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Lewter honored for 20 years of service

By Denzel Speights
Panther Staff

Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV is celebrating 20 years of service to the university and the state of Texas during the 56th Session of the Annual Ministers' Conference in the Memorial Student Center.

Lewter is the third dean to serve the chapel since February 1994.

"In those twenty years, I have come to appreciate the legacy of those individuals

who have paved the way for others to receive a first class education," wrote Lewter in a letter intended to his colleagues.

The conference was held for and by ministers, who traveled from all parts the country, to share knowledge and spread the word of God not only to each other but people in the community.

Reverend Leroy Elliard from New Greater St. John Community Missionary Baptist Church spoke on the meaning of this conference.

"It's an Ecumenical Movement. I see

the camaraderie that is great. I see men and women of God coming together to empower the church for social change and it's exciting," said Elliard.

In addition, the conference gives scholarships to students while in school.

"We have what we called a ministers conference scholarship," said Lewter. He said that people who have a balance on their tuition can come in and apply for the application if they meet the requirements. "I have several students comeback and thank me for getting the scholarship."

One of the several events held during the conference was a College Night at the Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium in the MSC. It was intended for students to give them an opportunity to praise and worship.

Senior communication major and Student Government Association senator of the Student Ministers Association Nicholas Hunt commented on why the conference's College Night is important for students.

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Mr. Debonair pageant brings large crowd

By Jazzi Black
Panther Staff



By Rania Dotson, The Panther

Students, faculty, and family members lined the hallways of the Willie A. Tempton Memorial Student Center as they anticipated the opening doors to the Mr. Debonair pageant hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As the lights dimmed, and curtains opened, the projection screen displayed a brief introduction to the contestants that featured a theme inspired by the movie "Takers." By the end of the commercial, nine male contestants dressed in all black appeared sporadically across the auditorium and took the stage as they wowed the crowd by showing off their dance moves. Each participant then said a legendary quote and introduced himself to open the pageant.

Next, host Roderick "Scooby" Barree and hostess Jessica "J. Champayne" Barber took the stage and welcomed the audience. The hosts mentioned to the assembly that their participation was needed in selecting the crowd favorite Mr. Entourage on the sorority's Instagram page.

Prior to the engagement, contestants were interviewed which counted toward the total point calculation to win the crown.

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2014-2015 Mr. Debonair Davonte Hudson stands with fellow pageant contestants.

NBC White House producer counsels students during visit

By Erica Ponder
News Editor

NBC White House producer Shawna Thomas spoke in the A.I. Thomas Auditorium on Tuesday to students as part of presentations for the university's Communication Week organized by the Department of Languages and Communication.

Thomas, a Houston native, gave students advice on how to "excel" in communications by giving insight on her life, her past careers, and her present position working closely with President Barack Obama.

Thomas accepted the invitation to be a speaker because she wanted to "encourage more minorities to get into journalism." She said, "journalism prices people out." She explained that many minorities do not go into journalism or communication, because of the time that it takes to break into successful careers in the field.

Thomas started as NBC News associate and convinced colleagues within the company that she wanted to be in D.C. She later persuaded the company that she wanted to be Capitol Hill producer, which she did for two years.

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Panther football looks forward to 17 new signees



By Taylor Coleman, The Panther

Athletic director Ashley Robinson addresses new recruits.

By Shamaria' Knowles
Sports Editor

The busiest day of the NCAA fax machine came and went. Letters of Intent were coming in from high school players all over the nation declaring where they would play college football. Prairie View A&M University signed a total of 17 players, eight from Texas.

The biggest impact of the signing class came on the defensive side of the ball. Last season the games the Panthers lost were

"We will start at Reliant Stadium and end in Reliant this season."

— Heishma Northern

due to the fact that the defense couldn't make a stop. Recruiting heavy for the defense side was a must, said junior linebacker Jerome "40" Howard. "We brought in a lot of defensive players that can help us for next season," said Howard.

Spring ball starts next month for the Panthers and head coach Heishma Northern said this is the time to make a statement. "We are getting ready to win a championship. We will start at Reliant Stadium and end in Reliant this season."

Overall, it was a great day for signees. Today 17 signed but coaches are looking for more to sign next week. Athletic director Ashley Robinson said bringing them here to Prairie View was the best thing that could happen. "Today was definitely a great day on the 'Hill.' These new signees have the opportunity to come and make an impact at this great institution," said Robinson.

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Trail ride makes annual stop at PV



Courtesy of Lenice Brown

By Khaya Carter
Panther Contributor

The Prairie View Trail Ride Association will make its 57th annual stop through Prairie View A&M

University for this year's ceremony on Feb. 23.

Founded in 1957 by James Francis Jr. and Myrtis Dightman Sr., the Trail Ride Association is an organization that focuses on the

well being of livestock, camping grounds, and the innovation of agriculture.

PVTRA is very rich in its history. Established in 1957, it is the oldest African-American Trail

Ride in the United States.

The primary purpose of the trail ride is to promote agricultural interests in youth and perpetuate the principles, methods and traditions of the western world, while preserving the Black Cowboy and African-American Western heritage.

There will be are 150 participants and six wagons. Riders will leave west of Houston in Hempstead, TX traveling 15 miles per day. One of the Trail Ride traditions is the Wild Hog roast. Kelvin Arnsworth, Montgomery, TX, owner of Yo Mamas Pit Bar-B-Q began the tradition 18 years ago of roasting a hog in the ground during the PV Trail Ride. The hog roasting is a day long process.

The technique begins by digging a trench six feet wide, twelve feet long, and two feet deep. The 250-pound hog cooks for 18 hours on a coal fed, hand cranked rotisserie. Later the hog is garnished with 200 pounds of fruit and vegetables waiting to be severed.

Students are encouraged to come out and join trail riders when they make their stop in Prairie View and Feb. 24 for the Annual Chili

Cook-off on Prairie View A&M Universities campus behind the baseball field.

Lenice Brown, secretary of the Trail Ride Association wants students to gain insight on the history of the Prairie View from the event.

"I hope students will see the bigger picture of the trail ride," Brown said. "The trail ride is history; its been here for while."

Likewise senior agriculture major Michael Burton sees the trail ride as a part history.

"I can't wait for the trail ride," said Burton. "This is one of the only consistent pieces of history that we have here."

Proceeds from the chili cook-off go towards agricultural clubs on campus.

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As a result, she was asked to be the White House producer when the opportunity was presented.

A highlight of Thomas' career is attending the funeral of civil rights activist and former South African president, Nelson Mandela.

"George W. Bush was on the plane, too. One of the things that happens and why it's so important to kind of be in the room as a news person, is while we were there, the president made a speech, and the whole situation in the stadium and the way people paid attention, changed, especially in comparison to the way they were paying attention to other world leaders," Thomas said.

When discussing the controversial "selfie" that President Obama took with British Prime Minister David Cameron and Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning Schmidt, she said, "everyone asked 'was this inappropriate?' You have to understand that when you are in the room, it was a celebration of someone's life...There was a lot of singing and dancing in the stands... That's why we travel with the president like this. I then tell the other five networks and the other news organizations that in the room, this is how it felt, and that should inform

the way you should cover it."

Advice that Thomas has for students is "internships, internships, internships, and always say 'yes'...When people see you working hard for no money, and opportunities start opening up, the first people they look at for those openings are people that are already in their news organization, so you may have a great resume and you may hear about something, but the first people who are going to get a crack at a new job in a company are the people who are already working with them and the people that have worked with them for free."

Students were inspired by Thomas' presentation.

Junior mass communications major Ke'Tara Wells says, "it inspired me, because I feel like as college students, its so easy to stay stuck in our ways and always being afraid to step out of our comfort zone, but you have to step out of your comfort zone in order to find your purpose in life. That's one of the keys to being successful."

Other guest speakers in attendance were KPRC Local 2 report-

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The first category was the athletic gear in which participants featured events such as rodeo, surfing, golf, and martial arts where they wore apparel and engaged in the actual sport. During the talent portion, contestant number one Chris Grady performed spoken word about his "future wife" as women in the crowd felt their hearts melt. Other contestants featured a baritone solo, monologues, and contemporary dance.

After the brief intermission and sounds by junior homecoming queen Jasmine "DJ 4.0" Lofton, the talent competition contestants were judged on their formal wear, then question and answer.

Upon crowning the new royal representatives, Shawn Gore, Mr. Debonair 2012-2013 was honored to pass down the crown. "The contestants were really good. They did a great job and it was a big improvement from last year." When asked how he felt about the newly crowned Mr. Debonair 2014-2015 and line brother Devante Hudson he responded, "He deserved it! Like I told him, hard work pays off, and it did. I told him to just enjoy it."

After the show, his line brothers mobbed Hudson in excitement, as he is a member of the Zeta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. "It's pretty great! I really didn't expect it, and it really surprised me." With a humble spirit

he goes on to say, "I've never done a pageant before. It was the opening act that did it for me though, really an eye opener." Hudson known as "Tae" to friends, was also crowned Mr. Congeniality. He plans to carry on the duties of Mr. Debonair by simply doing everything he signed up to do.

Along with Mr. Debonair are his royal court which include Mr. Ivy Darrien Patterson, and Mr. Zeta Gamma, Reginald Curry. "I'm just going to let it sink in tonight. I have 5 a.m. workouts in the morning and classes to focus on this week. I just need a few days to let it settle in then I'll go from there," said Patterson. He explained his favorite part of the experience by saying, "Just being able to come together with different men from different walks of life. We had a connection we never would have thought of."

Curry said "It feels good. I'm real excited and I know I can be a great example of the AKA's." Jokingly saying so by wearing pink and green every day, he said he will play his part by, "Just being there for the ladies and all the events around the community and campus. I'll always be available for them."

More awards were given to those contestants who performed exceptionally in the categories part of the program. Malcolm Anthony won crowd favorite, Mr. Entourage, and Center Stage for his talent in which he sang and played the acoustic guitar. Mr. Paradise, the athletic

wear winner, was chosen to be Marcus "The American Boi" Sophus as he participated in running hurdles, and ended with his signature American flag caped around his neck. Sophus also won Most Money Raised. Mr. GQ for the formal wear category, as well as Best Interviewer was given to Demetri Guest, who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

With coordination management from president of the AKA's Krysten Maddox, the pageant was a success. "We worked extremely hard since last semester around November, through Christmas break, until now. It was a stressful process. We had hard times finding places to practice, but in the end everything worked out." Maddox took great pride in the organization and the work ethic put into the rewarding show. "The end was the highlight for me. I started crying because all that hard work finally paid off," she said.

The three main winners of the scholarship pageant were awarded official plaques and trophies, scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1000, VIP entry to chapter events, and an official sash. Students on campus took to social media as they expressed their attraction to the event by stating things like, "This has been the best pageant I've been to. I love the AKA'S!" With hope of an outstanding reign of the newly crowned royalties, PVAMU looks forward to exceptional deeds from Zeta Gamma.

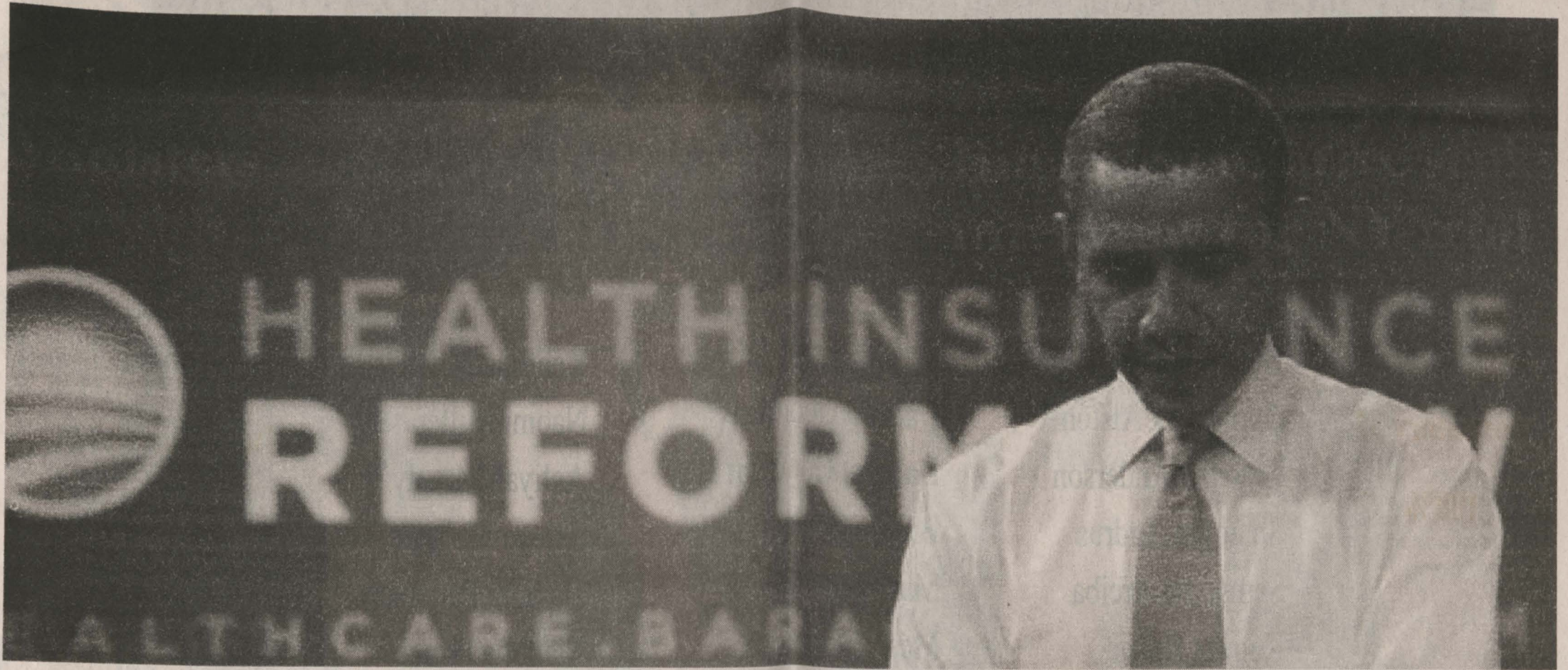


Photo By Rania Dotson, the Panther



Photo By Rania Dotson, the Panther

Analysts say health care law means fewer on job



Google

"Obamacare" continues to be a controversial topic as it is estimated that the act will result in 800,000 fewer jobs by the time it is in effect

By Andrew Taylor and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Several million American workers will cut back their hours on the job or leave the nation's workforce entirely because of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, congressional analysts said Tuesday, adding fresh fuel to the political fight over "Obamacare."
The workforce changes would mean nationwide losses equal to 2.3 million full-time jobs by 2021, in large part because people would opt to keep their income low to stay eligible for federal health care subsidies or Medicaid, the Congressional Budget Office said. It had estimated previously that the law would lead to 800,000 fewer jobs by that year. Republican lawmakers seized on

the report as major new evidence of what they consider the failures of Obama's overhaul, the huge change in U.S. health coverage that they're trying to overturn and planning to use as a main argument against Democrats in November's midterm elections.
It's the latest indication that "the president's health care law is destroying full-time jobs," said Republican Rep. John Kline of Minnesota, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. "This fatally flawed health care scheme is wreaking havoc on working families nationwide," he said.
But the White House said the possible reduction would be due to voluntary steps by workers rather than businesses cutting jobs - people having the freedom to retire early or spend more time as stay-at-home parents because they no longer had

to depend only on their employers for health insurance.
The law means people "will be empowered to make choices about their own lives and livelihoods," said White House Press Secretary Jay Carney.
CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf said the top reasons people would reduce work would be to qualify for subsidized coverage and an expanded Medicaid program but that lower wages - because of penalties on employers who don't provide coverage and looming taxes on generous health care plans - would also be a factor.
The agency also reduced its estimate of the number of uninsured people who will get coverage through the health care law. The budget experts now say 1 million more people will be uninsured this year than had been expected, partly because of the

website problems that prevented people from signing up last fall. However, it wasn't all bad news for the Obama administration. The CBO's wide-ranging report predicted that the federal budget deficit will fall to \$514 billion this year, down from last year's \$680 billion and the lowest by far since Obama took office five years ago.
The new estimates also say that the health care law will, in the short run, benefit the economy by boosting demand for goods and services because the lower-income people it helps will have more purchasing power. The report noted that the 2014 premiums that people pay for exchange coverage are coming in about 15 percent lower than projected, and the health care law, on balance, still is expected to reduce the federal deficit.
However, the budget experts see

the long-term federal deficit picture worsening by about \$100 billion a year through the end of the decade because of slower growth in the economy than they had previously predicted.
As for health care signups, the website woes have largely been cleared up, but the nonpartisan congressional analysts estimated that about 1 million fewer people will enroll through the new insurance exchanges than had been expected this year, for a total of 6 million.
Enrollment is predicted to pick up, topping 20 million in 2016. The exchanges, or online marketplaces, offer subsidized private coverage and cater mainly to middle-class people who don't have health care on the job.

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"Its really to give something to students to come to and enjoy and hear the word from God to keep them pushing through throughout the week and throughout the month," he said.

At College Night, the Baptist Student Movement Choir and the Mime Ministry gave a performance while Reverend Johnteris D. Tate from First Thessalonians Missionary Baptist Church in Tennessee gave an inspirational sermon.

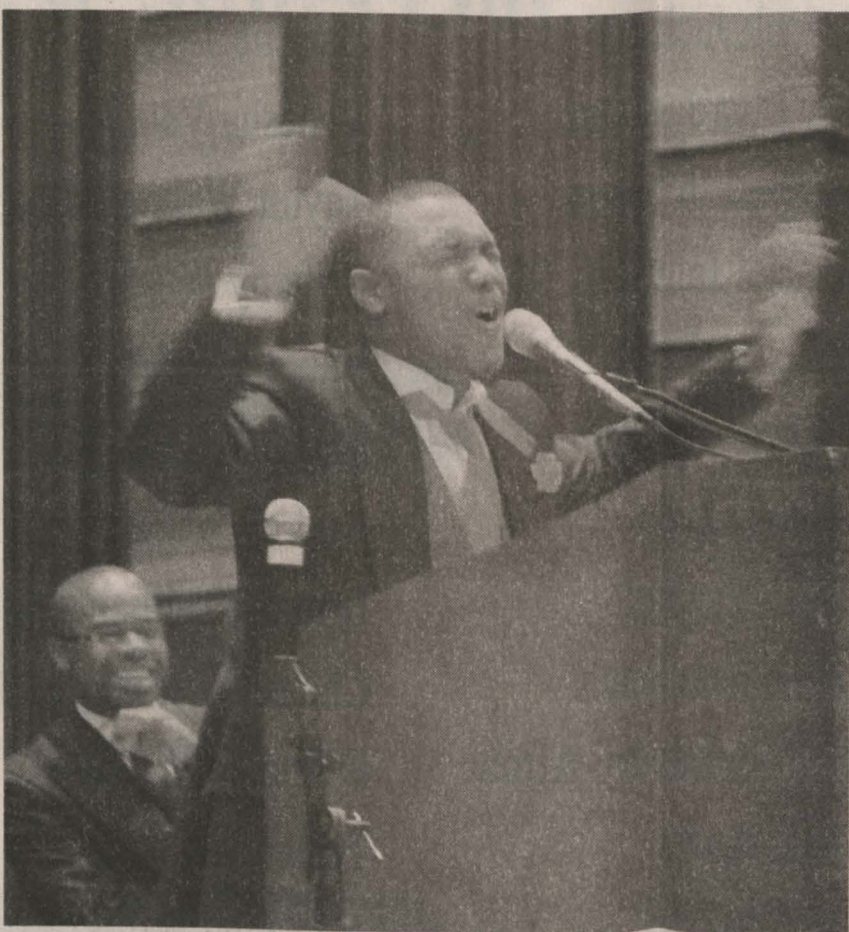
"We should never be ashamed or afraid to tell what the Lord has done for us," Tate said. "If he done anything for us in our life we outta be spreading that good news and that gospel."

During that night, he received an award for his service in ministry.

A banquet was held at the end of the conference for the ministers to eat, meet and greet one last time.

"He's a remarkable person," said Ellard when regarding Dean Lewter. "I just wish that he continue, continue, and continue because he has done a magnificent job..."

The Conference was held from Feb. 4 to 5.



Taylor Coleman, The Panther

Reverend Johnteris D. Tate gives sermon on courage

"We should never be ashamed or afraid to tell what the Lord has done for us."

-Reverend Johnteris D. Tate

Bin laden relative seeks interview for NY trial

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Lawyers for Osama bin Laden's son-in-law and former spokesman asked a judge Tuesday to let them interview accused Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheik Mohammed prior to a terrorism trial scheduled to begin this month.

The lawyers for Sulaiman Abu Ghaith filed papers with U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan in New York saying that Mohammed was "the most qualified person alive" to tell them whether Abu Ghaith knew of any al-Qaeda terrorist operations or was part of any conspiracy to kill Americans.

Abu Ghaith is set for trial this month on charges that he conspired to kill Americans in his role as al-Qaida's spokesman after the Sept. 11 attacks. He has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he could face life in prison.

James Margolin, a prosecutor's spokesman, declined to comment on the defense request. Attorneys for Abu Ghaith said in court filings that their request to interview Mohammed was based in part on their in-person conversations in November with Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a former Guantanamo Bay detainee who is believed to have been bin Laden's driver from 1998 until November 2001.

The judge last month gave the lawyers permission to get a videotaped deposition from Hamdan, now in Yemen, because he refuses to travel to the United States. However, attorney Stanley Cohen told the court that Hamdan may no longer

be available.

"It is believed that Mr. Mohammed's assistance could be every bit as helpful, if not more so, than the testimony that was expected from bin Laden's former chauffeur," Cohen said. "We believe his testimony would certainly be relevant to the defense of this case, and may very well exculpate Sulaiman Abu Ghaith entirely."

Cohen said Mohammed consented through his lawyer to be interviewed by someone from Abu Ghaith's defense team, but the Department of Defense had not yet given permission. Cohen asked Kaplan to order it.

The lawyers noted that lawyers for Hamdan at his 2008 military commission trial requested and received the opportunity to interview Mohammed prior to Hamdan's trial. They said Mohammed declined to appear at trial to testify but his written answers to questions were read into the record and referenced in closing arguments by both sides.

The lawyers said interviewing Mohammed might be especially useful in responding to government claims that Abu Ghaith had prior knowledge of the failed shoe-bomb airline attack by Richard Reid in December 2001 and another plot to down a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives hidden in shoes.

"The defense anticipates that Mr. Mohammed's information will be favorable to Mr. Abu Ghaith," he said.

University's College 2nd Annual Stuff the PIV Pig Dormitory Competition

Congratulations to the Good Girls of Dormitory 37

Dormitory 35 100%	Deja Alexander	Acaia Gillum-Jeffrey	Kenesha Miller	Dormitory 42 50%
	Admerasia Alston	Dalayla Goodwin	Naomi Miller	
	Lashuna Anderson	Dalesha Goodwin	Aaliyah Moody	
	Shamyra Andrus	Briona Green	Arleya Morgan	
	Samantha Arciba	Mia Green	Davidra Patterson	
Dormitory 36 100%	Katrina Baker	Meshia Greer	Mar'Sha Prince	Dormitory 43 32%
	Robbie Banks	Teshia Greer	Jillian Propes	
	Amadi Barrett	Chelsea Hall	Domonique Robinson	
	Genacie Bates	Alexis Hendon	SheQuira Sanders	
	Chastany Beaver	Brianna Henry	Faydrione Shelton	
Dormitory 37 100%	Ashley Bilbo	Autumn Higgins	Jasmine Simien	Dormitory 44 26%
	Kenya Bland	Krystal Hill	Celeste Spencer	
	Teaira Brooks-Barber	Canice Hollins	Lee'Antria Spiller	
	Alexis Brown	Bria Holloway	Deanna Stanley	
	Aubrey Brown	Justice Holmes	Lakeisha Stevenson	
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	Tori Brown	Jailyn Honora	Alentria Thomas	
	Alyssa Bryant	Jaquice Horton	Emelda Thomas	
	Erycha Butler	DaZha' Jackson	Sharde'Thompson	
	Danielle Caleb	Dre'Anna Jackson	Erin Trotman	
Dormitory 39 18%	Brianna Carter	Keanah Jackson	Darlene Tyler	Dormitory 46 49%
	Shametria Thomas	Shontaya Jackson	Venesha Vaughn	
	Ebony Chase	De'Lysse Johnson	Taylor Walker	
	Devondra Coleman	Tenisha Johnson	Brittany Ward	
	Leia Coleman	Shetterria Jones	Daphne Webb	
Dormitory 40 100%	Miranda Dawson	Stephanie Jordan	Maya Wesley	Dormitory 47 32%
	Ashley Dorsey	Kalarria Lee	Audrey Wiggins	
	Lauren Durand	Kelsey Legard	Brittany Williams	
	KrystalEllis	Laraneisha Lewis	Chelsea Williams	
	Jocelyn Eusery	Bregena Lundry-Alfred	D'Andrea Williams	
Dormitory 41 79%	Kaysia Fields	Tiara Mack	Terika Williams	Dormitory 48 100%
	Ericka Fitzpatrick	Taibu Majadi	Abreanna Willis	
	Jasmine Francis	Kanesha Maltby	Desiree Wilson	
	Shanel Gaskin	Amira Maruf	Kharijah Winton	

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Jared Alix

sophomore

Hates: Barely anything
Likes: Everybody I meet...sometimes
Favorite person: My bestfriend
Favorite designer: PVAMU shirts
Personality: Being cool



Osayi Oymwense

sophomore

Hates: Rings
Likes: Cool Grls
Favorite person: The Panther Staff
Favorite designer: Gucci, Lotus Fendi, Prada
Friends: Me, myself, and I



Writney Williams

senior

Hates: Juniors
Likes: Chips and candy...food
Favorite person: My mom
Favorite designer: Prada
Tattoos: Maybe not.

Check These Stores Out

ZARA

Zara is one of the largest international fashion companies. It belongs to Inditex, one of the world's largest distribution groups. It has the latest fashion trends that will have you standing out in a pack.

ASOS

discover fashion online

ASOS is the UK's largest independent online fashion and beauty retailer and offers over 60,000 branded and own label products across womenswear and menswear. Dresses, jeans, T-shirts, shirts, shoes, jewelry, lingerie and beauty.

URBAN OUTFITTERS

Urban Outfitters is the place to find the latest trends for relatively cheap. It is the perfect place to get looks that no one else is rocking.



1.Does BM and the Bombshellz think that they are a brother and sister organization? 2.Why do Greek prospects make it so obvious they're in an organization? 3.When is a culinary arts program coming to PV? 4.Would the food be better then Sodexo. 5.Why does PV water the concrete and not the grass? 6.Who is the boy that wears black everyday in the MSC? 7.Should he change clothes or locations? 8.Who did a poem about having a wife during the Mr. Debonair pageant? 9.Does he think sleeping with stragglers will find him a wife? 10.Why was Humpday cancelled this week? 11.Did they bring out all the equipment out just to play with us? 12.Why does Sodexo only have two people working the panther grill? 13.Is a 30-minute wait guaranteed with your order? 14.Why were all the photographers sitting in the front row of the debonair pageant? 15.Did they think sitting together would give them different pictures?16.How many THOTS will TSU bring to PV this Saturday? 17.Who was expecting to cross Sigma this year? 18. Is it too late to jump lines? 19.How many people are salty about the results of the Mr. Debonair pageant? 20.What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or submit at www.ask.fm/pvpanther. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

IF YOU WANT TO BE FEATURED ON THE FASHION PAGE, BE YOURSELF AND DRESS CHIC

Lady Panthers extend winning streak to 5



Drive to the lane: Guard Jeanette Jackson looks to drive past a defender. Jackson has been named SWAC player of the week for two consecutive weeks.

Sports Information
PVAMU

Sophomore Shamiya Brooks posted her third career double-double along with five blocks as the red hot Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers closed out the first half of SWAC play with a tough 68-60 road win over Alabama A&M on Monday evening inside Elmore Gymnasium.

Although AAMU entered Monday's game in last place, Lady Panther head coach Dawn Brown said during pregame that AAMU is better than its record and the Bulldogs lived up to that billing. AAMU claimed an early 8-7 advantage until a 12-2 run by the Lady Panthers turned the game in their

favor led by LaReahn Washington's five points with 10:18 remaining.

Alabama A&M twin sister duo Alyssa and Brittney Strickland willed them back into the contest as they cut PVAMU's lead to 21-19 four minutes later. With the Bulldogs nibbling on their ankles, the Lady Panthers found themselves in a dogfight from that point as AAMU knotted the contest at 27-all with 51 seconds remaining.

A layup by Brooks moved PVAMU back on top 29-27 at the 36-second mark but the lead was brief as AAMU secured two offensive rebounds on its final possession and tied the game at 36-all following Alasha Foster's layup with two seconds remaining. Brooks and Washington

scored the first points of the second half for the Lady Panthers as they claimed an early 32-29 lead.

AAMU's Jasmine Sanders closed the gap to 32-31 but redshirt sophomore Gabrielle Scott nailed a timely three-pointer for a two-possession lead at 35-31 with 17:52 left.

A jumper by Alabama A&M's Alyssa Strickland kept them within striking distance (35-33) until PVAMU's version of the twin towers in Brooks and Asha Hampton-Finch went to work with four consecutive points for a 39-33 lead with 15:58 remaining.

Alabama A&M would not go away as they continued to hang around and push the Lady Panthers to the limit. With PVAMU ahead 50-48 with 9:17

left, Washington scored the next four points for the Lady Panthers coupled with an Alexis Parker layup off a Hampton-Finch steal for the 56-48 margin.

Prairie View A&M had a three-minute scoring drought after the run and AAMU found a way to sneak back in after baskets from Strickland and Sanders. With 4:41 left, Washington stepped to the free throw line and hit 1-of-2 for a 57-53 lead.

Despite their offensive struggles, Prairie View A&M played well on the defensive end as AAMU went scoreless over the next two minutes. At the 2:30 mark, Jeanette Jackson nailed a much-needed and momentum-changing three-pointer for a seven-point advantage. AAMU hit a basket to close within 60-55 but Brooks hit a basket off a Gabrielle Scott assist to keep a seven-point advantage.

AAMU would close to four points on two occasions over the final 31 seconds but PVAMU was money from the free throw line as Hampton-Finch and Jackson each hit a pair of free throws to seal PVAMU's third straight win over Alabama A&M and second straight win in Elmore Gymnasium.

Brooks had a career night with 19 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the second time this season. Jackson followed with 18 points and seven assists followed by 15 points and three steals from Washington.

The second round of SWAC play begins on Saturday evening as the Lady Panthers host Texas Southern in a highly-anticipated conference showdown in the Baby Dome at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale on-line via the PV Marketplace.



Women

- Southern 8 - 1
- Texas Southern 8 - 1
- Jackson State 6 - 3
- Prairie View 6 - 3
- Grambling State 5 - 4
- Mississippi Valley State 4 - 5
- Alcorn State 3 - 5
- Alabama State 2 - 6
- Alabama A&M 1 - 8
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff 1 - 8

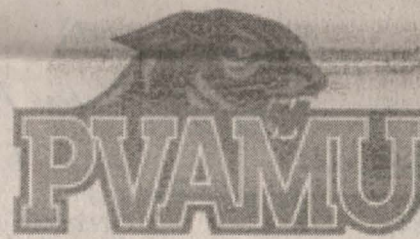
Men

- Southern 8 - 1
- Alabama State 7 - 2
- Texas Southern 5 - 4
- Alabama A&M 5 - 4
- Alcorn State 5 - 4
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff 4 - 4
- Mississippi Valley State 4 - 5
- Prairie View 3 - 5
- Jackson State 3 - 6
- Grambling State 0 - 9

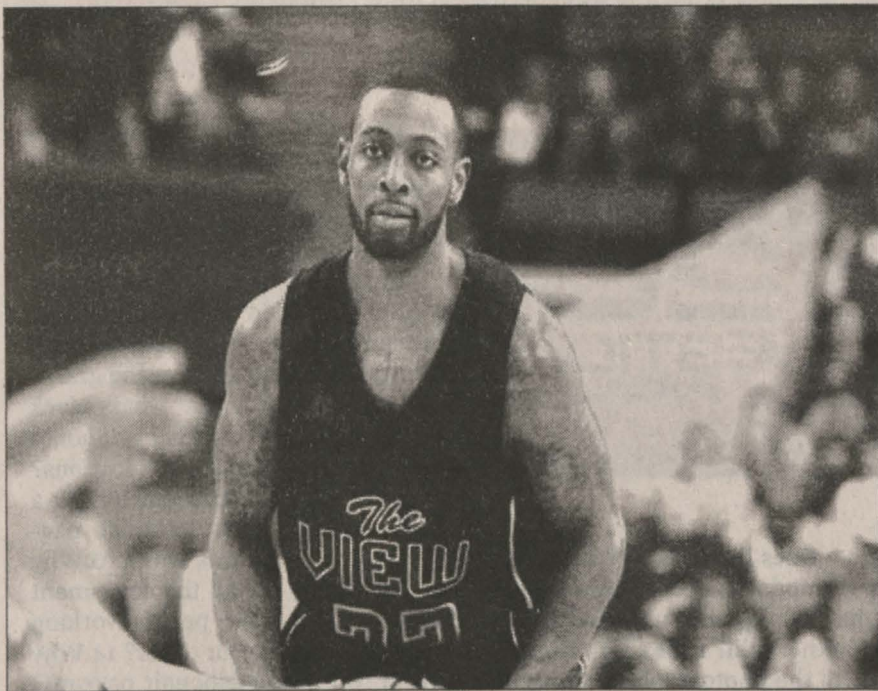
SWAC 2-peat

SWAC
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Jeanette Jackson was selected by the Southwestern Athletic Conference as this week's Women's Basketball Player of the Week on Feb. 4. Jackson helped carry PVAMU to victory in both contests last week averaging 17 points with 4.5 assists and a steal in wins over Alabama State and Alabama A&M.



Spotlight athlete: Demondre Chapman



Courtesy of Rick Sherman

By Shamaria' Knowles
Sports Editor

Name: Demondre Chapman
Birthplace: Flint, Michigan
DOB: April 14, 1991
Classification: Senior
Position: 6'7 Forward

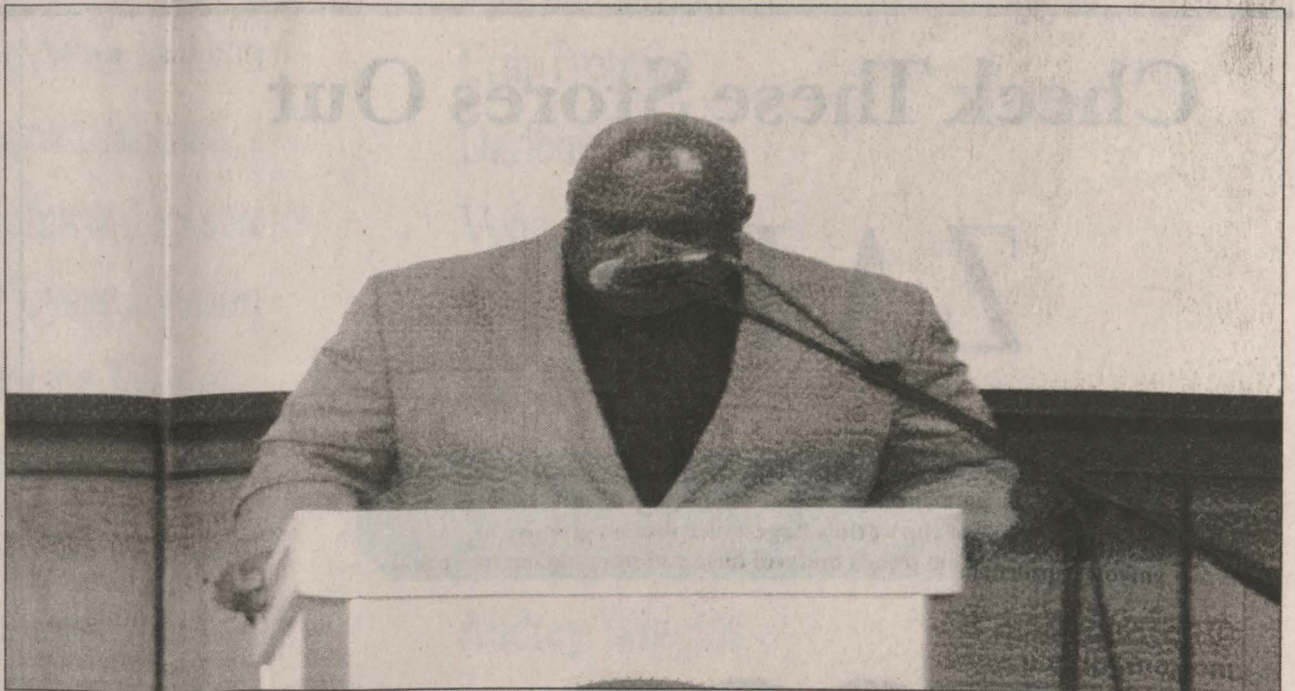
Favorite Food: Cajun chicken and shrimp
Favorite Restaurant: Cheesecake Factory

Why basketball is his passion: I grew up watching basketball at a young age, everyone I was surrounded with was hooping. That was the only thing I could use to keep me out the streets and from doing the wrong things. Being able to play basketball was a gift to me, it has taken me all over the world.

Favorite quote: "I use basketball before basketball use me"

After college life: After reaching my goals in life and being able to have the chance to get a college degree, I hope to have the opportunity to try and make money after college being a professional athlete in the National Basketball League.

Successful signing day for the Panthers football team



Photos by Taylor Coleman, The Panther

Bright future: Head coach Heishma Northern talks to audience about signing 17 new players and his season expectations for the 2014-2015 season.

Signees

Josh Bighems	S	5-10	170	Fr.	Dothan, Ala. (Northview)
TyQuan Fields	LB/SS	6-0	190	Fr.	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Ely)
Jalen Graves	DT	6-2	265	Fr.	Bogalusa, La. (Bogalusa)
Willie Green	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Huffman)
James Harper	DT	6-0	300	Fr.	Waco, Texas (Waco)
Damond Jackson	S	6-0	195	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Landry-Walker)
Joshua Johnson	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)
Gus Lopez	OL	6-3	320	Fr.	Rosenberg, Texas (Lamar Consolidated)
Desmond Mitchell	DT	6-3	247	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
Anthony Okray	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Santa Monica College)
Yzerrick Oliver	WR	5-10	160	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Worthing)
Cederic Porter	CB	6-4	170	Fr.	Bogalusa, La. (Bogalusa)
Don Rittenhouse	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Baytown, Texas (Memorial)
William Stanley	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Mesquite, Texas (West Mesquite)
Johnathan Taylor	DE	6-4	220	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas (Roosevelt)
Dominique Weaver	CB	5-10	165	Fr.	Dallas, Texas (Dallas Christian)
Tyrone Williams	RB	6-1	210	Fr.	Denton, Texas (Ryan)

Membership Intake Process

By Justin Crockett
Lifestyle Editor

With the spring semester already here upon Prairie View A&M University the various organizations digs up the melting pot of applicants participating in the assortment of training processes require for the golden passage of membership into their sought out organization.

With the new induction of members into the various organization raises the question of the underlying reasons and purpose behind why the really joined the organization.

"It effects certain people cause certain people join for popularity and others for a purpose or commitment. If you join a organization you should have a purposeful meaning behind why you're joining," said senior education major and Marching Storm band member Di' Sha Wallace.

Then while observing the benefits of joining campus organizations Errol Hampton Jr. a senior Finance and Marketing major of Phi Beta Lambda says " I believe spring semester is an exciting time for the entire campus, especially those students who have an opportunity to



Greek Life: A more in depth look into what is going on with your organizations on campus

become apart of an organization that will help them grow and evolve as young professionals. Greek life is an important part of the fabric of this University and serves an integral role in helping students develop a sense of civic and personal responsibility. " In addition, some new

concepts have been added to the upcoming probate. This year we will have not one, but two probates. One upon April 7th and the other on April 8th. When asked for more clarification upon why these adjustments have been made Ms. Christian Leach said "We have out grown the space for the baby

dome and so for security and safety reasons we divided to divide the groups up equally so we don't have breaches and security where people are sitting outside starting fights." Ms. Leech then later spoke upon incidents that happen last year saying " We had incidents were bomb rushing the doors ...and all

"We have out grown the space for the baby dome and so for security and safety reasons we decided to divide the groups up equally" - Christian Leach

the people sneaking in." Ms. Leech explained that these reasons drew their attention toward the security issues and caused a highly level of security to be required this year. With the new developments and changes nobody knows what is to come of the Membership Intake Process this year.

Those Guys Hair & Nails



By Taylor Coleman, The Panther

One Giant Leap For Music: The music group, Those Guys, attempt to make there mark on Prairie View A&M University.

By Shalun Wells
Panther Staff

Those Guys, a well known musical group on campus that consists of six gentlemen: Carl "Trey" Childs, Quinton "Q" Dean, Keith Hartaway, Curtis Gibson, Malcolm Barnet, and Jason Dove, with Malcolm Barnet is the leader singer of the group.

All six of the members are in their sophomore year at Prairie View. Those Guys feel that the way they met was completely among fate.

Each of the members lived in the same building as freshmen and began to form a bond through their love for music.

Trey is the common bond that founded the group and all the other members and brought the components together.

Though the music group does not plan to have their group open to the public, they are having thoughts

of a freshman corte every year where freshmen can showcase their talent by opening up for people at the pageants and talent shows, sing the National Anthem and things of those nature.

When asked why they chose the name Those Guys they simply said "we could not come up with anything better."

While getting personal with the group they were asked their biggest pet peeve, as a group they stated, "We do not like when individuals try to single us out, we all bring an asset to the group."

The seriousness, the voice, and musical intellect of the group is Malcolm. While Trey is the laughter and goofiness.

Although Those Guys are working on new music, no official release dates have been leaked just yet. To be young and talented the soon to be phenomenal group, Those Guys, are destined for greatness.

By India Foster
Panther Staff

The women of PVAMU are known for being flawless and always looking their best, from their outfits, hair, and nails, but being away from home, where do these girls get all these necessities done? Most usually wait until the next trip to their hometown to get pampered, because they feel that there aren't any sources that will meet their needs of their upkeep. Yet, there are some productive panthers on campus here to service girls making the essential needs more convenient and easy to access.

Meet Erin Watson Freshman Erin Watson is a social work major that is known for doing nails out of the UC in building 41. All the way from Kansas City, Missouri, she came to PV and started her hustle on campus in the summer during the Panther Pride Summer Bridge program, and has been doing nails for a year and a half.

"I've always been interested in the cosmetology business, because my dad is a barber and I had a lot of free time, so I went to beauty school to get my license and I started to do nails," Watson said.

Being a part of "Miss Nail-N-It's" chiental is a fun experience for her, and she enjoys communicating and meeting people of all backgrounds.

"For the future I plan on making an organization of all PV barbers and cosmetologists so that I can plan hair shows on campus. Once I graduate, I want to bring a salon on campus that PV students can work for once they have their license," Watson said.

To see Erin Watson's work, follow her: Instagram: @Miss_nail_n_it For appointments, e-mail her at nailnitk@gmail.com. Meet Jasmine Harris

Senior chemical engineering major Jasmine Harris is the owner behind the Exquisite Hair Junkies on campus. From Brazilian, Malaysian, Indian, and Peruvian hair, Harris offers bundle deals and quick service to girls on campus, and is serious about making her customers satisfied.

"My favorite part of selling hair is the results and joy from others. When somebody feels beautiful and they thank you, its all the joy I need," Harris said.

Harris has been doing hair since she was in high school and just decided to sell hair, because it made it easier for her customers to purchase hair and get there hair services done at once.



By Justin R. Crockett, The Panther

Natural or nah?: Discover what is going on with everything that is hair and nails

"I started doing that and grew from there. The name came from an old high school group that I was in, and the name from my popular Rai'Sai hair line came from my sister that passed away in April. Tyre Rai'Sai was her name and Brazilian was her favorite brand to wear."

Exquisite Hair Junkies are well known on Instagram for having the three bundle deals of any lengths and textures for \$250. To check out Exquisite Hair Junkies and Jasmine Harris' work, follow the Instagram account @exquisitehairjunkies, or check out her new website--www.exquisitehairjunkies.com.

Meet Chadiah King and D'Janee Simmons: Senior mass communications major Chadiah King and junior criminal justice major D'Janee Simmons' motto is "to provide quality hair for an affordable price for PV students" in their hair line called Golden Coast Hair.

"The name came from where we are both from-- Golden (sunsets in Colorado) and Coast (California, since it's on the coast) and hair being the product and together you have Golden Coast Hair," King said.

The young entrepreneurs have been selling hair on campus for two years and always hold discount sales on their Instagram page for their customers.

"Girls should buy hair from us, because not only do we provide great customer service, we provide a quality product at an affordable price. You don't have to spend a lot of

money to have beautiful hair. That's our main goal-- for individuals to feel beautiful. That's what being a golden girl is all about," King said.

To contact the "Golden Girls," follow their Instagram account: @GoldenCoastHair, and visit their website at goldencoasthair.bigcartel.com

Meet Nysha Hodge A sophomore double majoring in social work and criminal justice, Nysha Hodge has been doing nails for four years and started practicing her sophomore year in high school, because she didn't have money or the time to keep going to the nail shop. Nysha is a self-taught nail technician.

"I've been doing nails on campus since my freshman year. My favorite part is meeting different people through my previous clients and just being able to do what I love to make others happy," Nysha said.

To contact Nysha Hodge, follow her Instagram account: @boss_nails_.

"My favorite part of selling hair is the results and joy from others." - Jasmine Harris

We want our music to speak words that you can't feel in reality. It should take you to another world beyond the world you know.

-Those Guys

Tron a new legacy

By Anthony Smith
Media Editor

Parker Brothers Choppers decided to build 10 beautiful replicas of the Tron light cycle. These bikes are perfectly street legal, which means they can be driven around and used for everyday activities. The bikes are constructed from steel frames, and feature fiberglass bodywork. Inside, you'll find a Suzuki 996cc, 4-stroke engine.

The bike also includes electroluminescent strips built into the tire cowlings and wheel rims. It is optional, but if you rather have a digital read-out speedometer, they will include an iPad dock, which will let you put your iPad in front of your face, to provide all the essential information while the bike is being used.

A positive thing about

the bike is that it has a 96-volt electric motor and lithium ion battery pack. The bike can achieve top speeds of 100 mph and range distances of 100 miles on a single charge with a charge time of 35 minutes to recharge.

The electric motor is quieter, and still guaranteed to turn heads. The cycle is a pretty great replica, and body of the bike is costume designed to give it that Tron glow. As of now the bike only sits one person and can be yours for \$55,000.

"I feel like this is a great idea!" "Since we have electric cars it has been highly anticipated for the appearance of an electric motorcycle. Plus the bike is more environment friendly and cheaper to fill up than a gas operated vehicle," freshman Latisha Grey, at Prairie View A&M University states.

By Anthony Smith
Media Editor

Amazon.com is testing delivering packages using drones. The idea is to deliver packages as quickly as possible using a service the company is called Prime Air through small aircrafts mostly known as drones.

The octocopters, (another name for the drones) will also pick up packages in small yellow buckets at Amazon's fulfillment centers and fly through the air to deliver items to customers after they make their online purchase. The goal of the new delivery system is to get packages into customers in 30 minutes or less.

Even though this is a very popular idea, putting Prime Air into commercial use will take some

number of years since the Federal Aviation Administration has to come up with rules and regulations. Drones have mostly been used by the U.S. military to shoot missiles at enemy combatants. The costs of these aircrafts have dropped in recent years, making them more accessible to commercial users, such as companies, small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The FAA currently limits the use of drones in the U.S. to public entities such as police forces and hobbyists. As of today they cannot be used for payment purposes. Amazon will be able to petition the FAA to show them how its drone delivery technology works and the company can also apply to test its drones to make sure they are air worthy.

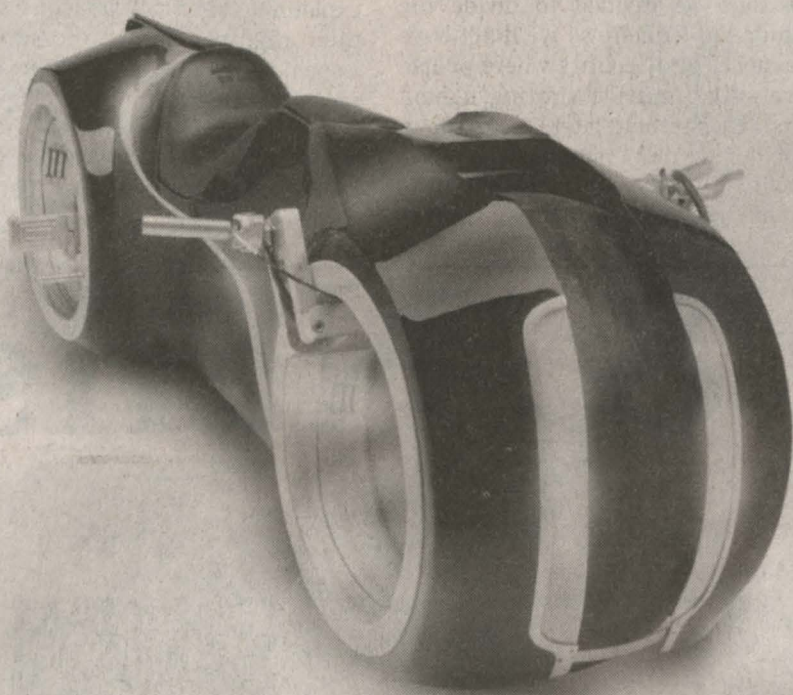
Amazon also knows that safety is an important issue, so instead of darkening the skies with drones they will come up with a

more suitable method. If drone delivery takes off, it could be a threat to other delivery companies such as FedEx and UPS, which Amazon uses currently for its package deliveries. FedEx founder Fred Smith told Wired magazine in 2009 that the company wanted to switch their fleet to drones after the FAA to regulated such activity.

"We'll be ready to enter commercial operations as soon as the necessary regulations are in place," stated Amazon.

"Safety will be our top priority, and our vehicles will be built with multiple redundancies and designed to commercial aviation standards."

Amazon customers can now look forward to faster and more efficient package delivery in the near future. The octocopter is a sign of technology advancing in front of our very eyes. Look forward to the new delivery system of the future.



Step to artificial hand that feels what you touch

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

To feel what you touch - that's the holy grail for artificial limbs. In a step toward that goal, European researchers created a robotic hand that let an amputee feel differences between a bottle, a baseball and a mandarin orange.

The patient only got to experiment with the bulky prototype for a week, and it's far from the bionics of science fiction movies. But the research released Wednesday is part of a major effort to create more lifelike, and usable, prosthetics.

"It was just amazing," said Dennis Aabo Sorensen of Aalborg, Denmark, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident a decade ago and volunteered to pilot-test the new prosthetic. "It was the closest I have had to feeling like a normal hand."

This isn't the first time scientists have tried to give some sense of touch to artificial hands; a few other pilot projects have been reported in the U.S. and Europe. But this newest experiment, published in the journal Science Translational Medicine,

shows Sorensen not only could tell differences in the shape and hardness of objects, he also could quickly react and adjust his grasp.

"It was interesting to see how fast he was able to master this," said neuroengineer Silvestro Micera of Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, who led the Swiss and Italian research team. "He was able to use this information immediately in a quite sophisticated way."

Scientists have made great strides in recent years in improving the dexterity of prosthetics. But the sense of touch has been a much more difficult challenge, and is one reason that many patients don't use their prosthetic hands as much as they'd like.

Consider: Grab something and your own hand naturally grasps with just enough force to hang on. Users of prosthetic hands have to carefully watch every motion, judging by eye instead of touch how tightly to squeeze. The results can be clumsy, with dropped dishes or crushed objects.

"You always have to look and see what's going on, so that's what is so much different from this

new hand that I tried," Sorensen, 36, said in a telephone interview.

First, doctors at Rome's Gemelli Hospital implanted tiny electrodes inside two nerves - the ulnar and median nerves - in the stump of Sorensen's arm.

Those nerves normally would allow for certain sensations in a hand. When researchers zapped them with a weak electrical signal, Sorensen said it felt like his missing fingers were moving, showing the nerves still could relay information.

Meanwhile, Micera's team puts sensors on two fingers of a robotic hand, to detect information about what the artificial fingers touched.

For one week, cords snaked from a bandage on Sorensen's arm to the artificial hand, and the electrodes zapped the nerves in proportion to what the sensors detected.

They essentially created a loop that let the robotic hand rapidly communicate with Sorensen's brain.

"It is really putting the brain back in control of the system," said biomedical engineer Dustin Tyler of Case Western Reserve University, who wasn't involved with the European work but leads a team in Ohio that recently created and tested a similar touch-enabled hand. "That's an important step."

Added neurobiologist Andrew Schwartz of the University of Pittsburgh: "It shows with a few sensors and some pretty elementary technology, that they can recover a fair amount of functionality."

To be sure Sorensen used touch, and didn't cheat by looking or hearing telltale sounds, he wore a blindfold and headphones as Micera's team handed him different objects.

"Suddenly I could tell if it was a hard object," Sorensen recalled, describing sensations that changed along with his grip. "The response, the feedback from the arm to my nerves and to my brain, they came very strong."

Micera cautioned that it will take several years of additional research to create a first-generation artificial hand that can feel, and looks more like a traditional prosthetic. First, they have to prove these nerve implants can last; for safety reasons, Sorensen's were surgically removed after the experiment.

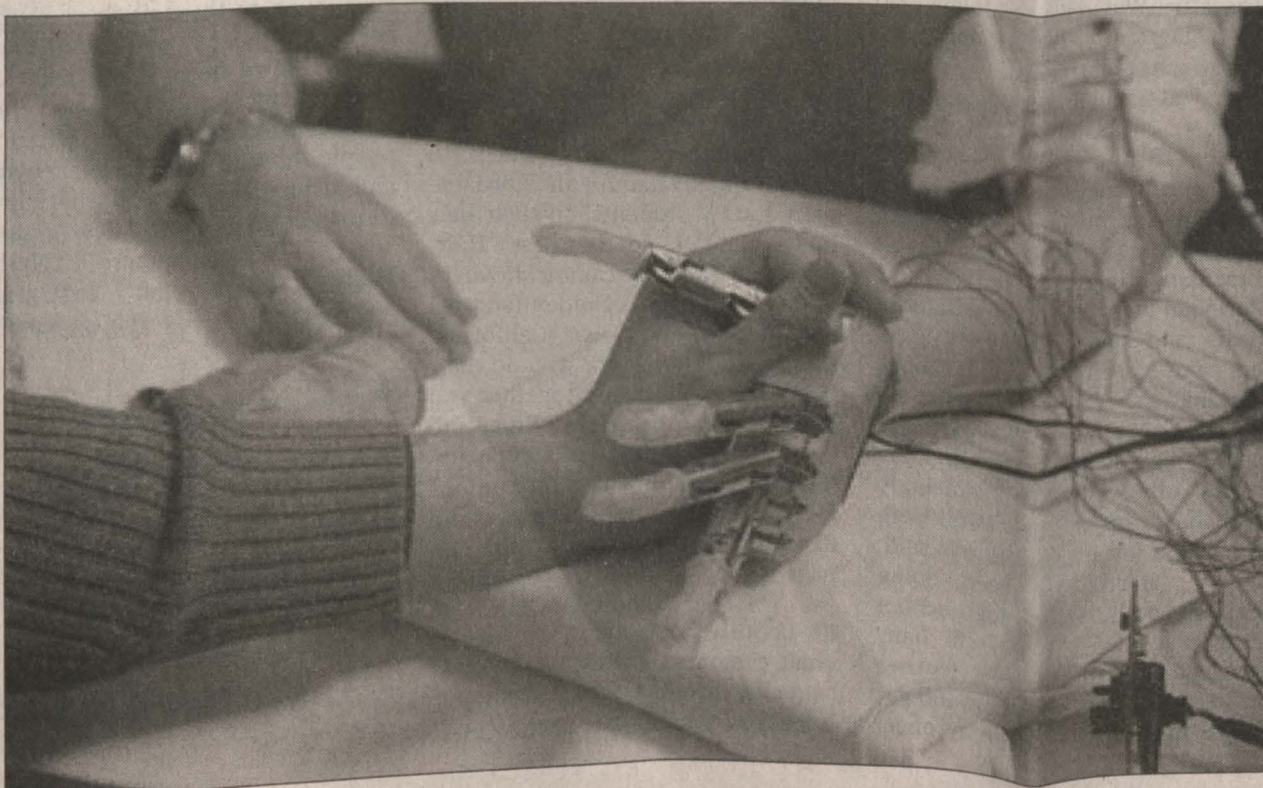
But a lot of work is underway.

In Ohio, Tyler's team recently issued video showing a blindfolded man gently pulling stems from cherries without crushing them, thanks to similar implanted nerve stimulators and a sensor-equipped prosthetic hand. The main difference, said Switzerland's Micera, is in how the nerve electrodes are implanted. The European approach puts them inside the nerve rather than around it for better control, but that's more invasive and some researchers worry it could damage the nerve over time.

In Pittsburgh, Schwartz's team is about to test another approach - a brain-controlled robotic hand for the paralyzed that would "feel" through electrodes implanted in a brain region known as the sensory cortex.

Whatever the approach, touch is a complex sense and these are all basic first steps involving how someone grasps, not more sophisticated sensations such as texture or temperature.

"There is definitely tremendous value to having a sense of touch, a sense of feeling from the hand," said Case Western's Tyler. "What that feeling is, how we use it - that's yet to come."



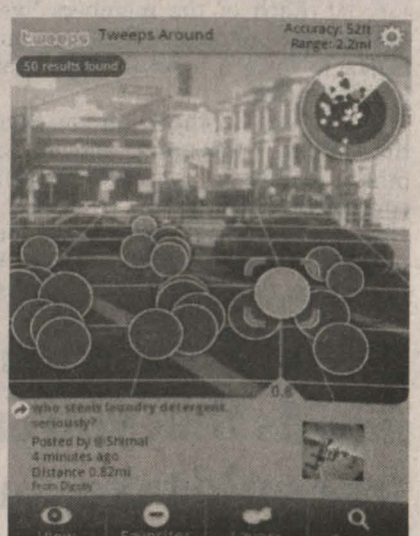
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YOUR VOICE

Do you trust the government? Why or why not?



"Not really. Honestly, I feel like the government makes the most money and I don't understand why?"
Paige Jackson
Computer Engineering
Junior



"I feel like there's a lot of vital information that they hold from the people, so no, I
RJ Wright
Psychology
Senior



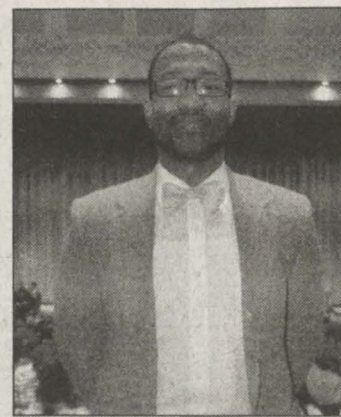
"For the most part, I do. They look out for the general welfare of the nation and they protect us."
Khanay Turner
Political Science
Senior



"They'll just put stuff on TV and radio what they want us to know."
Bryce McKinney
Criminal Justice
Junior



"I don't trust the government because I don't think they are making intelligent decisions for America's future."
Ariel Thomas
Mass Communication
Sophomore



"Yes and no. Sometimes I feel like the government doesn't trust the people. We have to be able to compromise."
Feliz Egwuonwu
Nursing
Junior

By Jazz Black, The Panther

Africa In Me

By: Tawia Sanusi

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SGA Speaks Out

Government is a system of administration designed for the structure and progression of the people it is premeditated to protect. Prairie View A&M University's Student Government Association is adequately working to exceed the standard of merely upholding a statute of limitations. The Student Government of Prairie View A&M University is immaculately working towards providing the students with the true campus that they desire.

Just in case you have been wondering what The Student Government Association has been doing for your prestigious campus, here are a few of the bills passed to better help the progression of Prairie View A& M University:

MSC Changing Table Resolution

- The need for Baby changing tables in the Memorial Student Center was brought to the attention of the Student Government Association by **Senator Jacolahn D. Dudley** and the initiative to place baby changing tables in the Memorial Student Center was a success.

Housing Map Resolution

- The lack of visible direction and accessible navigation through the Housing areas was an issue introduced to the Student Government Association by **Senator Desirae Price**. After identifying the apparent need for maps of building relation to the site being located, the *Housing Map Resolution* was passed.

Bank In Your Bucks Resolution

- Being able to manage student accounts via Panthertracks in regard to Panther Bucks was an idea introduced by **Senator Marcus R. Washington**. Suggesting that Prairie View A&M University add a "ManageMyID" link to the Panthertracks home page to convenience the student body, was the acclaimed resolution. After considering the benefit of the student body, The Student Senate accepted and approved the *Bank In Your Bucks Resolution*.

On Campus Storage Facility Resolution

- After the student body voiced their concerns about inadequate storage on campus, **Senator Kristen Wells - Lewis** introduced the *On Campus Facility Resolution*. Acknowledging the needs of the student body, the Student Government Association took the initiative of approving the resolution and strongly considering the building of a campus storage facility.

The Student Government Association of Prairie View A&M University is striving to supply all the needs of the student body. Accomplishing the greater goal one step at a time. The Student Government Association seriously contemplates every avenue of advancement for the campus community.

Kashara Smith

Photos of the Week



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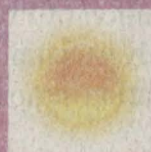
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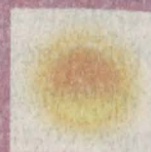
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