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By Taylor Coleman, The Panther

## DJs battle for campus crown

### Phi Mu Alpha host disc jockey battle for campus recognition

By Kiara Rabb  
Panther Staff

The Omicron Zeta chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Inc. hosted The Spin Off event Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center Auditorium on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

In the past, the music organization has focused on live music events, however, they decided to do an event for disc jockeys on campus.

Omicron Zeta's president Michael

McCarthy believed that the DJ competition was something different for the student body.

"A lot of people tend to showcase singers, rappers, and poets," said McCarthy. "We want the DJs to get recognition as well."

Vice president Devin Adams believed that the event would give exposure to the DJs on campus. "It'll definitely get them out there to the university, because people are always looking for the DJs," said Adams.

Nine DJs performed in the auditorium. The performers were split into two groups

and given at least two minutes to impress the judges.

In the first round, the DJs had to play a mix dedicated to the cities they are from. During the second round, the playlist set was geared towards house parties. In the final round, the DJs had to create an old school mix.

The top three winners were announced as followed: third place went to DJ Will Aye, second place was given to Antwan Hicks, and Anthony Bates, also known as DJ

Anthraxx, received first place.

DJ Anthraxx revealed that his motivation was to "please the crowd." "Every time I do a mix, I think about the crowd," said Bates. "I don't think about myself."

Second place winner Antwan Hicks, also known as DJ Energizer, talked about the adrenaline rush he received while on stage.

"You can practice all day. You can have every track set out, every cue, but as soon as it hits, you don't realize the rush," said Hicks. "You really got to enjoy it."

## Campus retail center to open in the fall



Courtesy of pvamu.edu

This image is a concept design for the upcoming retail center.

By Joshua Bennett  
Editor-in-Chief

The university's landscape will get a new upgrade at the start of the upcoming fall semester, with the opening of a retail center.

The center is one of many recently planned projects that coincide the university's "master plan."

Fred Washington, vice president of auxiliary services, says that the master plan outlines how the campus will look in the next 10 years.

The center will be located at the edge of the campus directly in front of the recently built campus dorms, University View, and will be situated to the left of Jones Elementary School.

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## Reed leaves to take HISD position



By Celia Hinkson  
Panther Staff

Students, faculty and staff gave their final farewells to Sheleah Reed as she stepped down as executive director of communications at Prairie View A&M University Jan. 23 to assume a new role as press secretary for the Houston Independent School District.

Reed held her position at the university for six years, and with each year she was able to oversee many accomplishments and handle some major crises, but with the never-ending to-do list, there was always so much work to be completed. "I think one of my biggest accomplishments is producing 1876

magazine. But there are so many other things that happened during that time—we shot/produced a commercial, introduced a marketing campaign and developed a 135 year publication," Reed said.

Even with the never-ending to-do list and chaos, she admitted that she would "miss the madness the most—no day was the same—no year was the same, but in the end it was all about teaching, research and service. Plus watching students evolve and grow and change." Many of the student volunteers and workers grew very close to Reed, considering her to be an amazing mentor and a person they could turn to if they ever needed advice or a shoulder to lean on.

Aaron Fowler, Mr. Prairie View A&M University and Junior Civil Engineering major, commented, "Mrs. Reed is the true definition of a woman. Every female on this campus should embody every aspect of her being. The way she carries herself and the effect she has when she walks in a room personifies a leader, and she has helped lead this school straight to the top. She definitely helped me to be a better me and if it weren't for her and a few other beautiful women in my life, I'd probably still be in basketball shorts and sandals."

Many students paid homage to Reed at her farewell reception on Jan. 21, saying that she was a mentor and close friend. As much as she noted how much she would miss the students, they know this is a great opportunity for her.

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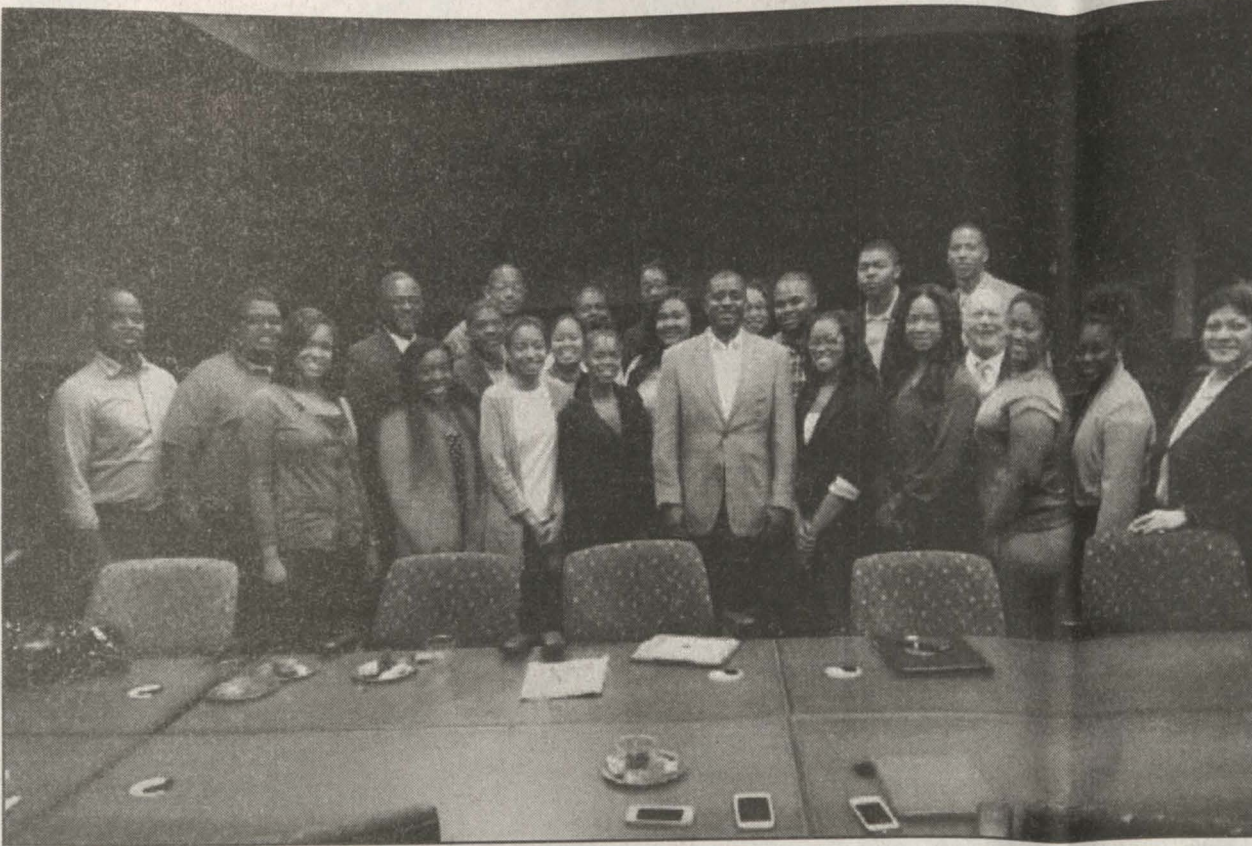
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# Democratic candidate talks to student leaders

## Brown runs for Texas Railroad Commissioner in state election



Steve Brown poses with student leaders and other Waller County Democratic candidates in Memorial Student senate chambers.

By Erica Ponder  
News Editor

Democratic candidate Steve Brown visited the university to talk to student leaders on Jan. 26 about voting as he runs for the position of Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Brown contacted Young Democrat immediate past president and political science major Khanay Turner via e-mail to see if it was possible to talk to students about his participation in the upcoming state election.

Turner was eager to accept Brown's invitation, because "he is someone we can relate to as well as a former PVAMU student."

While in the senate chambers, Brown discussed why he decided to be in the race, his qualifications, and how the student body can be involved in making his platform known across Texas. Brown, a former Democratic Party Chairman for Fort Bend County, stressed that it is important that a representative looks like

"you," stating that "ninety percent of African-Americans vote for the Democratic Party, however, only 10 percent of African-Americans vote."

Young Democrat president Chelsea Daly stated that she personally "likes" Brown, because "he's very transparent."

"He is a genuine person who is not just interested in getting votes. He is really focused on changing the face of the Texas political system. I was really impressed," Daly said.

Brown also informed students that he will be the youngest candidate on the ballot, so he would be a potential voice for younger adults while addressing their needs if elected. Sophomore Jacolahn Brown stated that "it was a great thing for him (Brown) to come. I didn't know what a Railroad Commissioner was, so finding that out was good. I thought it was really good for him to take the time out to talk so that we could find out what he plans to do and his background."

The Texas Railroad Commission is Texas' oldest regulatory agency that now focuses on the oil and gas industry.

# Syrian government has razed neighborhoods

By Ryan Lucas  
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) -- The Syrian government used controlled explosives and bulldozers to raze thousands of residential buildings, in some cases entire neighborhoods, in a campaign that appeared designed to punish civilians sympathetic to the opposition or to cause disproportionate harm to them, an international human rights group said Thursday.

The demolitions took place between July 2012 and July 2013 in seven pro-opposition districts in and around the capital, Damascus, and the central city of Hama, according to a 38-page report by Human Rights Watch. The New York-based group said the deliberate destruction violated international law, and called for an immediate end to the practice.

"Wiping entire neighborhoods off the map is not a legitimate tactic of war," said Ole Solvang, emergencies researcher for HRW.

"These unlawful demolitions are the latest additions to a long list of crimes committed by the Syrian government."

Human Rights Watch said many of the demolished buildings were apartment blocks, and that thousands of families have lost their homes because of the destruction. It said government officials and media have described the demolitions as part of urban planning or an effort to remove illegally constructed buildings. But Human Rights Watch

said its investigation determined that military forces supervised the demolitions, which in each instance targeted areas that had recently been hit by fighting and were widely understood to be pro-opposition.

There also is no indication, HRW said, that pro-government districts have been targeted for similar controlled destruction.

The neighborhoods targeted were Masha al-Arbayeen and Wadi al-Jouz in Hama, and Qaboun, Tadamoun, Barzeh and the Mezzeh military airport in Damascus as well as Harran al-Awamid outside the capital.

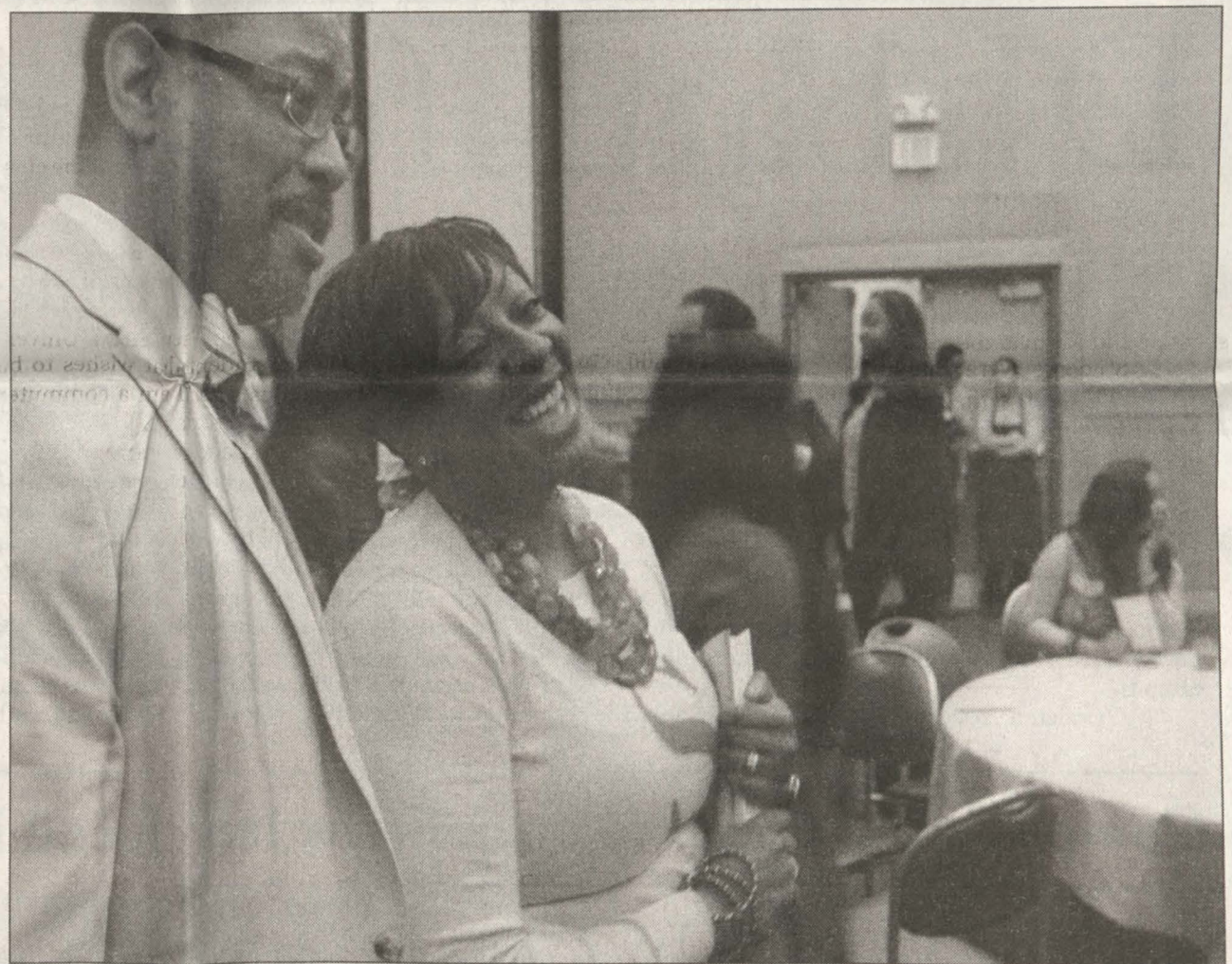
The report includes satellite images of the neighborhoods before and after the demolitions, providing a window on the scale of the destruction.

Buildings in the Hama neighborhood of Masha al-Arbayeen, a wedge-shaped district bordered by highways on three sides, are clearly visible in a photo dated Sept. 28, 2012. In a second photo from Oct. 13, the buildings have been pulverized into a white smudge, while the adjacent neighborhoods remain untouched.

Residents told Human Rights Watch that the government bulldozers directed by the military moved in after the rebels retreated from the area in the face of an army offensive.

# Reed

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Reed laughs with colleagues and students while at her farewell reception.

"The opportunity to take the role at HISD is one that allows me to continue growing in my craft—I'll have a bigger platform, larger area of responsibility. It's really a resume charger. It's bitter-sweet to leave—but growth, change

and opportunity trumps safe, secure and consistent in my book." Reed promised to visit PVAMU, because after all, she is an alumni and "PV is home."

Currently Reed's former

position is posted for candidates to apply and until it is filled Christi Landry is serving as interim.

# Snow, ice sends South's flagship city reeling

Nation News



By David Crary and Ray Henry  
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) -- Thousands of Atlanta students stranded all night long in their schools were reunited with their parents Wednesday, while rescuers rushed

to deliver blankets, food, gas and a ride home to countless shivering motorists stopped cold by a storm that paralyzed the business capital of the South with less than 3 inches of snow.

The icy weather wreaked similar havoc across much of

the South, closing schools and highways, grounding flights and contributing to at least a dozen deaths from traffic accidents and a mobile home fire.

Yet it was Atlanta, home to major corporations and the world's busiest airport, that was Exhibit A for how a Southern city could be sent reeling by winter weather that, in the North, might be no more than an inconvenience. The mayor admitted the city could have directed schools, businesses and government offices to stagger their closings on Tuesday afternoon, as the storm began, rather than dismissing everyone at the same time.

The result was gridlock on freeways that are jammed even on normal days. Countless vehicles were stranded and many of them abandoned. Georgia State Patrol officials said two traffic fatalities had been re-

ported in counties outside of Atlanta. State troopers also responded to more than 1,460 crashes between Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening and said more than 175 injuries had been reported.

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One woman's 12-mile commute home took 16 hours. Another woman gave birth while stuck in traffic; police arrived just in time to help. Drivers who gave up trying to get home took shelter at fire stations, churches and grocery stores.

"I'm not thinking about a grade right now," the mayor said when asked about the city's response. "I'm thinking about getting people out of their cars."

National Guardsmen in Humvees, state troopers and transportation crews delivered food and other relief, and by Wednesday night, Deal said all Atlanta-area schoolchildren were back home with their parents.

Atlanta was crippled by an ice storm in 2011, and officials had vowed not to be caught unprepared again. But in this case, few closings or other measures were ordered ahead of time.

Deal, who is up for reelection in November, said warnings could have been posted along highways earlier and farther out Tuesday. But he also fended off criticism.

"I would have acted sooner, and I think we learn from that and then we will act sooner the next time," Deal told reporters.

# Unexpected weather brings uncertainty for students and faculty



Freezing temperatures cause delay for travel for students that live on and off campus, resulting in students not being able to commute.

By Justin Crockett  
Panther Contributor

Upon last Friday, icy weather strikes Prairie View A&M University swiftly and leaves students and faculty with "chilling" circumstances.

With the cold weather that has taken over since Friday, we have found the campus and surrounding communities taking precautions to stay safe and warm at the same time.

Students were caught off guard by the events that were associated with the weather in Prairie View, Texas lately. When asked what was the worst part of the unsuspected weather, nursing student Monica Santillan said, "I couldn't go anywhere. I stayed in my room all day and I couldn't study as effectively, because there were too many

distractions in my room." In addition, when telling how the weather affected him personally, accounting student Jamal Rutherford said, "This weather has been shocking due to the fact that school all of a sudden closed and we had scattered rain and ultimately ice showers."

With the irregular seasonal weather comes the common thought of colds and the traditional flu shots. When human performance major Shatoya McMillan was asked how the weather is affecting the students' health, she said, "In regards to the cold weather, students should be aware that while attending school in Texas, you can experience all seasons in one week. With that being said, students should take precautions once a student feels symptoms coming along. With students not being properly dressed, they are putting themselves at risk for expe-

riencing this major outbreak of the flu and bronchitis from the shifting of body temperature."

Along with comments from students were many undernoted comments of dissatisfaction with the university and their communication with the students upon the closing of the campus. The notification about the university being closed on last Friday, Jan. 24 was not relayed to students and faculty until the day of. Many questioned the organization of Prairie View A&M University. One student that wishes to be anonymous said "I am a commuter and I live in Pearland. I had to wait until I was done preparing to leave for my 10 o'clock class to learn that we were not going to have to attend school for the whole day."

The questions that are raised about the untamable and fluctuating weather are "Will the

university realize communication is key? Why was the school not shut down on Tuesday, Jan. 28 as well since several major highways and

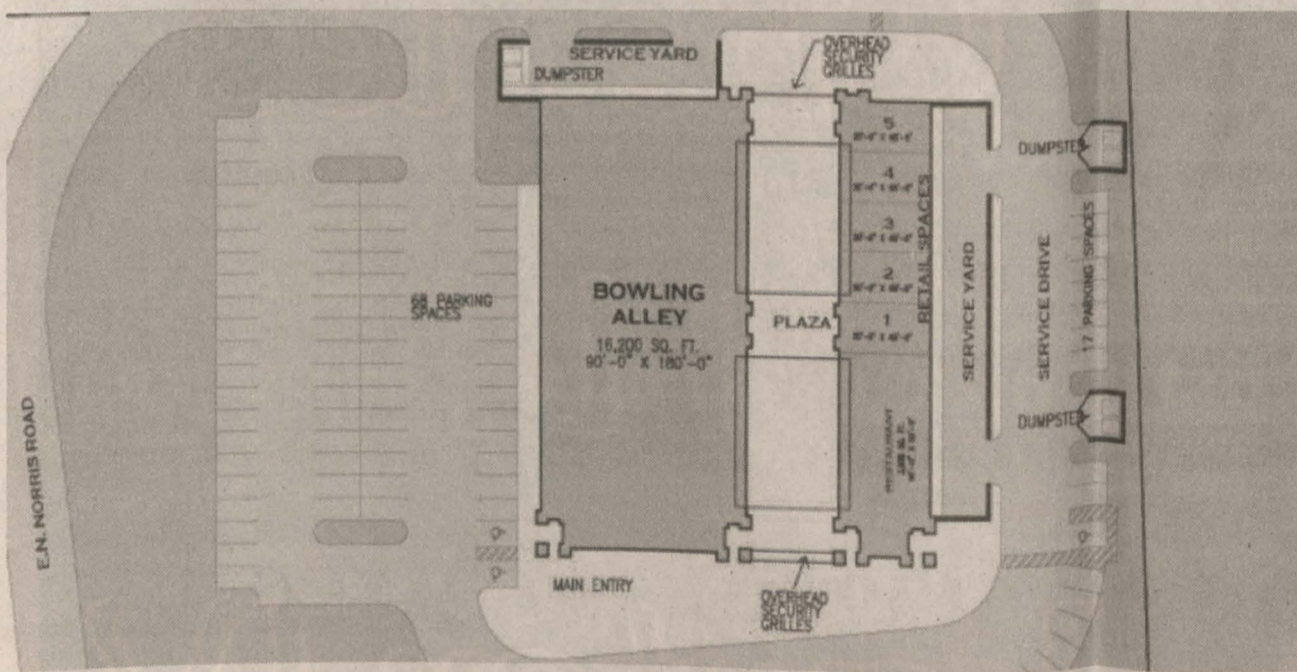
roads were closed down that created issues for commuters? "Students and faculty continue to wonder what the weather will bring next.

**"I couldn't go anywhere. I stayed in my room all day and I couldn't study as effectively, because there were too many distractions in my room."**

**-Monica Santillan**

## Retail Center

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Courtesy of pvamu.edu

The new retail center will include a bowling alley and spaces for students to rent.

"We put things on the edge of campus so that we could move some student traffic to the front of the campus," said Washington. "We wanted to stimulate the activity of students all around campus, but we also wanted to isolate visitor and pedestrian traffic to the front of the campus."

Washington says that the idea to isolate pedestrian traffic came from the recent homecoming issues involving alumni and visitors who come to take part in the homecoming festivities.

"A lot of time it is people who don't go to this school that start fights at the events and the students get blamed for it. It is a little disappointing because we were always threaten with homecoming being

cancelled and we are not even the problem starters," said junior history major Darnell Richards.

Washington says that the center will not only help solve the issues with visitors but it will also provide students with access to another entertainment outlet.

It will house a bowling alley, which will serve as another entertainment avenue for students and the official home for the university's bowling team. It will also have a traditional food court where students will be able to enjoy a variety of culinary choices.

The project is expected to be approximately 23,900 square feet, and will consist of five rental spaces that are 1,000 square feet each.

Students and off campus vendors will be able to lease rental spaces starting in the summer.

"I am really excited about the idea of leasing a space because I really wanted to open a clothing boutique here on campus," said senior business major Jasma Manning. "I hope this retail center will encourage more students to take advantage of our campus' resources." Washington says that the only major disadvantage would be the possible confrontations between students and local residents.

"It always worries me when we put our students in close proximities with local residents," said Washington. "I don't want any like that argument scene from the movie School Daze to happen here."

## House leaders to outline immigration principles

By Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON (AP) -- House Republican leaders plan to outline broad immigration principles, including legalization for the 11 million immigrants living here illegally, to the GOP rank and file as they look to revive long-stalled efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration system.

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other House GOP leaders will measure the willingness of party members to tackle immigration in a midterm election year when they unveil the principles Thursday at the GOP caucus' annual retreat in Cambridge, Md.

"We're going to outline our standards, principles of immigration reform and have a conversation with our members, and once that conversation's over we'll have a better feel for what members have in mind," Boehner told reporters this week.

Boehner faces strong opposition from several conservatives who fear that legislation will lead to citizenship for people who broke U.S. immigration laws, are suspicious of President Barack Obama and his enforcement of any law and are reluctant to give the president a long-sought legislative victory.

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, delivered a 30-page package to all 232 House Republicans on Wednesday

that offered a point-by-point rebuttal to the expected principles.

Sessions warned of the negative impact of proposed changes in immigration policy on U.S. workers, taxpayers and the rule of law as the House leaders look at legalization for some of the 11 million immigrants living here illegally. Sessions and other opponents argue that legal status and work authorization amounts to amnesty and serves as a path to citizenship.

Responding to Obama's renewed call for immigration legislation and the positive signals from House GOP leaders, Sessions said Republicans "must end the lawlessness - not surrender to it - and they must defend the legitimate interests of millions of struggling American workers."

Separately, several lawmakers were working on legislation dealing with children of parents in the United States illegally and visas for guest workers.

Republicans insist that the party must pass reforms and address the issue of those in the country illegally to be competitive in presidential elections. In 2012, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who suggested that immigrants "self-deport," won just 27 percent of the Hispanic vote.

"It's no secret we have millions of people who are here, who are unlawful and we can't deny that, and I think that's something that has to be dealt with," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., who has been working on legislation. "But a lot of components have to be dealt with."

# Panther Doll instructor declares final goodbye

By Shalun Wells  
Panther Staff



The university has said farewell to Shante' Moore, dance team director for the Panther Dolls.

Moore has directed the dancers of the Panther Dolls for about 14 years, encouraging and helping the young women to improve their techniques and dancing abilities. Moore built the team into one of the most well-known dance organizations on campus, however, the 2014 season for the Panther Dolls will not be the same due to Moore leaving.

"Moore leaving is a great loss to the university," says Office of Student Engagement program coordinator Christian Leach.

"She (Moore) will be missed. She did a great deal by bringing the Panther Dolls on campus," says Leach.

"Momma Moore has been a great blessing towards the team," says senior marketing and management

information systems major Carmen Porter. Porter is also an active member of the Panther Doll organization. Porter stated that "Moore sat with the team, assuring the ladies that she is still by their side 110 percent and that she is still rooting for the dance team as usual."

Since Moore announced her departure, Porter stated that the team is "heading toward doing our own thing this season."

The team plans to bring "more dance styles and themes to show off to the crowd," says Porter. "We want to show off our technical ability while maintaining the same energy and feedback as our hip-hop based performances."

According to Leach, the director position for the dance

team is currently open, and "the Office of Student Engagement is working diligently to find someone to fill the position." While the position has yet to be filled, the dance team will continue under the direction of the current staff of the

Office of Student Engagement.

The Panther Dolls consists of about 20 members who are aspiring professional dancers. The team entertains fans during halftime at PVAMU men's and women's games for basketball and

volleyball.

The team has also had the opportunity to perform at different events held on and off campus and during halftime at the Houston Rockets' game.



By Taylor Coleman, The Panther

Behind the scenes: Members of Prairie View's Panther Dolls dance team take a break to snap a picture during practice.

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*Jasma Manning*  
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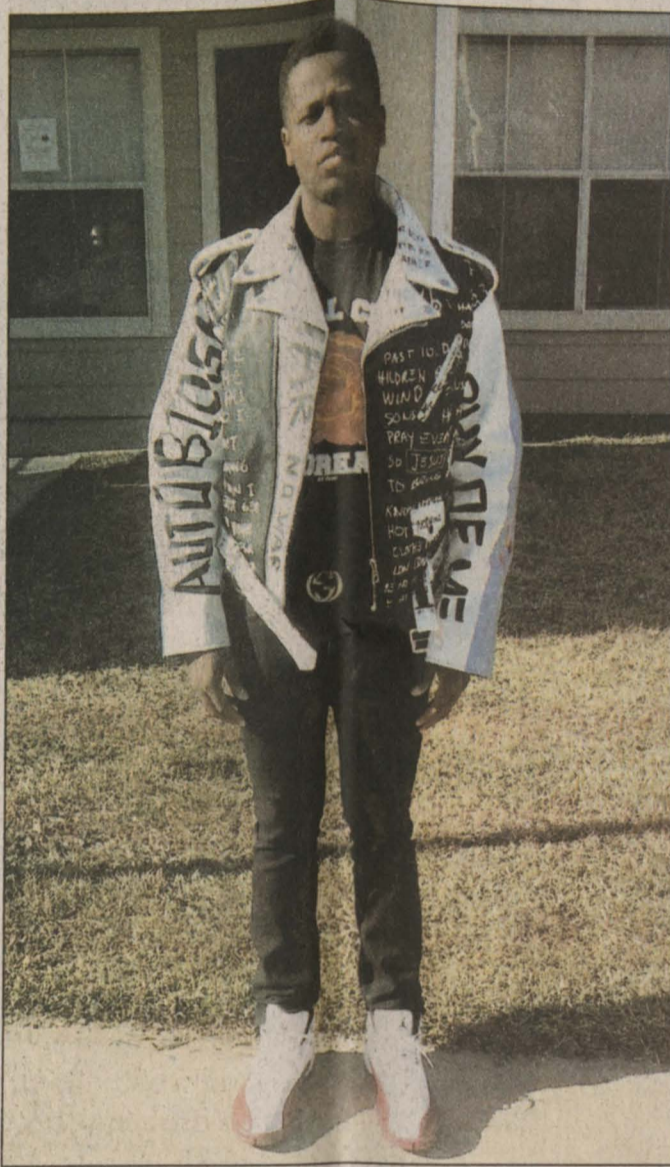
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Likes: Nothing.

Favorite person: Rihanna, "She is a bad-ass."

Favorite designer: Thrift shops lol.

Tattoos: Yes! they are sexy.



*Chris Grady*  
senior

Hates: not BM

Likes: BM

Favorite person: BM members

Favorite designer: Gucci, Louis Fendi, Prada

Tattoos: Hell No! Jk!



*Juanyta Shuler*  
junior

Hates: Nothing

Likes: Everything

Favorite person: Sylvania

Favorite designer: Im different.

Tattoos: Maybe not.

## Fashion trends bring negative attention



By India Foster  
Panther Contributor

Trends are shared among women around the campus of Prairie View A&M that have created question about the contagious fashion sense. Wearing bright colors, extensions, and inappropriate clothing to class, have been observed and formulated concern. Panthers at the university have brought awareness to breaking unspoken rules and misunderstanding the standard of appropriateness.

To each is own as fashion is a way of expression, however, there is always an occasion for every outfit. Young women have made it popular to wear "crop tops", or half shirts, and sundresses to class which are deemed "out of season" during the winter months. Along with females, men also play a large part in contributing to the "image"

portrayed on campus. Many are seen showing their boxers from sagging pants as well as promoting inappropriate content on t-shirts and hats.

"Sundresses are for the spring and the summer; I know these girls are cold. Girls also need to stop wearing crop tops to class with their stomachs out, I can only see them for clubs or parties, nowhere else," said sophomore nursing major Krystal Curry.

Traveling across the distant campus in clothes that don't fully cover the body gives a negative impression of oneself to professors, administration, or other students.

"I think that it's very inappropriate for females to wear crop tops around on campus. It looks like they just want attention or trying to show off their belly button piercings if they

have one," said freshman education major Ricky Williamson.

There is also a sensation of females with very long extensions or "bundles" in their hair. In past eras, weaves were used to add thickness to the hair while being disguised as natural. As of today some women feel the longer the better, and are spending lots of money buying weave 20 inches or longer.

"I just love weave and I feel the longer the better. Girls feel confident with weave because it just makes you look flawless. When you wear weave you don't have to worry about putting heat on your natural hair every day, it makes your hair grow, and it's just fun to have," said freshman mass communications major Shelby Harris.

Along with long weave, students that visit the Memorial Student Center, or MSC, can easily identify various types of hair colors from green, purple, or red. This issue has become a big debate on whether these hair colors are acceptable day by day since it is commonly frowned upon in the workforce.

"In my opinion I think it's ridiculous, these girls are too old to be having bright red or green or blue color hair especially being in college trying to get ready to a get real career," said sophomore nursing major Milan Eugene.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, and owns the right to do as they please. With careers in mind of most students' future, the drive and preparation to reach one's goal in life should be top priority. The objective in attending college is to make yourself marketable and presentable to potential employers, and everyone should be cautious of the brand that they're creating for themselves.

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# University's College 2nd Annual Stuff the PVP Dormitory Competition

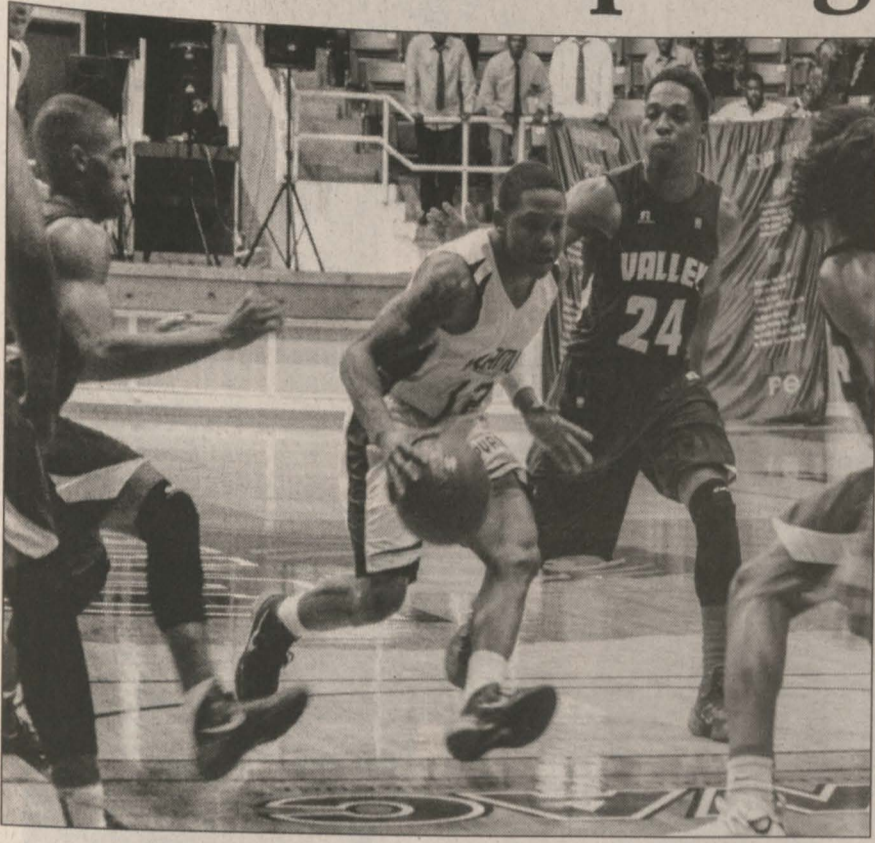
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	Samantha Arciba	Mia Green	Davidra Patterson	
	Katrina Baker	Meshia Greer	Mar'Sha Prince	
	Robbie Banks	Teshia Greer	Jillian Propes	
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	Ashley Bilbo	Autumn Higgins	Jasmine Simien	
	Kenya Bland	Krystal Hill	Celeste Spencer	
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## Student Giving Campaign

Building Dreams 1 Student At A Time

# Panthers split games against the Devils



**Painful loss:** Guard John Briscoe drives past four Devils defenders during the Monday night defeat 72-81 in the Babydome.

By Denzel Speights  
Panther Staff

The Mississippi Valley State Devils came to town Monday evening to face the PVAMU Panthers in the Baby Dome. While the Lady Panthers claimed their 3rd straight win 77-59, the Men suffered a loss in a nail biter 72-81.

The Lady Panthers opened the first-half with a 16-6 run at the 12:34 mark. Although the Devillettes trimmed the lead to 20-14 five minutes later, the Lady Panthers blasted off with an 11-2 run with Washington leading the way with six points and one steal during the margin.

At the opening of the second-half the Lady Panthers led

by 21, but MVSU lashed out two consecutive three pointers and a pair of free throws to cut the lead by 13. At that point Shimiya Brooks, Gabrielle Scott, and Jeanette Jackson made critical plays to distance themselves away from Devillettes to win by double digits. Jackson said once her team saw that she was struggling everyone helped out. "When they saw that I was not producing LaReahn [Washington] and Gabby [Scott] went on a run of themselves and took over."

Coach Dawn Brown said that earlier in shoot around she reminded her team that they were still the SWAC champions, and she believes that sparked her team. "I told them that until someone comes along and dethrones us, we have to play like it. We have dominated this conference and no one can stop ourselves but us."

Washington had a best

this season with a career high 24 points, seven assist, and three steals. Following her was Scott with 23 points and Brooks completing the game with a double-double 12 points, 12 rebounds, and four blocks. Brooks said that the key to get them the win was that they played as a team. "Everybody came out tonight with the mentality that everyone wants to contribute to the win and we spread the ball out. When one player's shot was off someone else stepped up."

On the men's side, with second place in SWAC on the line, the Panthers opened with an improbable 21-9 lead over the Devils through the middle of the first half. Leading the way was John Brisco with seven points leading the half. Though the Panthers led the first-half as high as 17 points MVSU's DeAngelo Priar and Cameron Dobbs were able to cut the lead within 14, closing the half 43-29.

In the second half the Panthers were on cruise control, until MSVU opened a 20-6 run closing the lead to two at the 13:01 mark. Montreal Scott supplied six points to PV's 8-2 run to keep the Devils away 61-53, but again MVSU produced another run 13-4 to claim a 66-65 lead over the Panthers. With missed shots and unintentional fouls the Panthers couldn't recover as MVSU James Currington hit a pair of free throws and McDonald had a key layup to close the game 74-71 with 2:16 left.

Brisco led the Panthers with 20 points and six rebounds. Scott produced 19 points, eight rebounds, five assists, and three steals while Demondre Chapman finished the game with 15.

The Panthers head to Alabama stand, taking on Alabama A&M and Alabama State

this weekend before they come back home and take on their rivals Texas Southern on Feb. 8.



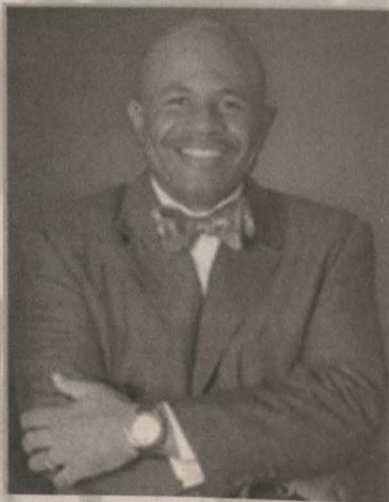
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**Winning streak:** Guard Alexis Parker looks to pass to one of her teammates in the win against the Mississippi Devillettes on Monday.



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## Welcoming a new head coach to the 'Family'



Photo By Chris Jones

By Juanyta Shuler  
Panther Contributor

Coach Dawn Brown is the university's new women's basketball coach of the 2013-2014 season. She plans on "continuing a success program" that the university has had since the 2007 season. Brown was one of Jackson State University's star players for the women's basketball team.

She graduated in 2005 with a B.A. in Sociology and started her coaching career at Tougaloo College, in her home state Jackson, Miss. Prior to becoming head coach, Brown had been a part of Prairie View's athletic staff since the 2012-2013 season, starting off as the second assistant, moving up as the recruiting coordinator.

Brown got the recommendation from another coach to former women's basketball head coach Toyelle Wilson. "I took a chance and made a promise to not let her down," Brown said. "It feels good to be a part of a University that treats you like family." Brown described how the athletic director and staff frequently check on the team to see if they are being taken care of at all times.

There are many plans Brown has for this basketball sea-

son. She considers herself as someone who is "hungry for success." "Winning another SWAC championship and academics is at the top of my list," Brown said. "Three players have a 4.0 cumulative GPA and 80 percent of the team has a 3.0 and above cumulative GPA." She is expecting a 100 percent graduation rate from the team.

Brown also expects for junior point guard, Jeanette Jackson to bypass any previous records from every former players in Prairie View's women's basketball history since 1987.

Brown is gratified to serve as the women's head basketball coach at PVAMU. "It's surreal to me to have a bunch of kids to play for you and believes in you; it's good," she stated. "It's a process, stay faithful and continue to pray and be a mentor."

The Coach shared her sentiments of the road of success. "You have to stay prayed up, humble, and hungry." She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Order of Eastern Star, and Black Colleges & Administrators and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

The coach was very open and willing to disclose and share insight. She projected an air of enthusiasm, which made for a very relaxed interview. She continued to share her zeal for coaching Prairie View's women's basketball team. She also spoke of future endeavors such as getting married and starting a family one day.

*"It's surreal to me to have a bunch of kids to play for you and believe in you"*



# Sex with Google Glass

By Anthony Smith  
Media Editor

When an app designed to stream porn between Google Glass users appeared in 2013, Google quickly removed it from public eye. Google then stated, "We don't allow Glassware content that contains nudity, graphic sex acts, or sexually explicit material."

London-based developers however, still aim to give wearers a view of their lovemaking from all angles through a Sex with Glass app. The app allows individuals to record themselves having sex, with the ability to live stream the vision between users.

Through voice commands the app is able to stop, record and stream videos by a user saying, "OK Glass, it's time," or "OK Glass, pull out."

"One of the developers states, "We want to change the way people experience things," "We love using design and strategy to disrupt at scale. So when we asked ourselves the question 'How can we make sex more awesome with Google Glass?' we came up with Sex with Glass."

The App also allows users

to play music, record and stream videos, suggest sex positions, and set different levels of lighting to suit the mood at hand. Once the magic has ended the app then compiles the footage to be viewed within a five-hour period by other users.

Since Google Glass has not yet been released to market the app still remains unclear whether Sex with Glass will be available to users. In the meantime, the team is developing a free iPhone app to give users a feel for Sex with Glass.

"Sex is meant to be between man and woman," said James Taylor Senior at Prairie View A&M University. "I feel like with this new invention it allows other people to breach your inner bubble of what you do behind close doors with your partner, thus creating a more pornographic experience," said Taylor.

Taylor also stated that, "And sometimes knowing what your partner is looking at can sometimes be distracting to the task at hand. So instead of doing adult things with Google Glass why don't we use it to help better ourselves."



# High tech bra unlocks for true love

By Anthony Smith  
Media Editor

Ravijour, Japanese lingerie manufacture has designed a bra new to help women find true love.

The bra unclamps whenever the wearer falls head over heels for that special someone. The bra contains what Ravijour refers to as "true love" technology.

Located inside the bra is a heart monitor that is wirelessly connected to a smartphone app.

In the heat of the moment when someone is aroused, the gadget analyzes the pattern and speed of the user's heart rate.

Once the woman's heart rate increases to full capacity the clasp at the front of the bra unhooks to allow access between the two lovers.

If the individual does not arouse the woman, the bra stays intact preventing all unwanted access.

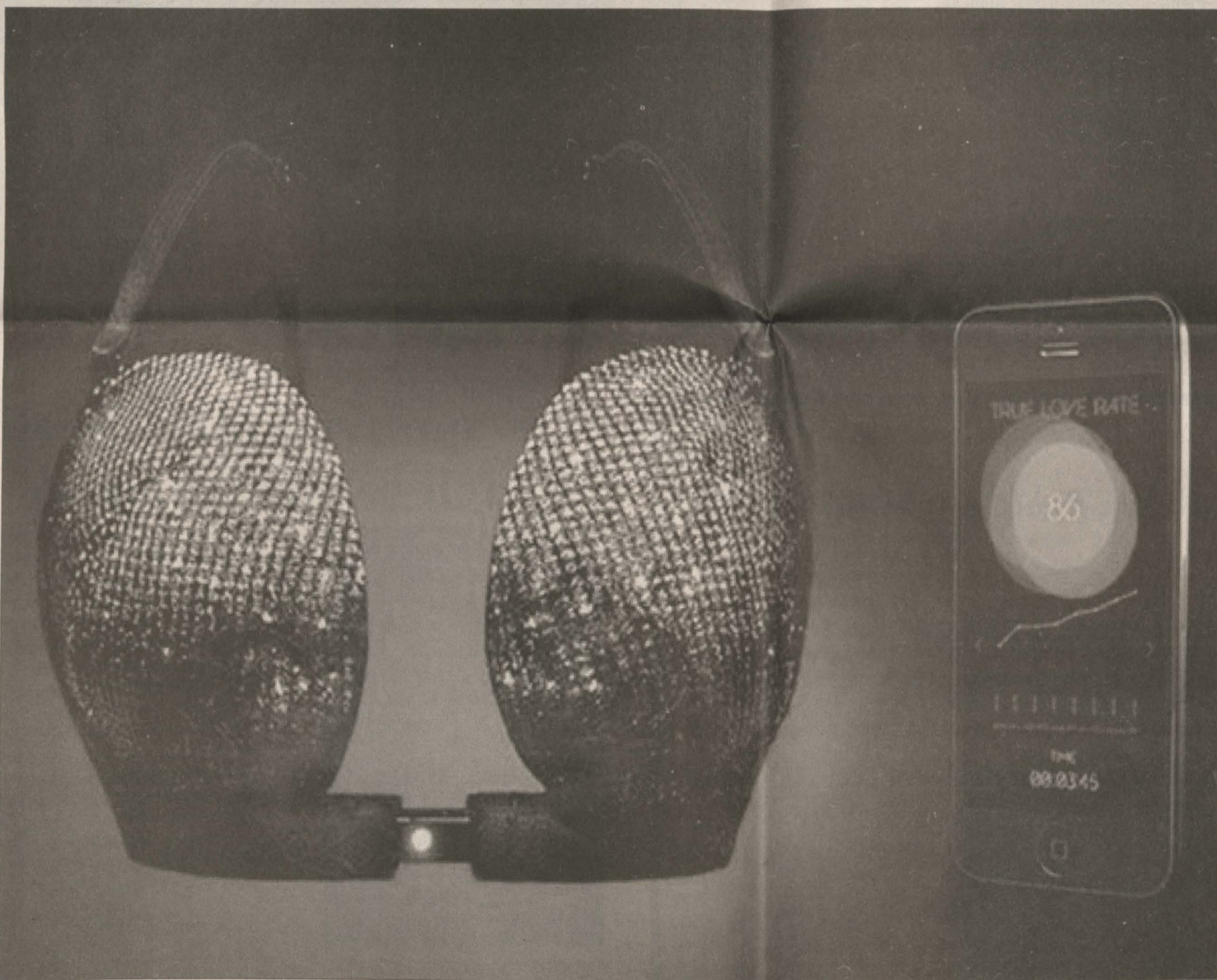
Makers say to distinguish between activities as running, dancing, and flirting, the app studies the heart's changing pattern and the duration of change.

The bra is not for sale, but forms part of a publicity campaign for the marquee's 10th anniversary.

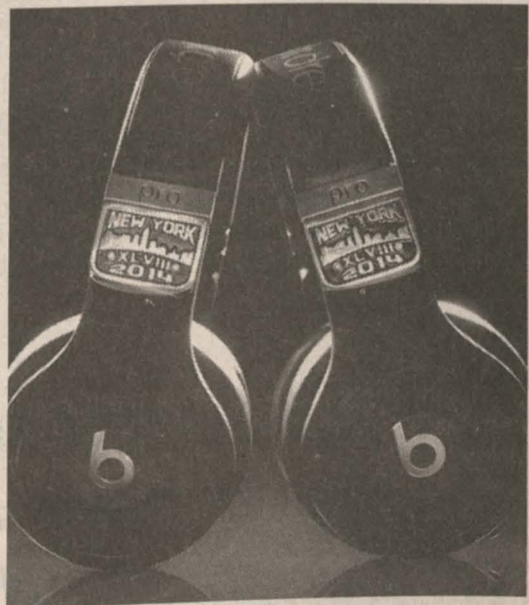
"I don't think the bra really knows the differences between love and lust" states Khaya Cater junior at Prairie View A&M University.

How can we put our trust in what the heart desires in such a device and call it true love?

If it's truly real love and it was meant for me to be with a person, then why can't I let true love come to me?"



# \$25,000 Beats headphones for Seahawks, Broncos



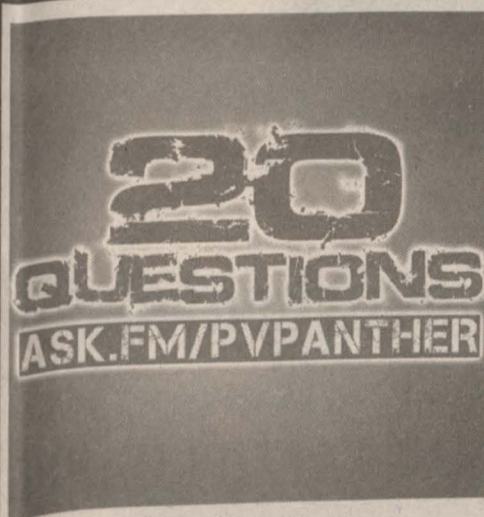
By Amanda Kooser  
CNET

Beats by Dre headphones are hot commodities in the athletic world. One particular style, however, is in very scarce supply because it's only in the hands of Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks

players. The special headphones come courtesy of the company as a sort of congratulations present to the two teams that survive the war of attrition that is the NFL season.

Seahawks offensive lineman Michael Bowie tweeted out his thanks for the swag and shared the headphones' \$25,000 value with the world. The cans sport an large gold or white-gold logo commemorating this year's big game in New York. There are a few diamonds studded in there, as well, courtesy of Graff Diamonds. The headphones sport the official name "Beats by Dre x Graff Custom Pro." Outspoken Seahawks cornerback (and Beats endorser) Richard Sherman got to make the official delivery of the yellow-gold versions to his teammates. There's no word on who delivered the Broncos' white-gold models.

A set of headphones is no substitute for a ring, but at least the losing team will be able to keep their fancy earpieces, though they may not want to sport them in the locker room next season. If you want a set of your own, you'll just have to wait until one inevitably comes up on eBay some day in the far future.



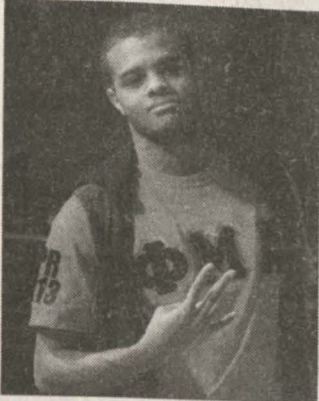
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2. Was it the same person who will be the dean of BM?
3. Does Blessed Males come before the Frat?
4. Why did the Panther Dolls have on the Black Foxes uniform?
5. Did Ms. Moore take all there originality also when she left?
6. Who was the girl that went into the panther mart asking for pregnancy test?
7. What ex CA was found in club 2020?
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- Isn't that a gay club?
9. Who's claiming to be sexually harassed by a faculty member?
10. Is it because she didn't want to play doubles?
11. When did blazers become a winter coat?
12. Who's the track girl with the McDonald eyebrows?
13. Who's the girl in the MSC with the Wendy's wig?
14. Why are the Alphas and the Lambdas beefing?
15. Didn't one Alpha already get beat up by a Kappa?
16. Should they stop monkeying around?
17. Was it too cold for Humpday?
18. How Many THOTS go to PV?
19. Why can't we access PV's Internet?
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 e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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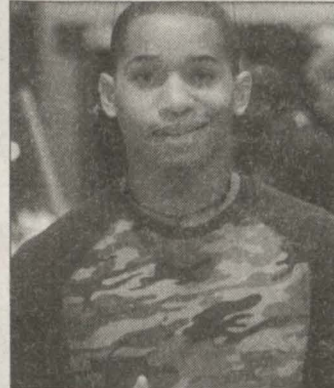
What changes would you like to see at our university?



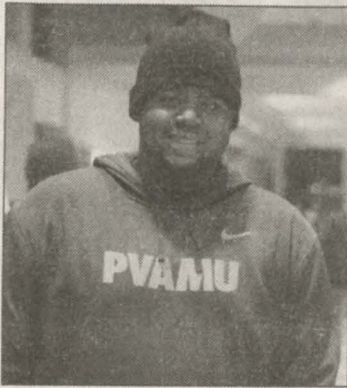
"The only changes I'd like to see are with financial aid going smoother."  
**Travis Higgins**  
Music Education  
Junior



"We need more washers and dryers in Farrell Hall. We barely have enough space."  
**Taylor Love**  
Business Management  
Senior



"We need some variation with the MSC food. It's always the same pizza and the same burgers."  
**Stephen Edwards**  
Business Management  
Sophomore



"To be honest, I'd like to see more events for the entire campus. Rather than just departments or organizations, bring everyone together."  
**Brandon Banks**  
Electrical Engineering  
Sophomore



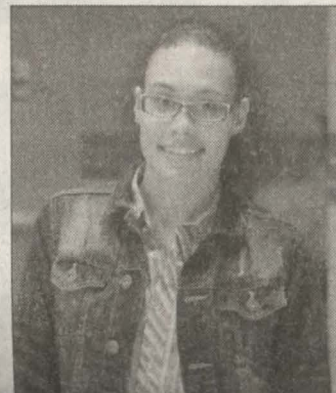
"Can we get working wi-fi? If we got wi-fi it would be like a pair of new Jordans or a Christmas present."  
**Ashley Howell**  
Nursing  
Freshman



"I need better communication with University Village. They charge without telling you, and give you the run around."  
**Arielle Trueheart**  
Psychology  
Senior



"Since I'm an athlete, it'd be nice to get a new track."  
**Timire Morris**  
Architecture  
Sophomore



"I have an issue with parking tickets. Especially if I'm paying to have a decal just to park it where I stay."  
**Brittanie Johnson**  
Criminal Justice  
Senior

By Jazzi Black, The Panther

## Motivations of Mercy: Jesus is Our Identity

By: Sylvania Omokaro

People can be so fickle-minded. It's human nature. My question is: WHY? The answer is lack of true identity. Identity is extremely important, so much so that almost everything has a category. We classify everything from animals to colors. Huge emphasis is strongly placed on ethnic group, social class, and both moral and political beliefs. Without identity, we become disoriented and eventually we falter.

Not too long ago, I looked in the mirror and to be frank I did not like what I saw. I began to focus on my aesthetics, and like most women I found many flaws, but that wasn't where my problem lied. My issue was way more than skin-deep. Every physical flaw was merely a miniscule representation of a much larger issue – the abrasion of my soul.

It was my soul staring me back in the mirror. Her countenance was dim, down-trodden, and disgusted. She vehemently blamed me for what had become of her. How frail she appeared? I had stopped nourishing her with the word of God. Oh how she longed for her daily bread. Her eyes were red and puffy from crying tears of desperation. All she wanted was the opportunity to live and be authentic, but all I did was obscure her.

I was so drawn to outward things that I was willing to compromise my inner being, integrity, and my very identity. I forced myself to relearn self-hate. It was the only way I could possibly conform myself to the ways of this world. (See Romans 12:2) This waged a huge war within me. The crevices of my soul began quake loudly. It forced me to take a deeper look at myself to behold what was left after such a violent thrash.

The remaining question is: What caused me to derail and compromise my identity? Well, I put my worth in things that did not matter. One way I did this was by allowing someone's opinion to define me. For so long I had this "confidence" but it was not rooted in Christ. It was based on my personal experiences and the words of others. I feel like God allowed me to experience pseudo-inadequacy in order to teach me what it is to be unshakeable. He showed me that my worth is embedded in Him. He is unchanging. His mercy and grace keeps me. Because of this, I know that I am beloved and valuable regardless of what I look like, what I do, how much money I make, or what anyone has to say about me.

The purpose of this testimony was to encourage you to be your truest self. You were not created to fit every mold and that is okay. Your identity is not in your grade point average. God is in control and He is your vehicle to success. As long as you do your best, he'll do the rest. Your worth is not in your friendships. Some people are just seasonal. Strive for good character, remembering always that we all reap what we sew. Your worth is not in your romantic partnerships. There are always other fish in the sea. Do not waste your time trying to be compatible with someone that isn't meant for you. Do what you do best. Accept yourself mind, body, soul, and spirit. Trust me, God knew what He was doing when He created you. It's just up to you to find out His purpose for your life. Hold on to the identity, it'll give you consistency and security. Wishing you a great week!

### Biblical References

Jeremiah 9: 23-24 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

Titus: 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

## SGA Speaks Out

Hello fellow Panthers,

I am Sidney LeBeauf, your Vice President of Auxiliary Services for this school year, your Student Government representatives have worked diligently to better your experience while here at Prairie View A&M University. In regards to Auxiliary Services, there have been many additions and upgrades to the campus. Our campus shuttles have been given a distinct look for the exterior, and some have had televisions installed. There has also been a new shuttle tracking application that projects an accurate location of the shuttles on their routes to help decrease the chances of a lengthy wait time for the shuttle. This past fall, "The Zone," formerly "The Purple Zone," was opened in Farrell Hall to provide an alternative dining area with a larger variety of healthier food options as a part of a students' meal plan. Inside of the Memorial Student Center dining hall, a tray conveyor was installed over the Christmas and New Year break, to easily transport plates and utensils to the dish room. The future completion of the Retail Center, near Phase 7, will bring forth more dining options for students and a bowling alley. Much thought has been given identify ways to improve the limitation on parking accommodations and traveling services throughout the campus.

Members of the student Senate are working to better the student's experience by making efforts to have vending machines with school supplies (i.e. scantrons, blue books, pencils, etc.) placed throughout the campus, to have online access to manage Panther Bucks, institute a plan where shuttles services will run after 5 P.M. on days where the campus has major events, to attempt to construct more adequate parking to benefit faculty and students, have restrooms with baby changing tables in restrooms to properly suit visitors and students with children, and to place layout maps across the campus to help visitors navigate the campus.

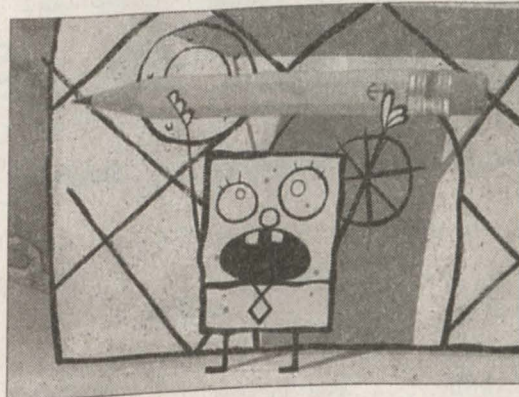
Much credit must be given to the work of our Student Government President Priscilla Barbour and Vice President Jarrick Brown whose dedication and loyalty to the university and the student body is impeccable and helps represent the best interest of this illustrious university.

We look forward to a great end to the 2013-2014 school year and hope we can continue to better the experience of each and every student on this campus.

Best Regards,

Sidney E. LeBeauf

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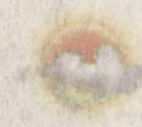
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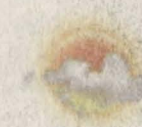
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