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## BLACK HISTORY ISSUE

### Organizations hold black history program for university



By Briana Catley  
Panther Contributor

With the end of Black History Month approaching, the Eta Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., along with Young Democrats, University Village, and NSBE held the Black History Arts Expo on Feb. 24. The event was the finale of the Eta Beta chapter and Young Democrats' Black History campaign, "28 Days Ain't Enough."

Prior to the show, the organizations set up a live museum with information of historical African Americans such as Michael Jackson, Jackie Robinson, and Sojourner Truth.

The program began with students Marcus Washington and Briana Clark imitating civil rights activist Malcolm X and his wife Betty Shabazz. As they performed their skit, shouting "we must break the chains by any means necessary," students in the crowd were engaged to the overall message.

Other skits in the program included history about Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, and the Huxtable family from The Cosby Show.

Aside from the skits that incorporated famous African-Americans, the program also allowed students to recite poetry, personal song lyrics and dances from the African Student Association and the Panther Dolls.

"With the different representation that they had, they really brought out what Black History Month means to us," junior Kiara Rabb said.

By Cori Higgins, The Panther

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Marcus Washington playing Malcolm X with Brianna Clark as Betty Shabazz tell their story of oppression and discrimination.

### PV-UKNO auction male students to women



By Cori Higgins, The Panther

PV-UKno, the student radio station, and Paige Jackson held an student auction in the MSC lounge. Female students bid on male students at the auction. Jeff Burns Jr. received the highest bid of \$60 from Jea'niqua Jefferson.

### Barbour hopes to use HBCU All Star privilege as a platform for change



Courtesy of Priscilla Barbour

By Tézya Jackson  
Panther Intern

Student Government Association President, Priscilla Barbour's, term in office for the 2013-2014 school year has been filled with achievements that the student body can be proud of.

Her outstanding accomplishments have landed her as one of the 75 HBCU students named as HBCU All-Star.

Barbour, a political science major, recently received the title from the White House's first Initiative on Historically Black

Colleges and Universities. The graduating senior holds the title for a school year, and represents the university in bringing awareness to the importance of historically colleges, specifically Prairie View A&M University.

Barbour is held accountable as an HBCU All-Star to serve as consultant for the White House for Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the country.

"President Obama is dedicated to making sure the history of HBCUs and the relevance of HBCU are still noted nationwide," she said.

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## The Charles Gilpin Players present spring production "The Piano Lesson"



Photo By Kyna Boyd, The Panther

Lymon, played by Charles Stewart, listens by the piano as Whining Boy, played by Trey Lewis, sings and plays a song called "Traveling Man."

By Kiara Rabb  
Panther Contributor

The Charles Gilpin Players presented their spring mainstage production of August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" Wednesday inside of the Anne Campbell Black Box Theatre located in the Hobart Taylor building.

The Piano Lesson focuses on the conflict between two siblings who have different opinions on what to do with the piano the family owns.

Sophomore theatre major

Lani Jae Harrison, who plays the character Boy Willie, was surprised when he initially received the main lead. "I didn't expect the role, but when I got it I was grateful," said Harrison. "I believe that everything happens for a reason so I was meant to get it."

Sophomore theatre major Mirissa Tucker, who plays Willie's sister Bernice Charles, shared that there are different layers to the character that she portrays. "She's very loving, but at the same time she keeps everything inside," she said. "There are so many different ways that she expresses herself to

her brother and her child, however all the relationships in her life are very different."

Senior theatre major Terrance Villarreal believed that the audience will enjoy the show once they go see it. "The audience should look for a lot of heart, laughter, and family," Villarreal said.

He also believed that it is important for people to come out and support the CGP ensemble. "As artists, we work hard and put in long hours to put on performances for people to come out and watch them," he said. "We give

ourselves to them, so we want them to give themselves to us."

Junior theatre major and CGP president Daniel Hanchett felt that the opening show was a good starting place for the upcoming performances. "It's going to be a very interesting and culturally inspirational show for people to come and see, because it has a lot of history in context about Africanism, African people, and the African American experience," Hanchett said.

Harrison believed that there is always room for growth and improvement when it comes to performances. "As an artist, you

always have to keep building," he said. "You can never settle for less or get comfortable."

The show runs from Feb. 26- March 7. The upcoming showtimes are weekdays Feb. 26-28 and March 4-7 at 6 p.m.; Sat., March 1 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sun., March 2 at 3 p.m.

The tickets cost \$5 for students, faculty, and seniors with a valid ID, while general admission costs \$10. Tickets are on sale at [www.pvamu.edu/theatre](http://www.pvamu.edu/theatre). You can also send an e-mail to [theatre@pvamu.edu](mailto:theatre@pvamu.edu) or call (936) 261-3307 to arrange seating reservations.

## Debate team competes in San Marcos, wins third place overall



Photo By Maya Robertson

Members of the Speech and Debate team pose after they compete at Texas State University.

By Patrick Luster  
Panther Contributor

On Feb. 22-23 the PVAMU Speech and Debate team travelled to San Marcos to compete in the "On Your Last Leg Swing" hosted by Texas State University. The team placed third at both halves of the swing tournament and placed third overall for the weekend.

Team captain Donnie Moreland was proud of the team, stating that they haven't seen this much success since 1928.

"We truly reinforced the idea of continuing our historic season and success going into every practice last week," Moreland said. "It made sense that we did as well as we did and our placing legitimized how hard we worked."

Students were awarded multiple individual achievements.

Moreland, a junior sociolo-

gy major, took 2nd place in program of oral interpretation and 5th place in dramatic interpretation. Sophomore English major Sean Lewis took 3rd place in poetry and 4th place in impromptu speaking. Junior community health major Kawana Scott took 4th place in impromptu speaking. Sophomore mass communications major Maya Robertson took 2nd place in poetry. Junior psychology major Hannah Taylor took 6th in dramatic interpretation, and sophomore criminal justice major Bryelle Wilson took 4th place in persuasion.

Robertson was able to gain a lot from the experience. She said "It was overall an amazing experience! This was my second time traveling with the team and my first time competing in the prose competition." Robertson also stated that winning 2nd place overall in poetry was "an awesome feeling."

**"We truly reinforced the idea of continuing our historic season and success going into every practice last week."**

**-Donnie Moreland**

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When asked why it was necessary to express that 28 days

isn't enough for Black History Month, the Eta Beta chapter president Kristen Wells-Lewis said that "it's important to stress that 28 days isn't enough to make sure that in our black society and community we pay homage everyday to our ances-

tors that sacrificed their lives for the civil rights."

Wells-Lewis went on to say that "Every decision that we make everyday of the year affects those 28 days that have been granted to us."

## Re-Elect Judge Marian Elaine Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Waller County, Pct.3

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



2013 Prairie View A&M University, Community Humanitarian Award Recipient

First term accomplishments are as followed:

- Instrumental in bringing the Gavel Series, free legal based education to the county, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.
- Provides Prairie View A&M students with opportunities to learn and share in the justice process through internships
- Continues to connect with citizens and students through project assistance.
- Working with county officials to make Precinct 3 a better place for all citizens

My community service initiatives have included but are not limited to the following:

- Charter Member & Troop 1906 for Pack 338, (Boy Scouts of America);
- Board Member & Public Relations Officer for the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc.;
- Chair of the Annual Thanksgiving Community Luncheon
- Chair of Annual Christmas Toy & Food Drive.

"Political Ad Paid for by the Marian Elaine Jackson Campaign"

## Barbour

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Her hopes are to bring awareness to the White House Initiative that there is a need for more governmental funding. She also adds, "That the colleges that don't have strong graduation rates, the colleges that are full financial aid base, and those colleges that aren't paying their college loans back. "There is a need for awareness to "Uni-

versities make money based off of their alumni paying off their student loans."

Over the past few years government funding for higher education decreased steadily and the funding for black schools have had the hardest hits economically from staff wages, to student attendance, and the slow decrease in funding. "This is an initiative to see what's going on at HB-CUs, and pick representatives from these colleges who are excelling in their different areas to see what was it about their experiences that made

them successful."

"(This initiative) also provides hands on research," Barbour said. Barbour seeks to use this national role to serve as a representative that could be the voice of reason in HB-CUs' needs based off her experience as a panther at PVAMU. Apart of her service will help show the perceptions of both the student and administrative views of how to keep the African American college experience it's best. Barbour is seen as student leader and a voice for the student body nationwide

Although Black History Month is coming to an end, the organizations reminded students to continue to celebrate outside of the month of February.

"Black history is our history, it is

your history and it is America's history," Eta Beta vice president Khanay Turner said.



# Trayvon Martin still remembered

# Getting the right health care

By Nia Shy  
Panther Staff

The sociology club, psychology club and ABPsi presented Truth Be Told: The Truth about African Americans and Mental Illness on Monday, February 24, 2014.

Junior sociology major, Donnie Moreland provided the audience with a narrative of his personal experiences with mental health issues.

Participants from audience engaged in a demonstration of someone suffering from schizophrenia.



Moreland discusses his experiences at West Oaks Hospital, and how he saw adolescents getting abused by the staff. West Oaks was shut down in 2007 because it was understaffed, an inadequate facility, and people hanging themselves and getting beaten to death.

African Americans are underrepresented in the medical field, which leads to minorities not receiving the proper care and medical treatment.

According to the Office of Minority Help, African Americans were the highest group of people to suffer with mental illnesses. Black women between 9th and 12th grade are affected with mental illnesses the most out of the African-Americans.



However, African Americans were the last group to receive medical treatment or therapy.

Ellard Lamb, junior computer science major noted, "The event was great. It was wonderful for a student to express their experiences and acknowledge the fact that the African American community needs help."

African Americans are expected to suppress their mental health issues and maintain strength and pride. Therefore, a lot of conditions for them remain undiagnosed.

Sean Lewis, sophomore English major, said "It was good seeing Moreland comfortable enough to speak about his experiences in this environment."

It is difficult for a person to cope with the thought of not having control over their life.

It is essential for a person with a mental illness to seek help. Expressing yourself to others is the first step in dealing with mental illnesses.

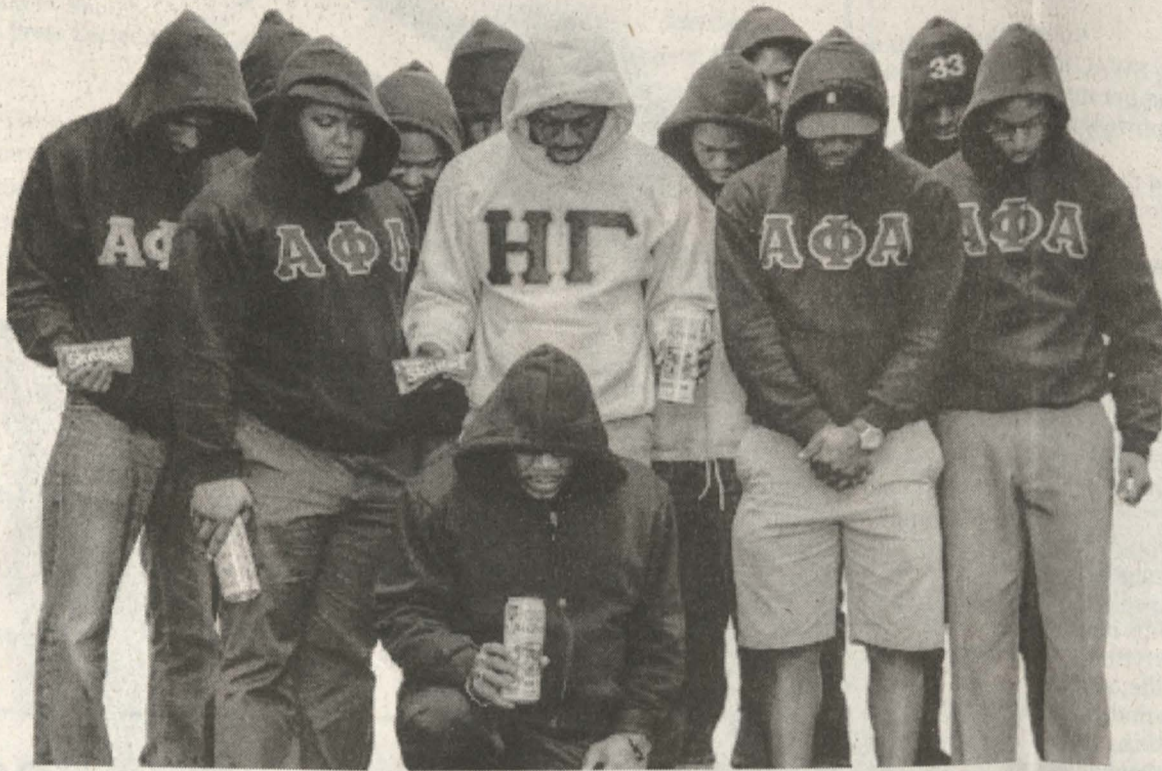


By doing this presentation, "I hope that people understand mental illnesses, and learn that it's okay to talk and reach out" said Moreland.

years of his life to live.

In the summer of 2013 George Zimmerman was found not guilty of the murder of Martin. Many feel that this was a travesty and the outcome was unjust but others may feel that the verdict was correct. Even with these differences in opinions we remember that with this tragedy we were able to bond together as a African American community and realize that in order to improve our society and keep problems like this from not happening in the future we need to continue making progress as a race.

The brothers of Eta Gamma wanted to let the school know Trayvon Martin's death will not be forgotten. "The meek shall one day inherit the earth." In this age the African American community may not be on top of the world but, in the future we will one day be on top. That day is coming and the death of Trayvon Martin May have been the spark for change that we may have needed. The brothers of Eta Gamma want you all to know that a change is coming for the better.



By Richard Amagwula  
Panther Staff

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. remember the death of Trayvon Martin.

Two years ago in a story that rocked the nation Trayvon Martin was killed in Florida by George Zimmerman. The story made national headlines and was met with varying opinions but, regardless of the opinion the

events of the night lead to the death of a 17 year old boy.

As the Eta Gamma Chapter celebrate black history month and it comes to a close we remember how tragic it was to lose such a young man who had many

# Steps to getting back you joy

By Sylvania Omokaro  
Panther Staff

In the words of Bobby McFerrin, "Don't worry; be happy, BUT I SAY if you're happy be worried. Have you ever paid attention to how much we base our happiness on temporary things, thus turning happiness into nothing more than a fleeting notion. It is so crazy how we wait on happiness. We say things like "Well I'll be so happy when I get a new car because I'm tired of the hoopy I drive now." Or "I will be so happy when I graduate". Sometimes we will even throw in a "I'll be so happy when I get a man!" Other times we want the practical things so we utter things like "I'll be so happy when I start making some real money...I'll be so happy when I get approved for these food stamps! I'll be happy when my refund comes through... I'll be happy when my baby is finally potty trained!" and the list goes on and on. Can we just be happy?

This dilemma is why we feel anxious when everything in our lives is going right. Too much of our mood is determined by various life circumstances. We know in our gut that something bad has to happen because situations change from moment to moment. That is what makes joy one the tastiest fruits our spirits could ever bear. It is a definite byproduct of contentment and it does not disappear and reappear every time the wind blows. It is more of a constant thing. I define joy as happiness at all times.

I know it is hard to fathom joy in a world that often appears gray and dismal. Every nook of our society seems to embody sorrow, fear, and helplessness, while anger, deception, and malevolence lurk at every corner. The nightly news tends to focus

primarily on the misadventures and woes of life. It forces everyone to wonder "WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO JOY?" The truth is that it hasn't gone anywhere. All we have to do is redirect our eyes and attention. Joy is not so elusive that it cannot be seized. Here are 5 full proof ways to get the joy back in your life!

**Number 1: Make the Choice!**  
Make a conscious decision to be happy at all times (joyful). That means it is going to take some effort. Both bad and good things will inevitably take place in all of our lives, but we must choose to find joy in it all. It is important for us to remember that few things in this life are permanent. In other words as the saying goes "Trouble don't last always!" That in itself is a reason to rejoice. Remember, the bright side of being down is that there is nowhere to go but up!

**Number 2: Grab It!**  
If you want it, go get it! Actively seek out joy. Spend time doing the things that bring a smile to your face. (particularly things that can be done alone). This can be anything from finding comic relief in a favorite movie, getting lost in a thought provoking book, expressing yourself through art and performance, working out, or discovering the power of divine healing through prayer and meditation.

**Number 3: No Negativity!**  
Protect your eyes and ears from negativity. That includes but not limited to avoiding time spent with miserable people whose only joy comes from the misery of others, people who try to confine you into a box of limitations, gossip of all sorts, and vile television, literature, and music.

**Number 4: Watch Your Mouth!**

Seriously. Believe it or not, it is not the things that go in us, but the things that come out of us that destroys us. Abstain from profanity; it has an uncanny way of changing an atmosphere. There are a lot of people that might disagree but the truth stands. Also, watch out for negative self-talk. We are powerful beings and whether we realize it or not our words have a way of manifesting and coming to fruition. Those same words have the power to alter moods, thoughts, beliefs, and realities. So again WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!!!

**Number 5: Prepare For War!**  
You have to be willing to fight. As human beings we often find ourselves at war with the monster within. This monster reminds us of our painful past, feeds us lies of inadequacy, places us in vulnerable positions of loneliness and depression, and even causes us to commit sinful deeds that eventually plague our conscious while simultaneously robbing us of our joy. We must fight this monster with steps 1-4. In this battle, we must decree and declare goodness, prosperity, and an everlasting joy that no man can ever take from us. The victory is ours; we just have to believe.

**Biblical References:**  
Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)  
You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy (Psalm 30:11)

# Club Chic brings meaning to words Straight and Nappy

By Kiara Rabb  
Panther Staff

Club Chic hosted its 2nd annual hair seminar "Straight Nappy" Feb. 20 in the New Science Building. The organization decided to do things differently and have a question and answer forum versus a formal seminar. The seminar talked about the myths, misconceptions, and the various ways to up keep and maintain the hair, whether straight or natural. "I believe that it is very important and informative if young ladies inspire each other to actually take care of their hair better," Club Chic's president Kariss Gordon said. The two panelists included in the forum were Ebony Washington, a student and licensed cosmetologist for six years, and Paul Chaney, a Prairie View graduate and the owner of Natural Mystic, a small business that sells hair care products in Houston.

Chaney opened up the discussion by stating that "your hair has a lot to do with your identity." During the forum, he suggested that juicing and taking vitamins will help the hair grow. "Your hair is tied to your body, so the amount of vitamins your body gets, so does your hair," he said. Washington urged the crowd to be careful about the kinds of food they eat on a regular basis. "What you put in your body has a huge effect on what's happening in your face, in your head, and whether or not your scalp is dry or not," she said. Chaney believed that committing to a healthy lifestyle is key to natural hair growth. "It has to be a part of your life," he said. "The more you're committed to something, the better you are at it."

In the closing statements, Washington encouraged the young

ladies to embrace themselves. "Love yourself; not your weave and all the other stuff around you," she said. Chaney also stressed the importance of finding yourself. "Once you determine who you are, you can determine where everything else fits for you," he said.

Freshman human performance major Janei Anklon attended the event out of curiosity. "I wanted to hear everyone's questions and educate myself on stuff that I didn't know about hair," she said.

Junior English major Sharon Hornbeak enjoyed the event and hoped that more young ladies would support the organization. "I would definitely recommend this event to a friend, because a lot of females on this campus have problems with their hair and they should have come out," she said.

# Red Bull hosts free European race for college students

By Jazzi Black  
Panther Staff

Leading energy drink company Red Bull is preparing to host one of its biggest events of 2014 as they launch the "Red Bull Can You Make It" contest. The race traveling throughout Europe allows 100 teams from all over the world to use Red Bull as currency to head to the finish line in Berlin by 5:00 pm on April 11, 2014 as quoted by the Red Bull Can You Make It website.

With four starting points to choose from including London, Paris, Milan, and Vienna, teams will have 24 cans of Red Bull and one weeks' time to embark on a journey of a lifetime. Along the way teams will use their creative selling techniques and charming personalities to pay for initial needs such as shelter, food, and transportation. Team members aren't allowed to use mobile devices except the Moto G provided by the company, which is only to keep track of transactions and checkpoints. They also aren't allowed to use money or credit cards, use pre-arranged rides, or part from their team during the week of the race. The website also expresses that teams "act in accordance with legal boundaries in each country (the teams) visit." Failure to follow the rules will get the team disqualified and the team themselves will be responsible to make it back home immediately.

Every time a team reaches a checkpoint, they are awarded more cans of red bull for their adventure. If a team however chooses to end their experience early, they are able to use emergency funds that will get them to Berlin or sent home depending on what they choose. Teams who reach the finish line will get to attend what Red Bull describes as a "party of a lifetime-Red Bull style!" Although the "real reward" they believe is "memories and experience collected along this once-in-a-lifetime journey."

All current university students over the age of 18 are eligible to apply in groups of three to make up their team. Red Bull asks that potential teams fill out the application posted on the website, and submit a video detailing why their team should be chosen in an appealing way. When determining what they look for in selecting teams to participate the website said, "We're looking for teams that are adventurous, have an up-for-anything attitude, and can rely on charm, wit and quick-thinking abilities when faced with a challenge."

The application deadline is March 12, 2014 at 3:00 CDT and requires a creative team name and photograph. They ask that all applicants explain how they plan to make it across Europe using on Red Bull Cans, share their greatest adventures, and what type of animals each participant would be if they were one and why.



# Jackson scores 1,000 points in 3 years

By Shamaria Knowles  
Sports Editor

Jeanette Jackson, also known as "JJ", became the first woman in Prairie View women basketball history to score 1,000 points in a three-year span.

Born on April 24, in Lancaster, Ca., she knew she wanted to play basketball at an early age. Growing up in a fatherless home and also being the first person in her family to go to college, or receive a scholarship she knew she had to shine.

After seeing the people she grew up around get involved in the streets and her own brother going down the wrong path her mother made the decision to move to Las Vegas, Nev., her seventh grade year.

"Up and moving was not my decision but I knew it was the best decision for me and my family," said Jackson.

In the eighth grade she got her jersey retired at her school and made varsity her freshman year of high school. Jackson was offered numerous scholarships to play basketball at other institutions, but she said PV was home for her. "The coaches and team laid out the red carpet for me once I took my visit here, and I fell in love." She had always dreamed of going to a historically black college on a full ride scholarship.

Since being here at PV she has accomplished many goals and set records. At the end of her sophomore year she experienced a coach-

ing change that made the transition to her junior year.

"Coach Wilson pushed me out of my comfort zone, taught me moves that I did not want to make and she made the game of basketball make sense to me," said Jackson on coach Toyelle Wilson.

In her third year of playing for the Lady Panthers, Jackson has been the Southwestern Athletic player four times and is the second leading scorer for the women. She leads the Lady Panthers in scoring and has taken over for the team. Jackson said that the new head coach Dawn Brown told her that she would play a huge role this season.

"She said it was my time to shine, and that is exactly what I am doing right now," said Jackson.

Brown said Jackson is the key to the offense this year.

"She has made up in her mind that she will leave her legacy here at Prairie View as one of the best women's basketball player in this program's history. Jackson's soft-spoken leadership role is respected not only among her peers, but she is respected in our conference being award the only player to capture four "player of the week award."

Jackson has led the Lady Panthers in scoring 16 out of the 24 games this season, scoring her career high of 32 points. Her teammates said Jackson is a character on and off the court. Gabrielle Scott said that playing alongside Jackson has taught her a lot.

"We are a duo. Playing with her makes the game go smooth and I know that if I have an off game she is there to clean it up. She's a playmaker and we all look up to her."

Ending the season and going into the SWAC tournament, Jackson said her main goal is helping her team capture their fourth straight championship.

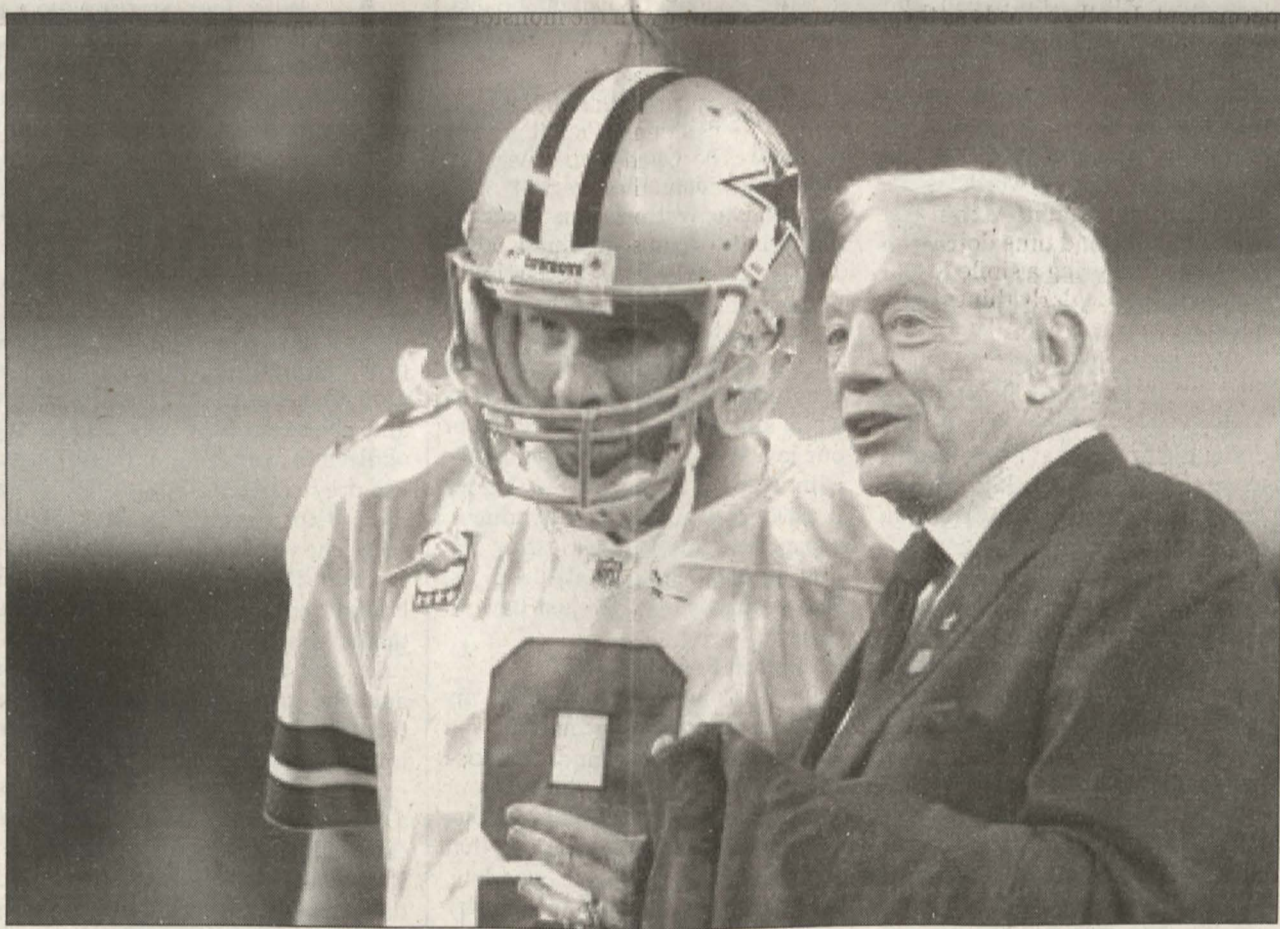
"We are all focused on one thing and that's the ring. It would be nice to win it four years in a row.

Once she graduates, Jackson dreams on playing basketball professionally overseas or in the WNBA. Once she retires she wants to open up her own recreation center or AAU traveling league that helps kids or students get to college or the next level. Jackson lives by her favorite quote:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." She said that quotes helps her through everything in life, and it reminds her that nothing is unreachable if she puts her mind to it.



## Jerry Jones takes the blame



Dallas Cowboys owner, Jerry Jones, talks with his team quarterback and captain Tony Romo.

By Calvin Watkins  
ESPNDALLAS.COM

On the 25th anniversary of buying the Dallas Cowboys, Jerry Jones said one of his biggest regrets is not having won a Super Bowl with Tony Romo as his quarterback, but places the blame on himself.

In a 30-minute Tuesday afternoon interview with KRLD-FM Dallas/Fort Worth, Jones also said there are some highly-priced contracts the team shouldn't have completed and believes the franchise would have won more titles if not for the current financial system in the NFL. Does Jones deserve more blame than Romo for Dallas' struggles? Will they win a ring anytime soon?

"We should have been knocking on the door and we haven't and I have no excuses, it starts here," Jones said. "But we have not. I know that to the extent that we have a healthy Romo, our best chance to get back to the Super Bowl is a healthy Romo."

The Cowboys have won just one playoff game with Romo as quar-

terback in 2009, and missed the postseason the last four seasons.

In the last three seasons, the Cowboys had a chance to reach the postseason by winning the NFC East in the regular season finale but lost each time.

Several years ago, Jones said he conferred with several former or current NFL personnel executives who advised from 2007 to 2010, that the Cowboys had some of the best talent in the league. During that time, the Cowboys not only had Romo, but Pro Bowl players such as Terrell Owens, Flozell Adams, Jason Witten, Roy Williams, Marion Barber, DeMarcus Ware and Miles Austin.

Yet, the Cowboys could only manage one playoff win and advanced to the NFC divisional round twice, losing both times. After a first-round bye, the Cowboys were beaten at home by the New York Giants in 2007 and then the Minnesota Vikings in 2009.

Since 1997, the Cowboys have compiled a 136-136 mark. "Now for us not to having got it done during those years

is a mess up," Jones said. "You got to get it when you're high like that. When you're high up on it. You can't miss your bus when you got your quarterback and you got good talent around him and if you miss that bus in the NFL."

Currently, the Cowboys are estimated to be \$20 million over the projected \$130 million salary cap for the 2014 season. The Cowboys, like most NFL teams, need to get under the cap by March 11.

The Cowboys can create \$17 million in cap space with the restructured contracts of linebacker Sean Lee, cornerback Orlando Scandrick and Romo. The team is also thinking of restructuring Ware's deal. If the Cowboys release Ware, it opens up \$7.5 million in cap space.

"All of that boils down to management of a cap, management of certainly having players that deserve to get the money that you got," Jones said. "When I look back on it, we probably paid some people that we probably would have been better off not paying."

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN

#### Friday, February 28

- M. Tennis vs SWAC Challenger TBA
- W. Tennis vs SWAC Challenger TBA

#### Saturday, March 1

- Baseball at Arkansas-Pine Bluff 12:00 p.m.
- W. Basketball vs Alabama A&M 3:00 p.m.
- Baseball at Arkansas-Pine Bluff 3:30 p.m.
- M. Basketball vs \*Alabama A&M 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 1

- Baseball at Arkansas-Pine Bluff 1:00 p.m.
- M. GOLF at TSU Texas SWAC Classic All Day
- W. GOLF at TSU Texas SWAC Classic All Day

#### Monday, March 3

- M. GOLF at TSU Texas SWAC Classic All Day
- W. GOLF at TSU Texas SWAC Classic All Day
- W. Basketball vs Alabama State 5:30 p.m.
- M. Basketball vs Alabama State 7:30 p.m.



#### Women

- Texas Southern 13 - 1
- Southern 13 - 1
- Prairie View 10 - 4
- Jackson State 8 - 5
- Mississippi Valley State 4 - 5
- Alabama State 6 - 8
- Alcorn State 6 - 9
- Grambling State 5 - 9
- Alabama A&M 2 - 12
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff 2 - 13

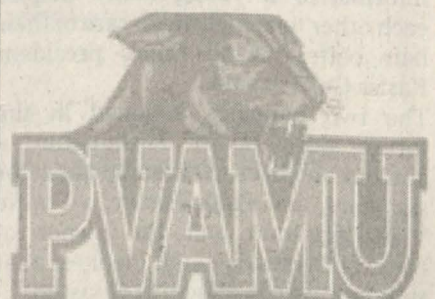
#### Men

- Southern 13 - 2
- Alabama State 9 - 5
- Texas Southern 8 - 6
- Alcorn State 5 - 4
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff 8 - 7
- Alabama A&M 7 - 7
- Jackson State 6 - 8
- Prairie View 6 - 8
- Mississippi Valley State 5 - 10
- Grambling State 2 - 12

## Softball games canceled due to mother nature

Sports Information  
PVAMU

Due to the high threat of rain for the Houston area Wednesday, the doubleheader between HBU and Prairie View A&M, originally scheduled for 2 p.m.; at Husky Field, was postponed.





# SGA speaks out

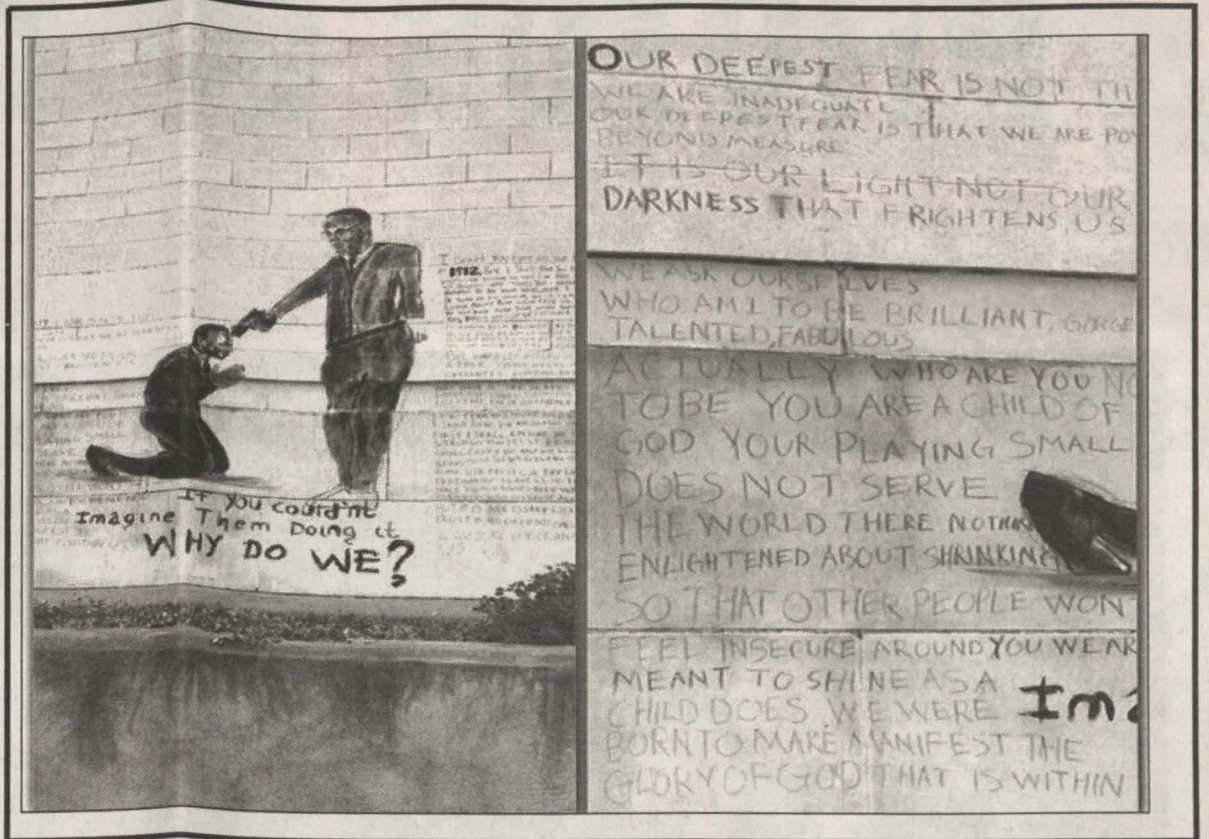
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They justified their crime by saying that The Student Government Association or SGA approved their expressive wrongdoing. The truth of the matter is that Prairie View A & M University Student Government Association did not and would not approve any sort of drawings on a historical landmark.

Being that the culprits were not Prairie View A & M University students they may also be charged with trespassing. The extent of the crime could produce a substantial fine and or prison time. The suspects will presumably

be charged with felonies. Personally, I believe that the illustration speaks volumes. The image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X engaging in the unspeakable act of using violence toward each other, with the caption "If you couldn't imagine them doing it why do we?" depicts their concern for our generation.

Though the avenue that the individuals chose to use to display their message was not the smartest decision. I will admit it had an impact. Whether the impact was positive or negative it can be debated. But at the end of the day the graphic was washed away with white paint, but the bruising image still rings in some students' mind.



# Motivations of Mercy: Capturing Joy is Like Seizing the Impossible

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In the words of Bobby McFerrin, "Don't worry; be happy BUT I SAY if you're happy be worried. Have you ever paid attention to how much we base our happiness on temporary things, thus turning happiness into nothing more than a fleeting notion. It is so crazy how we wait on happiness. We say things like "Well I'll be so happy when I get a new car because I'm tired of the hooty I drive now." Or "I will be so happy when I graduate". Sometimes we will even throw in a "I'll be so happy when I get a man!" Other times we want the practical things so we utter things like "I'll be so happy when I start making some real money...I'll be so happy when I get approved for these food stamps! I'll be happy when my refund comes through.... I'll be happy when my baby is finally potty trained!" and the list goes on and on. Can we just be happy?"

This dilemma is why we feel anxious when everything in our lives is going right. Too much of our mood is determined by various life circumstances. We know in our gut that something bad has to happen because situations change from moment to moment. That is what makes joy one of the tastiest fruits our spirits could ever bear. It is a definite byproduct of contentment and it does not disappear and reappear every time the wind blows. It is more of a constant thing. I define joy as happiness at all times.

I know it is hard to fathom joy in a world that often appears gray and dismal. Every nook of our society seems to embody sorrow, fear, and helplessness, while anger,

deception, and malevolence lurk at every corner. The nightly news tends to focus primarily on the misadventures and woes of life. It forces everyone to wonder "WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO JOY?" The truth is that it hasn't gone anywhere. All we have to do is redirect our eyes and attention. Joy is not so elusive that it cannot be seized. Here are 5 full proof ways to get the joy back in your life!

**Number 1: Make the Choice!** Make a conscious decision to be happy at all times (joyful). That means it is going to take some effort. Both bad and good things will inevitably take place in all of our lives, but we must choose to find joy in it all. It is important for us to remember that few things in this life are permanent. In other words as the saying goes "Trouble don't last always!" That in itself is a reason to rejoice. Remember, the bright side of being down is that there is nowhere to go but up!

**Number 2: Grab It!** If you want it, go get it! Actively seek out joy. Spend time doing the things that bring a smile to your face. (particularly things that can be done alone). This can be anything from finding comic relief in a favorite movie, getting lost in a thought provoking book, expressing yourself through art and performance, working out, or discovering the power of divine healing through prayer and meditation.

**Number 3: No Negativity!** Protect your eyes and ears from negativity. That includes but not limited to avoiding time spent with miserable people whose only joy comes from the misery of others, people who try to confine you into a box of limitations,

gossip of all sorts, and vile television, literature, and music.

**Number 4: Watch Your Mouth!**

Seriously. Believe it or not, it is not the things that go in us, but the things that come out of us that destroys us. Abstain from profanity; it has an uncanny way of changing an atmosphere. There are a lot of people that might disagree but the truth stands. Also, watch out for negative self-talk. We are powerful beings and whether we realize it or not our words have a way of manifesting and coming to fruition. Those same words have the power to alter moods, thoughts, beliefs, and realities. So again WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!!!

**Number 5: Prepare For War!**

You have to be willing to fight. As human beings we often find ourselves at war with the monster within. This monster reminds us of our painful past, feeds us lies of inadequacy, places us in vulnerable positions of loneliness and depression, and even causes us to commit sinful deeds that eventually plague our conscience while simultaneously robbing us of our joy. We must fight this monster with steps 1-4. In this battle, we must decree and declare goodness, prosperity, and an everlasting joy that no man can ever take from us. The victory is ours; we just have to believe.

**Biblical References:**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

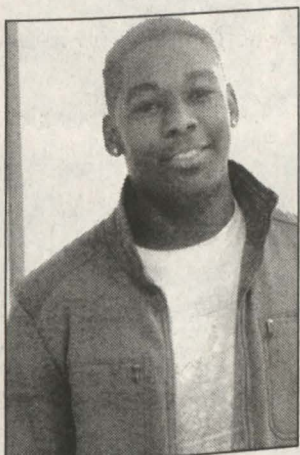
# 20 QUESTIONS

ASK.FM/PVPANTHER

1. Who drew the mural on the side of the MSC?
2. Does black on black crime really exist at PV?
3. Whose rims got repossessed on campus?
4. Did they think the repo man wouldn't find them at PV?
5. When did PV start giving tickets in the phases?
6. Is it safe to park anywhere?
7. Are they using that money to build the football stadium?
8. Who went to G's to Gent's auction?
9. Why was the auction in the lounge and not the ballroom?
10. Is it ironic that the auction was in black history month?
11. I guess \$10 is about the same rate we went for back then?
12. Can you come up with better candidates that should have been in the auction?
13. What happened to the Bible study that takes places on Wednesday?
14. Did lust and sin defeat the God fearing people that night?
15. How many participants' girlfriends went to the auction?
16. Are they the jealous type?
17. Do you think organizations would make more money if the girls were for auction?
18. Who went for \$9?
19. Was he mad or nah?
20. What do you think?

# YOUR VOICE

Does PV support black history month as much as it should?



"They do, but not as much as they should. In my opinion I feel like on a few orginazitions participate."

**Malcom Barnett**  
Human Performance  
Major  
Sophomore



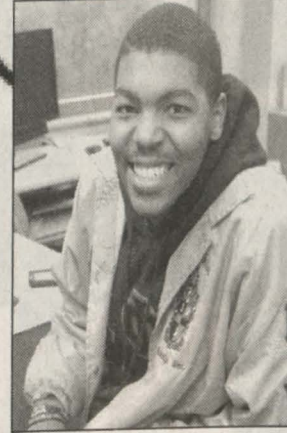
"The vaulues of black history should be covered in everyday interactions on the campus."

**Kristen Wells Lweis**  
Biology Major  
Senior



"No, as an HBCU we should place more emphasis on not only black history month but black history as a culture."

**Cori Higgins**  
Biology Major  
Senior



"We're black 365 days a year. So I dont support black history month because 28 days is not enough."

**Justin Linton**  
Civlil Engineering  
Major  
Senior



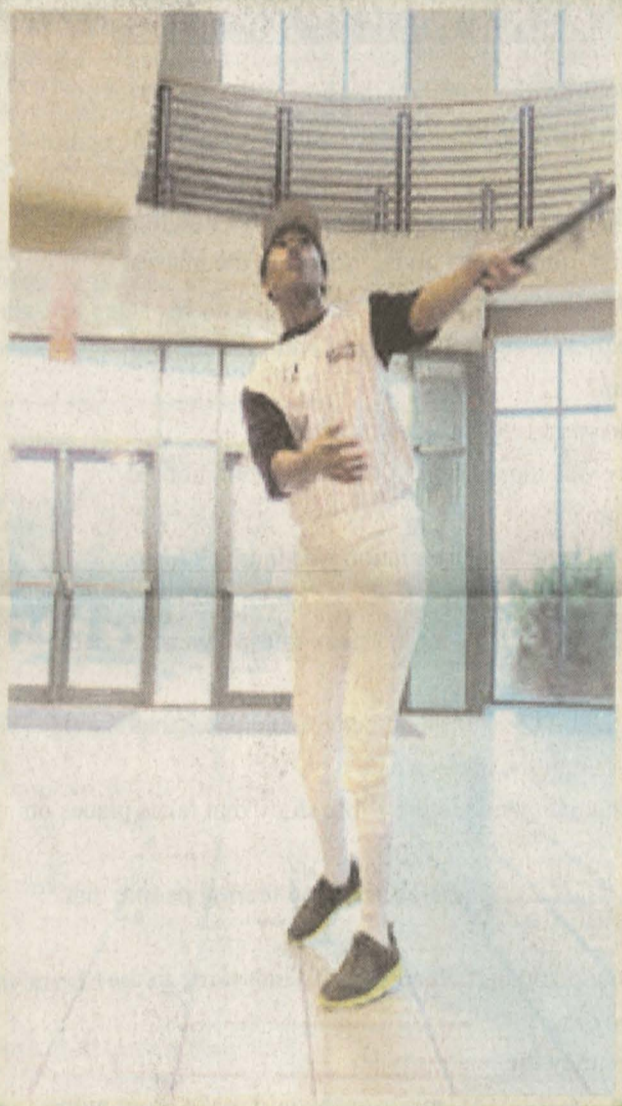
" No, I feel like we have only a few seminars."

**Tia' Myers**  
Education Major  
Junior



# PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

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Fri. Feb. 28



AM clouds/PM sun  
10% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 74 °F  
Low: 61 °F

Sat. Mar. 1



Cloudy  
20% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 77 °F  
Low: 65 °F

Sun. Mar. 2



Scattered T-storms  
50% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 73 °F  
Low: 40 °F

Mon. Mar. 3



Mostly Cloudy  
20% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 67 °F  
Low: 53 °F

Tues. Mar. 4



Cloudy  
20% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 53 °F  
Low: 36 °F

Wed. Mar. 5



Few Showers  
0% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 57 °F  
Low: 42 °F

Thurs. Mar. 6



AM clouds/PM sun  
60% Chance of  
Precip.  
High: 55 °F  
Low: 42 °F

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