Regions Bank as well as schools from Lone Star, Houston Baptist, and Texas A&M are only a few of those who attended the fair.

Junior mechanical engineering major Dominique Getter expressed his interest in seeing the company Jacobs Engineering.

"Now we're in Houston; most companies feel like they have to have be in an oil and gas because that's the most profitable. Well, I like Jacobs because they have a Robotics section, which kind of goes against oil and gas. I feel like that's the best way to progress is through robotics," said Getter

In addition, many alumni were in attendance with the students trying to relate and brand what their companies had to offer. One such alumnus was Deondre Sanders of General Motors.

"Its important to be a the career fair to show that we actually do care about Prairie View, and Its also good for alumni, as such as myself, to comeback so we can give back to our community and to show that you can graduate with the school and have a great job," said Sanders.

Various students at the career fair made their presence known by networking with the many companies available.

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Congresswoman speaks to students about empowerment



Taylor Coleman, The Panther

Hospital at the age of 21, and later on became a congresswoman. When asked about how she went from being a nurse to working in politics, she said that "I volunteered in the offices, and it soon became a passion to make changes in the world around me so that people will have better opportunities."

Students were inspired by her commitment to uplift HBCU's and the need to pay back student loans as quickly as possible because that is what funds the institutions.

Senior English major Marissa Berry commented on her experience by saying that "I learned that you don't have to let your gender or the color of your skin stop you from doing great things in your life. Having the congresswoman come to campus was a wonderful experience because I learned what it takes to do things behind the scenes that are not often seen by the public."

Congresswoman Johnson became the first African-American and female ranking member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

She is currently serving her 11th term in the 30th Congressional district in Texas, which covers all of Dallas County, and is the founder and co-chair of the Diversity and Innovation Caucus and the House of Historical Black Colleges and Universities Caucus.

By Celia Hinkson
Panther Staff

On Feb. 18 Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson came to speak to the students in honor of Black History Month.

During the seminar, Johnson

talked about her role in Congress, the importance of receiving a good education, uplifting historically black colleges and universities, and remaining focused on your goals in life.

She spoke heavily on the need to be committed to receiving a good education. "It is urgent!" As

she spoke about how we need to encourage individual young and old that education is very valuable and that it allows people to have a better understand of the changes that are occurring in the world, and can possibly keep crime rates down if education is encouraged more.

When talking about the difficulties of finding a job and getting an education due to skin color being a factor, Johnson stated that "You've got to make up your mind and stay focused, and you'll be just fine." The congresswoman went on to say that she became a chief of nurses at the Dallas Veterans

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Courtesy of Demario Lowe

The chapter poses after sweeping the awards ceremony.

Nadia Grier, the Miss Black and Gold contestant was also ecstatic about her accomplishment over the weekend. "I am truly shocked," she said as she was being crowned the TCAC queen.

"The support and encouragement from the Eta Gamma chapter has truly motivated me to push myself like this. I never would've thought that I could represent the entire state in this manner," she said.

Nadia won after displaying elegance in each portion of the scholarship pageant. She placed first out of nine contestants throughout the state.

One of the contestants included Brianna Clark, who represented the graduate chapter, Epsilon Tau Lambda, in the pageant. Epsilon Tau Lambda also won the Chapter of the Year for Alumni chapters. "This shows that not only is Eta Gamma dominating, but Prairie View is dominating the state

altogether," said by Kyle Maronie, one of the members of the graduate chapter.

The Eta Gamma chapter has a long history of winning, from the first national title in 1976, to the most recent state title won this past weekend. The state Chapter of the Year title adds to the other 30 state titles that the chapter has won.

Along with their state titles, the Prairie View chapter has also been the Chapter of the Year for the South Western region 18 times, and the National Chapter of the Year three times.

Consistency was key when preparing for the competition.

The chapter president said, "This title meant a lot to us, and the consistent effort from my brothers truly paid off." He followed his words with a strong and stern statement, "This is only the beginning for us. Our goal is to be the next national Chapter of the Year. Nothing less."

PRAIRIE VIEW GRADUATE SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Early Voting February 18-28, 2014 Primary Election March 4, 2014

Prairie View A&M University 2013 Humanitarian Award Recipient



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Annual scholarship fair builds financial awareness



Photo By Taylor Coleman

Scholarship: Students Deondria Kyles and Sonia Scott take notes as they listen to information about scholarships, financial aid, and the FAFSA.

Celia Hinkson
Panther Contributor

On Feb. 18-20, The 2nd annual scholarship fair, sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center, helped students understand how to receive scholarships and financial aid for college.

Andrea Wilkens, scholarship coordinator for the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, spoke to students about being aware of

priority deadlines, financial aid eligibility, and scholarship opportunities that are currently available on campus.

One item she felt students needed to be aware of was the priority date for FAFSA and the advantages of turning that information in before it was due.

Wilkens stated that "the FAFSA priority date is March 15. If your information is turned in before this day, you are more likely

to receive Texas grants from the government. Also, the general application has now been posted on the Prairie View A&M University website, and all the information is now web-based and can be turned in online."

She urged students to make sure they apply for the general application before the deadline on March 15 for the summer or by April 15 for next spring or fall semester. "If you do not meet the

deadline, you will have to wait until the following spring semester to apply," Wilkens said.

The workshop also focused on the qualifications needed for certain scholarships, how to write scholarship essays, and being aware that there is assistance available on campus for anyone needing help filling out scholarships.

Dionna Smith, the keynote speaker for the workshop and assistant director of Student Academic

Success, urged students to "not let scholarship opportunities pass you by, because you don't feel like writing, or you don't know what to write about. Write about yourself, if you love yourself. You can write about yourself all day."

For more information or assistance on scholarships, go to the Financial Aid office on the third floor of the Memorial Student Center, or to the Student Academic Success Center located in the J.B. Coleman Library.

Dr. Jamal Bryant speaks for S.P.I.T. Knowledge seminar

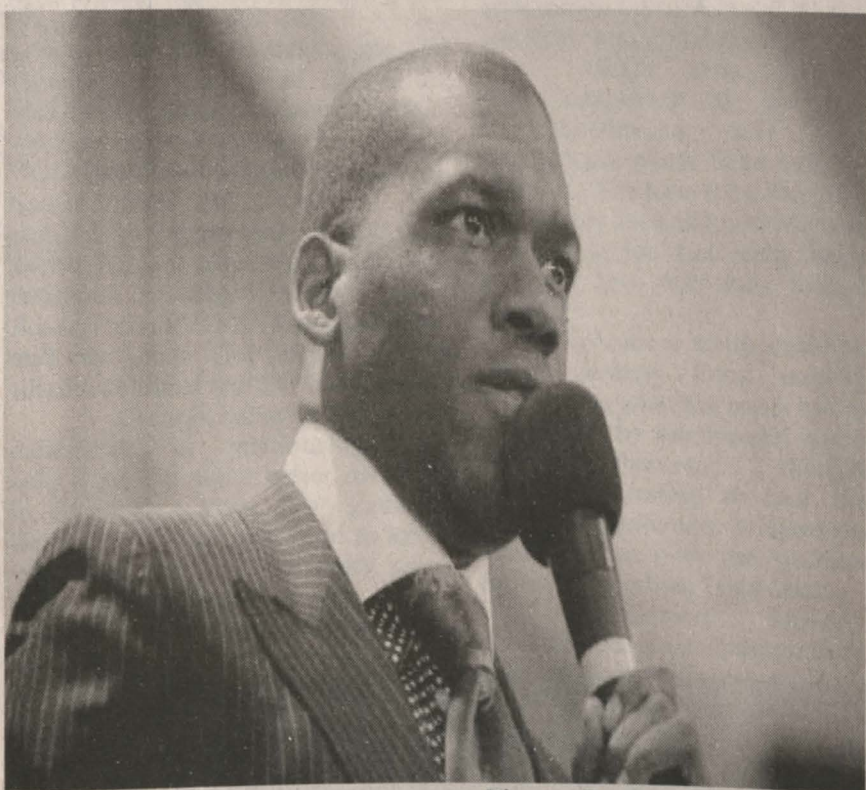


Photo By Jenny Kane

Bryant spoke to students about the importance of an education.

By Denzel Speight
Assistant Editor

Dr. Jamal Bryant, minister of the Empowerment Temple in Baltimore, Md., reminded students of the importance of an HBCU education at a recent S.P.I.T. Knowledge seminar at the Opal Johnson auditorium.

Bryant, an accomplished author that who has made appearances on B.E.T.'s "Meet the Faith" and "Lift Every Voice," leads the fastest growing African Methodist Episcopal Church in the country.

"When a student goes to an HBCU they get not just get an education, they find out about their history, their legacy and understand their role that they need to play in the future of the race," Bryant said.

He said a person could lose many possessions in life but "when you have an education, no matter what happens in life,

you will always have the skill set to be able to start over again."

He added, "education is something that nobody can never take away from you."

During the event, Bryant talked about how the struggles of the past that helped give blacks an opportunity to attend school.

One of the struggles he mentioned was that of Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison in South Africa.

Bryant said in an interview that the one thing he wanted students to remember was to "take over."

He went on to say that "It's your turn and it's your time. Whenever the mantel is passed, nobody gives it to you. You just have to take it. And if they don't give it to you tie sticks on fire on fire and you've got your own touch."

A graduate of Morehouse College, Bryant earned a master's degree in theological science from Duke University and a doctorate in

Budget office: wage hike would lift pay, cost jobs

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) Boosting the federal minimum wage as President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats are proposing would increase earnings for more than 16.5 million people by 2016 but also cut employment by roughly 500,000 jobs, Congress' nonpartisan budget analyst said Tuesday.

In a report containing ammunition for both supporters and opponents of the Democratic election-year proposal, the Congressional Budget Office said gradually raising the minimum from \$7.25 hourly to \$10.10 would lift 900,000 people above the federal poverty level by 2016. That is out of 45 million who would otherwise live in poverty without an increase.

The study was unveiled as the Senate prepares for a March debate on a plan by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, ramping up the minimum in three steps to \$10.10 by 2016.

The proposal is backed by Obama and is a keystone of Democrats' campaign-season plans to highlight their effort to make incomes more equitable, but it faces strong Republican opposition and long odds of approval by Congress.

The analysis, which examined increases very similar to Harkin's, immediately added fuel to the partisan dispute over the proposal. It put authoritative weight behind longtime GOP claims that increasing the minimum wage would cost jobs by forcing companies to spend more on wages, putting Democrats on the defensive.

"This report confirms what we've long known: While helping some, mandating higher wages has real costs, including fewer people working," said Bren-

dan Buck, spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"With unemployment Americans' top concern, our focus should be creating - not destroying - jobs for those who need them most.

The budget office said its estimate of employment losses was approximate. It said the actual impact would likely range from a very slight employment reduction to a loss of 1 million workers.

"If and when Democrats try to push this irresponsible proposal, they should be prepared to explain why up to a million Americans should be kept from having a job - beyond the work already lost due to Obamacare," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., using a favorite nickname of the GOP's favorite election-year target - Obama's 2010 health care overhaul. Democrats cited other studies that they said concluded employment would not be reduced.

They said job-reduction claims are overblown and outweighed by the benefits to workers and the overall economy as low-paid employees use their higher incomes to spend more money. The CBO job-loss figures

"do not reflect the overall consensus view of economists which is that raising the minimum wage has little or no negative effect on employment," Jason Furman, chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, said in a blog post with council member Betsey Stevenson.

Instead, they emphasized the millions who would gain higher wages and the 900,000 boosted above poverty.

"No matter how the critics spin this report, the CBO made it absolutely clear: Raising the minimum wage would lift almost one million Americans out of poverty, increase the pay of low-income workers by \$31 billion, and help build an economy that works for

everyone," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. After 2016, Harkin's measure would require the minimum wage to be increased annually to reflect rising inflation.

The study also examined the impact of boosting the minimum wage to just \$9 hourly by 2016 and leaving it at that level afterward. That lesser increase would have smaller effects: About 100,000 fewer jobs, higher wages for 7.6 million workers and 300,000 people lifted out of poverty.

The report said the increase to \$10.10 would add \$31 billion to the earnings of low-wage workers. But it noted that only 19 percent of that increase would go to families earning less than the poverty threshold, while 29 percent would go to families earning more than triple the poverty level. That is because many low-wage earners are not in low-wage families.

But in addition, income would decrease by \$17 billion for families earning at least six times the poverty level because that group would be affected most by lost business income and price increases.

The report said that besides boosting wages for people earning less than \$10.10 hourly, some people making more than that amount would also see higher earnings as bosses adjust their pay scales upward.

Some people's incomes would grow as their earnings increase, causing them to pay more taxes. But for others, income would fall - reducing their tax burden - and still others would begin collecting unemployment insurance.

As a result, the budget office said federal budget deficits would probably decrease slightly for a few years but then increase slightly after that. The budget office estimates that the 2016 poverty level would be \$24,100 for a family of four and less for smaller families.

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Carl Blair strides toward tremendous goals



James Sallone, The Panther

Taking over the world: Dreams are for dreamers and Goals are for trend setters

By Joshua Bennett
Panther Staff

"I sacrificed a lot to go to the gym on weekends; I lost friends because of this game," says former Prairie View A&M University starting guard Carl Blair of basketball.

Blair, 24, looks forward to accomplishing his dreams with his

new online vlog, Ayechoo Life, and his five-year-old company, Hoop or Die (H.O.D.), but has his mind still set on playing basketball in the NBA.

The vlog will record his life and the different endeavors that he takes part in on and off campus. H.O.D. is his movement that will incorporate a clothing line,

a website, and other business endeavors.

"I feel like Hoop or Die is like if Michael Jordan would have taken his own brand and trademarked himself. It's like a cross between Nike and Disney," said Blair.

He says that the movement was initially only a way to promote and showcase his skills on the court. Blair and five other basketball teammates developed the early stages of then exclusive society in Jackson, Miss.

He says the idea to start the movement came from his experience growing up and the challenges he faced.

"There was nothing to do and basketball was an outlet to stay away from crime in the city," he said. "I then began to blow up and people started to rep it with us."

Growing up Blair consistently moved around a lot. He was born one of five siblings, on the west coast in Long Beach, Calif. His father, a prison correctional officer, and his mother, a hairstylist, then moved the family down south to Beaumont, Texas, after Blair had turned 9. Shortly after that they

moved to Cypress, Texas, when he was in the sixth grade.

"We moved around a lot because of my dad's job," he said. "Other than that I moved around because of basketball. I was chasing the dream."

A dream that Blair was finding closer to achieve after moving to Jackson and playing on the high school state champions team.

"That was the biggest accomplishment in my life at that time," said Blair. "It was so fulfilling to give my all and get recognition for it. Winning is everything to me."

His travels didn't conclude in high school. He continued to change schools throughout college as well.

He spent his freshman year at the University of New Orleans and his sophomore and junior year at the University of Oklahoma before starting his senior year as point guard for the Panthers.

Blair considered the changes as a learning experience, which he accepted without hesitation.

"Everywhere I've been is home to me. I learned to adapt to my surroundings, and also wherever I

went people loved me," he said.

He pauses, then stares intensely and says, "You know what, life is made up of adaptation and change."

A testament to his philosophy, Blair recently picked up another hobby, skateboarding. He says he used it only as transportation at first but began to actually enjoy the sport.

"Skateboarding is a form of meditation for me. It's just peaceful and relaxing," he said.

Skateboarding may not be a setback but Blair has seen his fair share of emotional traumas. At 10 years old he lost his favorite cousin from a fatal gunshot

"When he died I realized that nothing was forever. It changed me and made me want to do better."

Blair says that it took him a while to get over the death of his cousin but the experience didn't stop him from looking to the future.

"The future of H.O.D. is big. I think it's going to be a billion dollar corporation," he said. "This is everything to me."

Love or lust relationship seminar educates students on love

By Kiara Rabb
Panther Staff

Panther United and Lions Club International hosted the Love over Lust relationship seminar Wednesday Feb. 12 in the New Science Building.

The L.O.L. seminar was inspired by Panthers United parliamentarian Joseph White. "He thought of this event to help students get general relationship advice from their peers," said Panthers United president Kelli Washington.

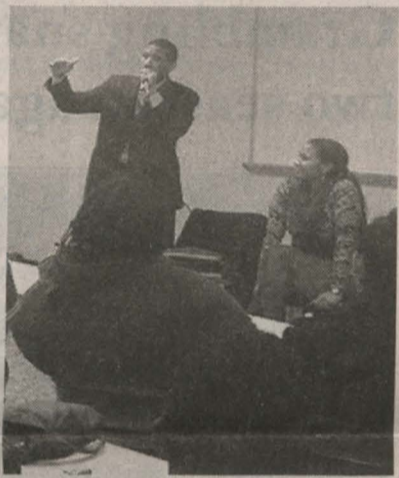
The seminar included interactive discussion and debate over topics such as knowing the difference between love and lust, defining a healthy relationship, having standards, and much more.

Seven panelists were divided into two categories: old school versus new school. The old school panelists included the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences communications director LaRachelle Smith, Prairie View A&M head men's and women's tennis coach John Cochran, and psychology department interim head Derek Wilson. New school panelists consisted of Mr. PVAMU, Aaron Fowler; Miss PVAMU, Breanna Green; and two Lions Club representatives Rhaoni Johnson and Keith Hartaway.

Cochran believed that having experience in relationships will help a person make better decisions in choosing a mate. "You gotta go through some dirt and mud to know what you want and to really know what you don't want," he said.

Wilson urged the students to recognize early on that if a person is unwilling to go the extra mile to make things work then it's lust. "If they're not willing to go in their pockets, change their schedule, or make do for you, then you gotta think about it," he said.

Green believed that it is good



Eye opener : the real differences between devotion and desire

for a person to have standards, but to also be realistic about their expectations of the other person. "Be in a place in your life where you know what is okay and what is not okay to ask for," she said.

Smith also stressed that acceptance is the key to experiencing true love. "Acceptance starts from within," she said. "You have to be accepting of who you are and know who you are before you can really begin to show love outwardly toward others."

Sophomore communication major Britney Cook enjoyed listening to what the panel had to say about the relationship issues that were discussed. "I thought it was interesting to hear the different views and perspectives coming from both the students and staff members," said Cook.

Sophomore business management major Quinton Dean enjoyed the seminar overall. "I came out to support a few of my friends," he said. "Plus, they also mentioned refreshments and entertainment, which are my two favorite things."

Sigma Gamma Rho brings attention to HIV and AIDs on National HIV and AIDs awareness day.

By Nia Shy
Panther Staff

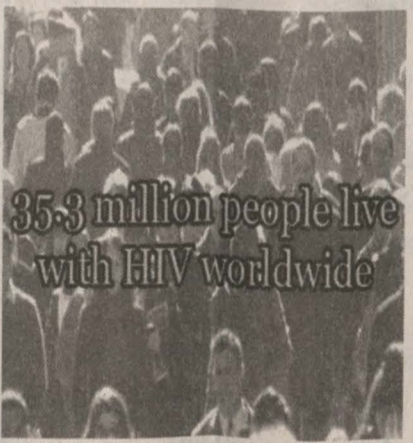
The Divine Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho hosted a Break the Silence seminar in honor of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness day.

Legacy Community Health Services provided students with information about the HIV virus and AIDS disease and ways that they can be prevented.

The seminar discussed the ways that HIV is transmitted, which is through blood, semen, pre-cum, vaginal, fluid, breast milk, sexual contact, sharing needles, and childbirth.

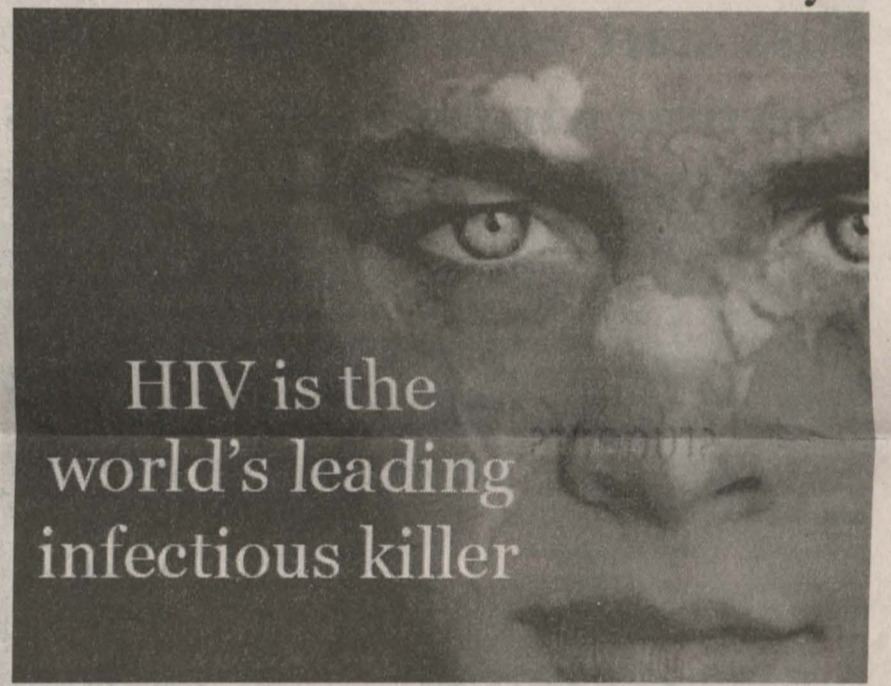
When it comes to HIV, it's important to pay attention to your behavior rather than symptoms because everyone's body is different.

Students proposed questions that they were curious about, such as can mosquitoes transmit HIV from person to person.



HIV is a human virus and can only be transmitted from human to human.

Kendrick Taylor, senior biology major, stated "It was very informative. There was a lot of information taught at the seminar that a lot of people don't know, such as the difference between HIV and AIDS"



Photos By Justin R. Crockett, The Panther

Positive or Nah?: Are you sure or are you positive?

H I V , H u m a n Immunodeficiency Virus, weakens the immune system and is not curable, but it can be managed.

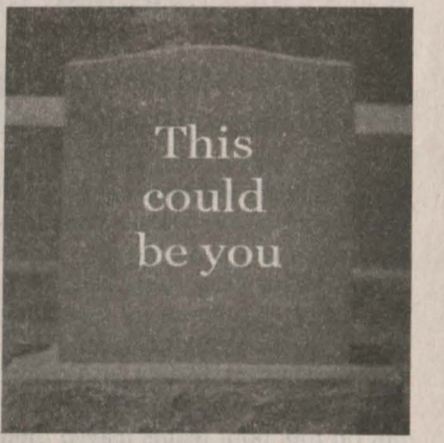
A I D S , A c q u i r e d Immunodeficiency Syndrome is a progression of HIV and a collection of opportunistic infection. AIDS is a diagnosis that can only be given by a doctor. A patient can be diagnosed with AIDS if there T cells are below 200.

Legacy Community Health Services representative said, "When a woman with AIDS gives birth, the baby is going to test positive initially because it still carries its mother's immune system, but there is about a 2% chance that the child will have AIDS later in life"

Senior political science major, Darius Kelley believes "The seminar was educational and successful. As African Americans, we need to be aware of HIV/AIDS. It affects all aspects of the community and not just homosexual people, which many people have been led to believe."

According to the World

Health Organization more than 35.3 million people are currently living with HIV, and 2.1 million of these are adolescents (10-19 years). All adolescents are vulnerable to HIV



due to the physical and emotional transitions, and potentially heightened risk-taking behavior, inherent to this period of life. The vast majority of people living with HIV are in low- and middle-income countries. An estimated 2.3 million people were newly infected with the virus in 2012.

Justin Crockett tells the bloody road of tears

By Justin R. Crockett
Panther Staff

Salt Lake:

The cold, red soil drowns the pale padding of my feet. The moisture in the air has been clanged to my every pore of my skin for days. So much so, that the wounds upon my hands and backside have stopped their bleed and begun a boil. I keep thinking to myself, "if I just wait. Wait. Until the day of Sunday's break."

With every couple of steps I keep thinking one word, if. If I can drag myself beyond

the pasture with the weeds waving three feet high, Over the hill that guards the twin trees that caresses its horizon, And follow the faded dirt path that weaves and curves into the shallow woods that discreetly mask the salty scent of the grounds that I desire to lay my crisp limbs that weigh my body about the surface of the longed for salt lake.

I'm almost there, but hardly making it. Sometimes the last milestones we face can be the shortest part of the journey, but the hardest

trail to travel.

I see the still water, undisturbed before my eyes. Then as I feel myself slowly blacking out before I reach my goal, I hear my father's voice whisper in my ear "Rest if you must son, but don't you quit." I then feel myself fall into my baptism. The salt of the water slowly numbs my wounds as it settles in. My body goes into a sense of shock as the low temperature overtakes my body. I gradually peak through the seams of my eyes and see the murk of the lake swirling around my body. A bright

light then comes and carries me home.

Now that I am free of my flesh, my soul looks upon the soil I once dwelled upon. The pasture I once walked now a bed for a franchise. The hill I once climbed a home. The woods I once traveled an interstate. I look down and remember the one thing that motivated me the most is now absent, pride. I see my offspring taking what they have now and turning it into a waste. After time took its course, I figured our vocabulary would have reached a new place or

at least be grateful enough to wear woven cloth in the region of your waist. The way you're carrying yourselves is a disgrace!

Know your roots
Know your roots
Know your roots

Be aware of the pride, blood, tears, lives, and the sacrifices that were made for you. Upon the cold red soil that is now covered. Upon the pasture now hidden. Upon the hill that is now leveled. Upon the woods now shredded. Upon the lake now dry But all of these still present.

Leisure activity turns into new organization on campus

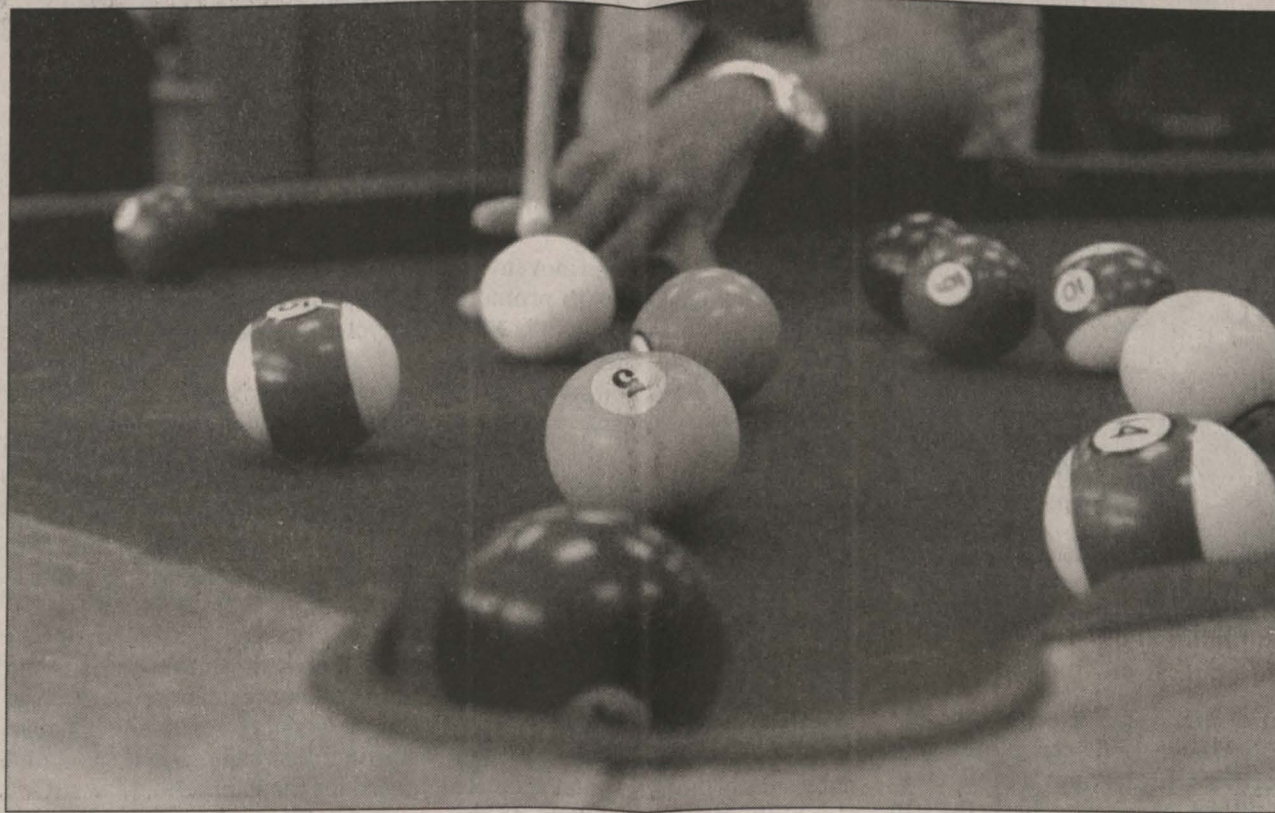
By Denzel Speights
Panther Staff

The PV Pool Sharks have emerged on the campus of the purple and gold. Its founder and President, Darion White led the organization. "We all had a passion for pool. We one at a time started buying our own pool sticks, and we started seeing each other get serious in game and we were like 'hey let's start an organization...'"

Mainly the PV Pool Sharks are opening with anybody who has an interest in playing pool, whether if they're beginners or experts.

"Really there's no experience necessary. You just got to come with an open spirit, an open mind; and to come and really understand the sport, whether it's for competition or for fun, really it's to come out and have a good time." said vice president of the PV Pool Sharks, sophomore Rodger Thomas III.

For students to participate, PV pool sharks insists that students must have a 2.5 GPA. Even though they are not an official team yet, the Sharks are planning to play collegiate schools. They are in the works in playing against LoneStar in Cypress. They also started negotiations to start a game



Taylor Coleman, the Panther

with TSU, HCC, Blinn, and Southern University.

To play against these schools, the PV Pool Sharks have setup preliminary rounds within the organization. The purpose of the preliminary rounds is to let everyone

have to get a spot to play. It's basically a tryout.

The games that will be played, are a combination of 8 and 9 ball.

Shark's members freshman business major Eric Web-

ster, who has been playing for three years, said that he's looking forward to meet new friends and being able to play other skill players.

He said would like to play other schools from SWAC.

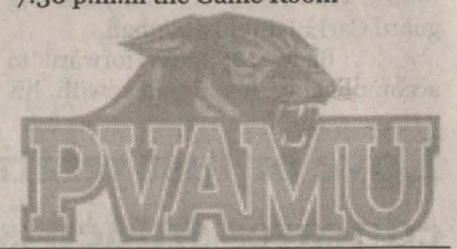
Even though the PV Pool Sharks are in their inaugural year, the organization shows great promise in the interest they are stirring around campus.

"It's basically just a learning experience for people," said Jay Pettis, advisor for the PV Pool Sharks. He said that, "You can bring in fresh faces that never played pool before in their life. They've seen people play pool, they're interested and things like that and they really just want to learn it." Pettis added that he liked that the organization focused on learning the history of how to play Billiards.

This week The PV Pool Sharks are starting their preliminary rounds Saturday at 11 in the pool hall in the MSC game room.

They are scheduled to play Lone Star by the end of February or the beginning of March.

For more information about the PV Pool Sharks you can either see an officer roaming around in the MSC Game Room or at their next meeting, which is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Game Room



Fast start ends in epic double overtime win for Lady Panthers



By Zaccheus Quinney, The Panther

Get out of here: Asha Finch goes up and blocks a Grambling Tigers shot in a tight knit game.

By Donovan Martinez
Panthe Staff

"It was a hard fought game and thankfully we came out on top," said head coach Dawn Washington on the win from Monday night.

The Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers and the Tigers of Grambling State University battled it out in a double overtime thriller on Feb. 17. Although the Lady Panthers came out on top, both teams played their heart out, giving the fans a game to remember. The intensity was sky high in the Baby Dome as the students of Prairie View cheered.

Opening the game with a 7-2 run and forcing a Tigers timeout, it appeared as if the Lady Panthers were going to take off. Pressing for most of the half the defensive pressure from both sides picked up leading to the game being tied at 13 with ten minutes to go. Breaking the tie the Panthers began to inch away getting a five point, 21-17 cushion within the final five minutes of the half. The Panthers maintained their five point lead closing the half 30-25.

The Panthers started the second half on a mini run pushing the lead to nine off of an impressive move by LaReahn Washington, who drew a chance for a three-point play. Up 10, Washington was forced to sit with four fouls, which was a huge blow to the Panthers defensive and offensive scheme. Within the eight minute mark the Lions fought to within four. Shortly after GSU clawed their way to a 44-43 lead forcing a PV timeout. After giving up a temporary lead the panthers hit two clutch free throws to tie the game up. With the score tied at 52, in the final seconds Larissa Scott threw up a nerve-racking half court heave that nearly dropped,

sending the game into overtime.

Prairie View went up by as much as three in the first overtime, trying to fend off the lion's come back attempts.

Gabrielle Scott said her teammates stepped up once they realized her shot was off. "My shot was off all game, my teammates told me 'don't worry, we got this' and they took off."

While both teams struggled in the quarter the Panthers managed to maintain a one point lead with 19 seconds left. Fighting for the rebound junior forward Victoya Ricks was sent to the line where she went one for two, disappointing the crowd and forcing a second overtime.

During the second overtime the teams played with a different kind of tenacity. It was obvious that both teams were emotionally invested in the game and had no plans on going home with a loss. No lead exceeded two for the first couple of minutes in the quarter. Finally at the one-minute mark two key free-throws gave the Panthers a four point advantage over the Lions. The Panthers went on to score again but not soon after junior guard Joanna Miller drained a much needed three pointer, bringing her lions within three points.

Thankfully for the Panthers, the clock was on their side, which caused the Tigers to force desperation fouls to stop the clock. The Lady Panthers kept their composure while hitting their clutch free throws and even rubbed the victory in a little with an excessive jumper at the buzzer. Not only were there four Panthers with double digit points but junior and senior guards Jeanette and LaReahn Washington combined for a more than impressive 43 points and 8 steals. Washington said she was satisfied, "We came together as a family and got the win."

Let the games begin

Friday, February 21

Softball vs Stephen F. Austin
11 a.m.

Baseball vs Northwestern State
3 p.m.

Softball at University of North Texas
5 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

Softball vs Sam Houston State
11:00 a.m.

W. Tennis vs Louisiana-Lafayette
2 p.m.

Baseball at Texas-Pan American
3 p.m.

Softball vs Texas State
3 p.m.

W. Basketball at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5 p.m.

M. Basketball at *Arkansas-Pine Bluff
7:30 p.m.

W. Track at SWAC Indoor Championship
All Day

M. Track at SWAC Indoor Championship
All Day

M. Golf at McNeese State Golf Classic
All Day

Sunday, February 23

M. Golf at McNeese State Golf Classic
All Day

W. Tennis Northwestern State
2:00 p.m.

W. Track at SWAC Indoor Championship
All Day

M. Track at SWAC Indoor Championship
All Day

Grambling snatches third win in two seasons against the Panthers



By Cori Higgins, The Panther

Go up strong: Foward Demondre Chapman towers over the Tigers defender to lay in a missed shot.

By Denzel Speights
Panther Staff

Monday's game in the Baby Dome caused an uproar as the Panthers fell against Grambling State 83- 81.

Grambling opened the gates with an 8-0 run in the beginning minuets of the first half. Head coach Bryon Rimm said the slow start affected the ending. "My boys just could'nt get it together at the beginning," said Rimm.

By the 8:11 mark the Panthers made a comeback to close the lead 19-17. Panthers' forward Demondre Chapman led the way to put the Panthers within three, 31-28 with 12 seconds left, but they were unable to take the lead as the Tigers' were able to distance themselves with a buzzer beating lay-up by center Windale Ginton.

Panthers' center closed the Tigers lead to one with his pair of free throws in the beginning of the second half. But again the Tigers made another run 54-44 with the help of outside shooters Guard Antwan Scott and Forward Terry Rose. Grambling was able to expand the led to 11 by the 2:35.

With 1:45 left and the score 77-67, Panthers guard Louis Munks, lay-up and a steal by Guard John Brisco which led to a three pointer by Guard Montreal Scott closed the gap to five with

1:21 left.

Once more the Tigers were able to repeal the advancement of the Panthers by scoring on their next two possessions 80-73 with 52 seconds left.

Brisco's three pointer closed the Tigers lead to 80-76, but the Tigers were able to capitalize on their next possession as Thomas was fouled to make after a lay-up. Unable to complete the three-point play, the Panthers were able to close the lead with a three pointer by Brisco 82-79 with 18 seconds left.

On the next possession the Tigers was whistled a technical foul which sent Brisco to the free throw line to close the Tigers lead to one with 17 seconds left.

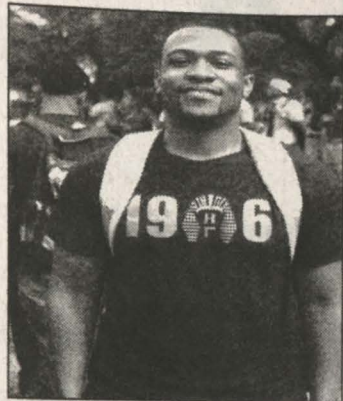
Having a chance to take the lead after the technical foul, the Panthers was unable to take advantage of the opportunity as guard Tre Hagood was whistled for a turnover with four seconds left. Chapman said turnover killed the momentum throughout the game. "We had turnovers at the worst times and you don't win having a lot of turnovers," Chapman stated.

The Tigers next possession Thomas was fouled as he hit one of two baskets.

With one last chance for the Panthers to win the game, Brisco was unable to hit a three to take away the contest.

Brisco led the Panthers with 22 points as Scoot came in second with 21. Coming off the bench Chapman scored 16 points and had seven rebounds.

YOUR VOICE



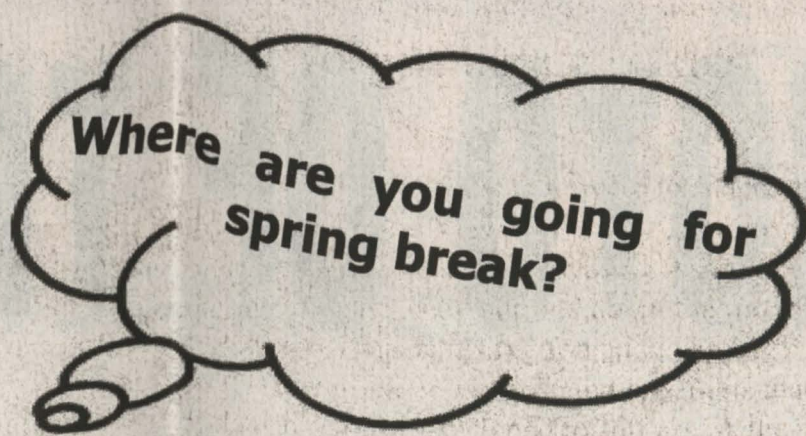
**Felix Egwuonwu
Junior**

"I plan on going to Austin for my spring break."



**Khalil Wilson
Senior**

"My spring break will be spent going to the beach in Miami: the nude beach."



**Jonathan Whiting
Junior**

"I will be spending my spring break in Cali."



**Shelby Daniels
Senior**

"For spring break I plan on going to SXSW and then go to Fort Worth to visit my family."

Edited By: Taylor Coleman

Is this fair for anyone?

Is everyone that attends this school getting the same rules that apply to them, and if any student that finds themselves in the Code of Conduct office given the same penalties if they don't follow those same rules that everyone else has to follow?

This week a person drew a mural that symbolizes struggles that generations fought for, so that we can have the liberties such as freedom of speech, and freedom of the press without receiving criticism, but yet our school feels that this should be taken down and was taken down so that no one else would see it.

If anyone takes the picture and posts it to social media, has to take the post off of their profile, and is being called to meet in the office of Code of Conduct.

This young brave individual could possibly be put into jail for vandalism, and have a criminal record for the rest of their life because they chose to send a powerful message yet however in recent school history there were far worse situations, when the person didn't get as harsh consequences. What is the differences between this situation and the person who defaced the pond during homecoming week, or the person who destroyed campus property, and was trying to hit other people with their vehicle while they were under the influence?

It may be true that those students may not attend this school anymore, but they did not face any criminal charges against them.

Why couldn't we keep this situation "in house" like other stories are treated on thus campus? The student maybe went the wrong way for putting the drawing on the MSC building, but in my opinion he had good intentions. What do you think?

-Anonymous

The MSC Mural

On Tuesday, many students gathered around to see the artwork done on the side of the MSC wall, as they gathered many took photos and posted them on Instagram. I was one of the few who reposted the photo on Instagram as well. The mural quoted these words "IF YOU COULDN'T IMAGINE THEM DOING IT, WHY DO WE?" with Malcolm X standing over Martin Luther King Jr. with a gun. Some person took his/her time to paint something so magnificent on the wall only for it to be erased within 30 minutes. The mural was something positive for the whole yard to see. Why erase something so positive? The mural also gave important facts and history. It only makes me think what else are you guys hiding from us. If we can't see something so brutally honest about the color of our skin or something that we need to take a stand for in society, then why are we here? Thats right we're here to learn right? Get a degree but forget where we came from and what lessons those before our generation taught us. After I sat and thought about it, I felt the administration staff handled the situation a little too harsh. Sending him/her to jail for what? Vandalism? This is Black History Month, and we have done little to celebrate it but we can plan out a whole week for homecoming or spring fest. What happened to "I'm Black and I'm proud" not to sound so cliché? We have only 28 days to do something positive, what are we doing to educate our black men and women at Prairie View A&M University? I thought this was an HBCU, so its not important to express ourselves differently? I UNDERSTAND THAT DEFACING THE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL IS NOT SOMETHING POSITIVE BUT IN LIFE EVEN WITH THE NEGATIVE YOU HAVE TO FIND THE POSITIVE.

-Erin Rausaw

SGA Speaks Out

NEWS REGARDING YOUR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Hello Fellow Panthers,

As you have seen, Prairie View is looking to shape up its image: The Panther, The Lake, and New Facilities. Prairie View is not only growing on the outside, but on the inside as well. As I've met with Associate Provost & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Felicia Nave I have been notified about the modifications and additions that have been made to improve lesson instruction and keep track of student work.

Task stream is one of the most profound programs that will be implemented in a college near you. This program is designed to self assess the student bodies work by using an "Accountability Management System (AMS)" and "Learning Achievement Tools (LAT)". Using a five step cycle of "Continuous Improvement" the University will now be able to: "create plans that demonstrate how outcomes will be measured & define targets for those measures", "gather data using appropriate methods & instruments", "critically examine implementation results for areas of success & needed improvement", "identify improvement initiatives, create action items", and "document and map learning outcomes". This new system was selected as an addition to Ecourses because of its robust capabilities and extensive support staff.

Along with TaskStream, Ecourses now allows access to NBC learns Higher Ed. This interactive video clip archive provides the university with articles and information about historical news and current events regarding most major concentrations in higher learning. This resource can be found on your Ecourses; Main Menu tab.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Keep a look out for the National Survey of Student Engagement (nsse@nsse-survey.org)! If you do not check your PV email I suggest you begin today! Upon completion of the short survey you will be eligible to win a prize:

- Two \$50.00 Campus Store Gift Cards
- Two \$25.00 Campus Gift Cards
- Two \$50.00 Panther Bucks

If you receive an Invitation and have questions, please call institutional Research & Effectiveness at (936) 261 - 2188 or email chbailey@pvamu.edu

Hope all is well,

Jonathan L Miller
Vice President of Academic Affairs
Student Government Association

20 QUESTIONS ASK FM/PVPANTHER

1. How was BM's Valentine's Day speed dating?
 2. Did they just pick the girls instead of actually doing a drawing?
 3. Who got jumped at the Bar -B-Que?
 4. I guess it's safe to say he wont let another chick grind him up again?
 5. Who was the person thrown in jail for the mural painted on the MSC wall?
 6. Is the administration committee trying to make us forget where we come from?
 7. Why do we attend a HBCU if they wont allow us to celebrate our own month?
 8. We can't turn up for something positive?
 9. Who went to the PV vs. TSU game?
 10. Who was upset that they couldn't get in?
 11. Who went to Hump Day?
 12. Can we say its finally back?
 13. Who had a valentine on Friday?
 14. Is candy and card all it takes to get laid?
 15. Did the couple population just increase for 24 hours?
 16. Who's going to the Phrozen Phantasy party?
 17. Will it be better or worse then the Oil Spill?
 18. Who went to the career fair?
 19. Do you think you'll get a call back?
 20. What do you think?
- This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or submit at www.ask.fm/pvpanther. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Prairie View from downtown: Senior Louis Munks shooting a three-pointer to close Grambling's lead.

Photo By: Zaccheus Quinney

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB. 20TH: ONE ACCORD MIME MINISTRY WOMAN THOU ART LOOSED BALLOON RELEASE 6:30-8:30 P.M.
WHERE: MSC AUDITORIUM**

**FEB. 20TH: NUPES V. ALPHA PHI ALPHA BASKETBALL GAME 7 P.M.
WHERE: LEROY MOORE GYM**

**FEB. 24TH-28TH FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS WEEK
WHERE: OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**FEB. 25TH: UNIVERSITY VILLAGE V. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACC PROPERTY STAFF FACE-OFF BASKETBALL GAME
WHERE: INTRAMURAL GYM 7 P.M.**

FEB. 27TH: PHROZEN PHANTASIES PARTY BEHALF OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC. DOORS OPEN 10:06 P.M. WHERE: THE JUNGLE

MARCH 4TH: SPIT KNOWLEDGE WITH KIM COLES 6:30 PM WHERE: MSC AUDITORIUM

MARCH 6TH: UV APOLLO TALENT SHOW 6:30 PM



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