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Men's basketball shines Panthers defeat Tigers in clawing battle

Jeanette Jackson makes huge splash



By Jazzi Black
Panther Staff

At only 4 years of age, leading point guard for PVAMU women's basketball team, Jeanette Jackson realized she had a passion for sports. Just one season of football, and a busted eye later, Jackson traded in her shoulder pads for a basketball.

"This is my life, this is what I do," said the three-time SWAC championship winner. After being influenced by her brothers and cousins, the Los Angeles native began her basketball career at the Almaden Valley Athletic Club in San Jose, Calif. Due to growing street violence in her neighborhood, her family moved to Las Vegas when she was in middle school, where she continued to pursue her passion with the Vegas Elite, and Henderson Heat basketball teams. By her teens, Jackson was dominating the courts of Sierra Vista High School where she broke scoring and assist records, received First Team Class 4A All-State Honors, and Sunset Region All-Southwest Division MVP Honors.

Jackson knew she wanted to take her talents to the next level, but wasn't impressed by the many schools that gave her offers. "I wasn't happy, and they just weren't for me. My AAU coaches from Henderson, Coach Wes, and Coach Porter knew the men's head basketball coach at PV."

After her coaches made contact, PVAMU women's head basketball coach, along with her staff, headed for Nevada to watch Jackson practice and play games. "Next thing you know, they gave me an offer. It was a culture shock, but it was country compared to back home," said Jackson.

Point guard John Brisco prevents a Texas Southern point guard from taking a shot.

By Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

Prairie View ended the first half of SWAC with a prominent win against inner city rival Texas Southern.

"From the fans, to the cheerleaders, to the coaches, to the players individually, it's no particular rivalry like this in SWAC besides PV and TSU. It's a big game every time we step up and play and its just balls out to the walls," said 31 Montreal Scott.

They lost their home game against

TSU earlier in January and haven't beaten TSU away since 2010.

In the first half both teams exchanged seven lead changes, which ultimately ended with PV on top with the score 26-24.

"We wanted to concentrate on the little things, and I really feel that if we did the little things we'd be successful. We took charges, we got guys open shots, and we stayed fundamentally sound," said head coach Byron Rimm.

Going into the second half the Panthers went on an unanswered 6-0 run 40-34, but the margin didn't last. By the five-minute mark TSU went on an unprecedented 7-2 run to claim their first lead of the half.

Nonetheless 30 Karim York hit a crucial layup to stop the bleeding to tie 51-51. For the closing three minutes, the fundamental defense of both teams was effective as neither team was able to score.

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PV Mime conference lifts spirits



By Denzel Speights, The Panther

The advanced group mimed to Anthony Evans' song "Your Great Name."

By Jewel Stovall
Panther Staff

Last weekend at the Memorial Student Center, Prairie View Mime Ministry, also known as PV Mime, hosted its annual Rise Up Conference.

This year's theme was, "Releasing the Sound," influenced by The Fall of Jericho, a scene from the Bible. PV Mime created Rise Up to encourage, elevate, and empower individuals of all ages and other ministries while bringing a sense of seriousness when it comes to ministering to the needs of the people. Participants had the opportunity

to enhance their skills during a selection of classes and showcase their gifts during the evening concert.

The classes consisted of Beginners Mime, Advance Mime, Praise Dance/Flags, and also a Leadership class led by senior Willie Rhodes. Treasurer of PV Mime Tyrell Irby was chosen to take the lead and organize this year's conference and was delighted in what he saw. "Walking into the auditorium Friday night to see the setup, is when it all hit me. To see the vision that God gave me come to life and manifest, was breathtaking."

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Herschel Walker spits knowledge



Denzel Speights, The Panther

By Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

Heisman trophy winner, former NFL running back, and businessman, Herschel Walker came to Spit Knowledge at the Opal Johnson Auditorium.

During Spit Knowledge Walker spoke to the audience about his childhood hardships, his impact and experience in collegiate and professional football career, and his diagnosis of Dissociate Identity Disorder (DID) and how it played a role in his life today.

Herschel was born and raised in Wrightville, Ga., to a well-devoted mother and father.

"I watched my parents go to work everyday and they never complained about anything, and they would come home from work and play with their kids and I figured that 'that' was very important," said Walker.

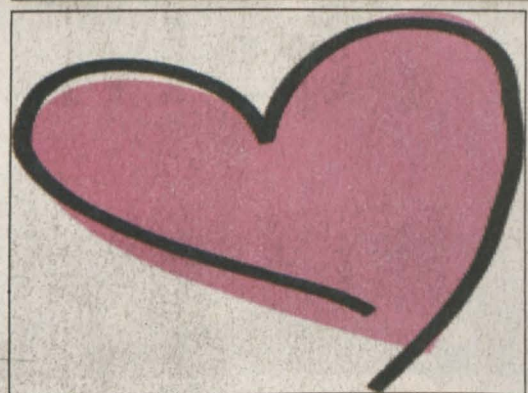
Some of the hardships Walker faced as a child were of him being a victim of bullying because of a speech impediment, so during recess he would give a quarter to one of his classmates to spend time with him.

"It was challenging because I didn't love myself. I laugh now when I look back because I was a pitiful guy, but it made me a better person and the reason why is because I had learned to stand up. Everything does not go your way but that doesn't mean you lay down and take it," said Walker.

Walker spoke to students about the challenges of life and how to overcome them.

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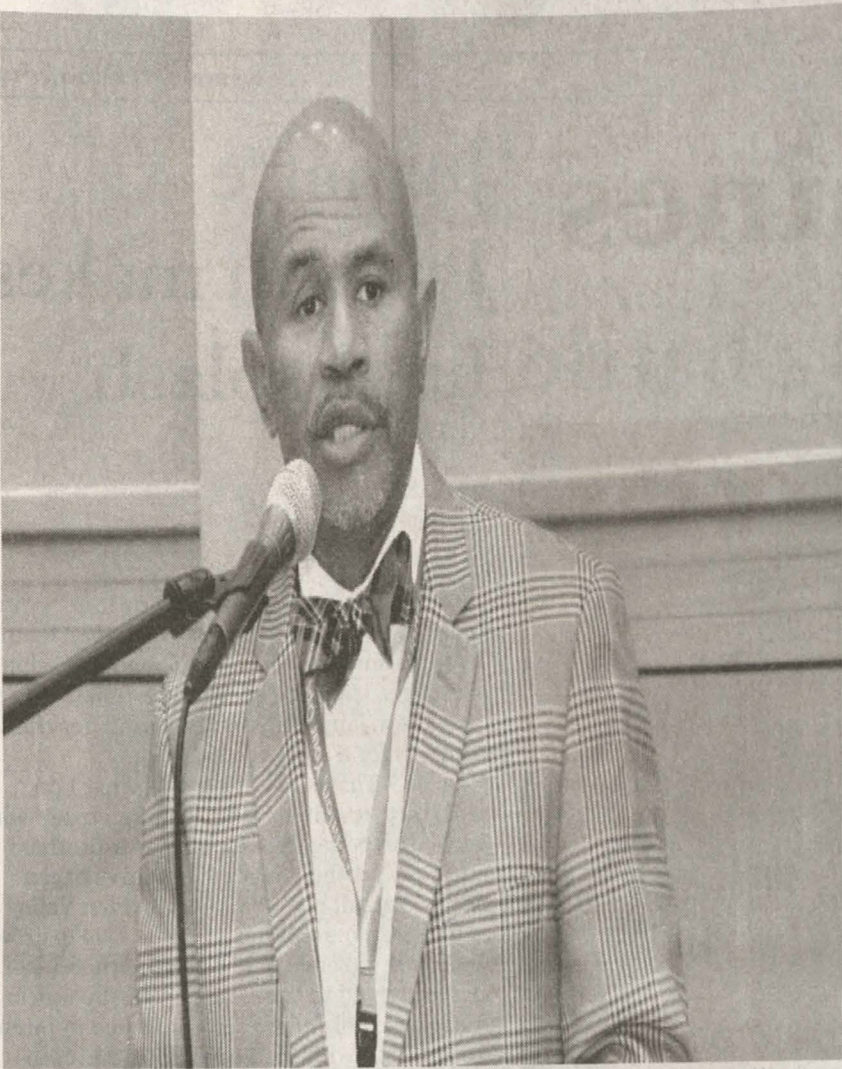
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The man behind the chapel fosters better quality of life for all



Dean Lewter welcomes delegates to the Ministers Conference.



Courtesy of Dean Charles H. Lewter IV

By Raven Moody
News Editor

Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV is more than just the dean of the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel here on campus. He is a torchbearer and mentor to many students across campus.

Lewter desires to leave behind a legacy of being approachable, never losing the human touch, and being available to help students make decisions that lead to a better

quality of life. His goal for the chapel is to help all students, regardless of their faith, encounter a spiritual life while pursuing their careers at Prairie View.

A New York native, Lewter came to Prairie View in February 1994 with the intention of only staying for five years, but is now entering his 21st year this month. He feels that God has not led him from Prairie View yet.

Many know of Lewter, but few know of some of his contribu-

Some of the ministers at the conference pose for the camera after the presentation of awards.

tions to the campus. One of his major projects is the the Annual Ministers Conference, which just concluded its 57th session Feb. 3 and 4.

The conference began under the direction of Lewter's predecessor, Reverend W. Van Johnson, as a way to not only raise money for the chapel, but supply students on the Prairie View campus with scholarship funds based upon need. This year, the conference raised more than \$25,000 for the scholarships. Contrary to popular

belief, the conference is not just for ministers, but caters to students as well. It is held every year on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in February. Lewter looks forward to continuing his work here and empowering students.

The dean says that one piece of advice he would give students is to be empowered, and never give up hope. "No matter what faith or background, as long as you keep your spiritual foundation intact you can do it. Keep your head up," he advises.

"DEAN LEWTER HAS GIVEN ME A POSITIVE ROAD TO TRAVEL ON SINCE DAY ONE. HE MADE ME REALIZE THE TRUE POTENTIAL I HAD IN ME AS A LEADER AND MUSICIAN. I CAN NEVER REPAY HIM FOR ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES HE HAS GIVEN ME."

CARRINGTON JOHNSON,
FRESHMAN FINANCE MAJOR

Educator Richard Reddick stresses the importance of mentorship and black lives

By Raven Moody
News Editor

It is often said that everyone stands on the shoulders of giants, meaning that there are people who have done many great things, and it's their examples and leadership that helps others to grow and become leaders as well.

Dr. Richard Reddick,

associate professor of higher education at the University of Texas, expounded on this thought in a lecture at PV by stating that faculty members who mentor students do it because they have a genuine love for their students.

He noted that mentoring is important because, "when someone notices your potential it's powerful, but the student must be receptive to what they're learning." Reddick

added that it is important to understand that in mentoring there must be a mutual connection. There must be an intentional objective of what will be gained from the mentorship.

The education professor cleared the myth that more black men are incarcerated than in college by explaining that when those statistics were calculated HBCUs were left out of the survey.

"Those statistics were once true, but as of 2011, statistics show that there are more black males in college than those in incarceration. With errors such as this, it is important that blacks share their successes.

Reddick thinks that it is important to make sure that the focus on blacks in today's news is not tragedies, but instead promoting success. He noted that when one looks up black communities it is

rare that positive stories are shared. He urged the Prairie View community to promote the success and positive things happening on our campus via all social media outlets.

Reddick said, "Black lives matter," is a popular phrase now, and saying that black lives matter doesn't mean that all lives don't matter. It just addresses the fact that black lives are under scrutiny in American society today.

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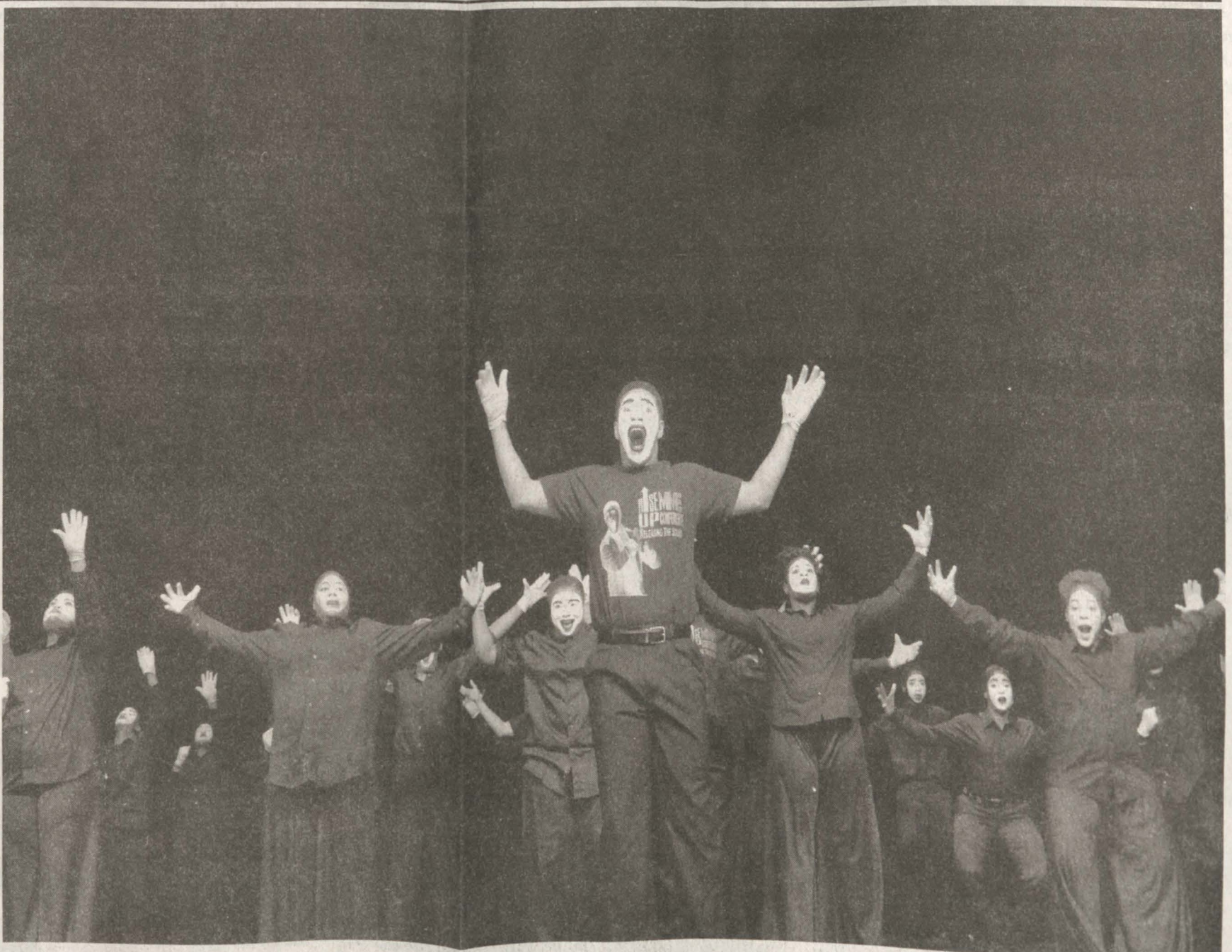
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On Saturday, those who were ready to praise and worship God definitely did during the concert. The entire night was heartwarming, and for some, life changing. Jecenia Jackson, an anxious participant in this year's Rise Up conference, walked out of the MSC Auditorium with everything she had been needing. "I felt like I was on a spiritual high that I never wanted to come down from. For the first time in a long time, I felt like I was totally free and I was ready for more of God's glory to be revealed."

As for the future, don't worry if you missed out on such an awesome event. PV Mime plans to continue to give the campus more opportunities to allow their peers a chance to acknowledge God, find the peace they've been seeking, and to have help them take a leap of faith in their lives. You can begin stopping by the second floor in the MSC at 7 p.m., and join them at Bible study.

"Walking into the auditorium Friday night to see the setup, is when it all hit me. To see the vision that God gave me come to life and manifest, was breathtaking."

Tyrell Irby

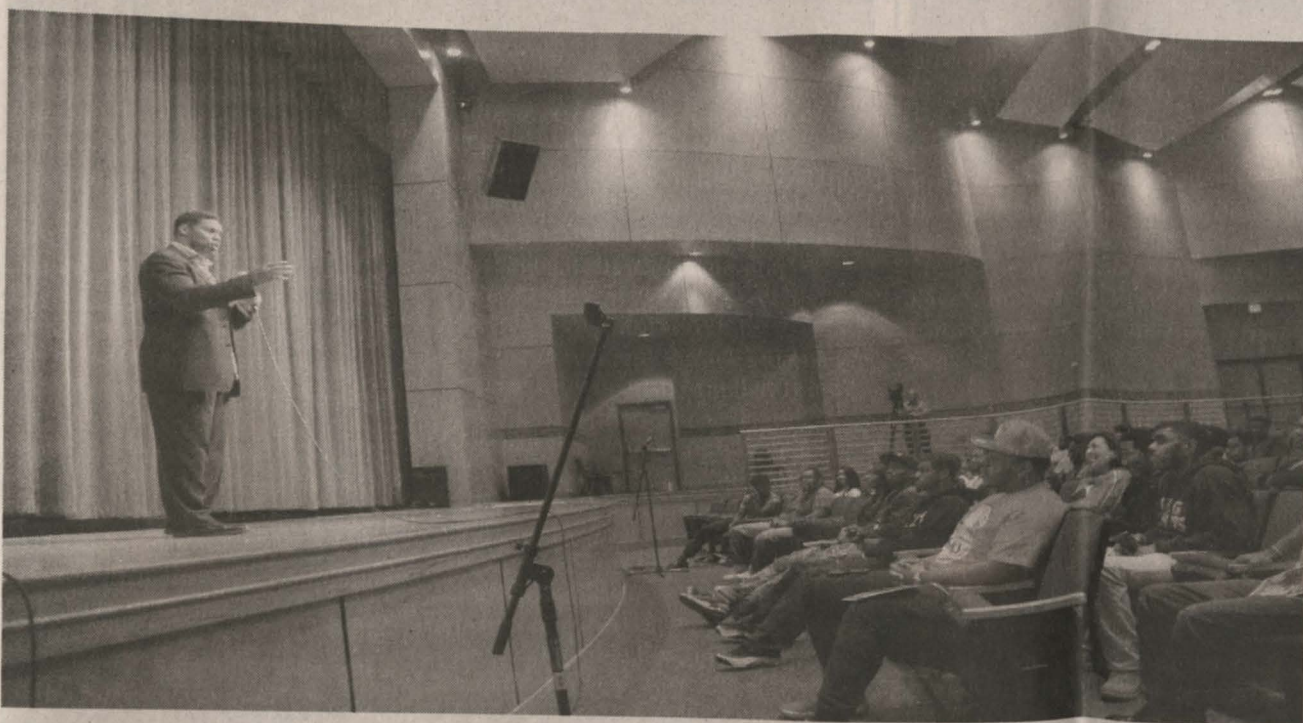


PV Mime class showcases what was learned throughout the conference during the concert.

Photo by Denzel Speights, The Panther

Herschel

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During his 8th grade year Walker channeled that emotion and decided to make a dramatic change by excising and getting involved in football.

"I didn't want to play football. All the kids were out playing and I felt that if I got involved I wouldn't have to do chores around the house," says Walker. "People don't realize that I learned to play football from a book."

Because of football Walker was able to become the no. 1 recruit in the nation and became valedictorian of his High School. However, Walker was unsure about his decision on going to the Marines or playing collegiate ball at the

University of Georgia.

"My mom always said if your mind and heart is pure in the lord Jesus, it really doesn't matter what decision you make, he'll make it right for you," said Walker.

During his collegiate career Walker managed to break rushing records during his freshman and sophomore season and ended his junior year with the Heisman trophy.

Toward the end of his pro career Walker and the people around him started to notice weird behavior whenever he was in practice or when he went to sleep. That's when he went to a doctor and was diagnosed with DID.

"We all are suffering from

something, but what you got to do is go and take care of it. Don't think that just because you have a problem you're less of a person because we all got problems," said Walker.

Toward the end of Spit Knowledge students were able to ask questions and take pictures with him.

"I feel like the message here was get up and go be somebody," said senior running back Courtney Brown.

The next Spit Knowledge event will feature Keisha Knight Pulliam in March.

The Panther contributors meetings every Monday at 5 p.m.

Where: MSC second floor Rm. 219

All majors welcome.

20,000 foreign fighters flock to Syria, Iraq

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign fighters are streaming into Syria and Iraq in unprecedented numbers to join the Islamic State or other extremist groups, including at least 3,400 from Western nations among 20,000 from around the world, U.S. intelligence officials say in an updated estimate of a top terrorism concern.

Intelligence agencies now believe that as many as 150 Americans have tried and some have succeeded in reaching in the Syrian war zone, officials told the House Homeland Security Committee in testimony prepared for delivery on Wednesday. Some of those Americans were arrested en route, some died in the area and a small number are still fighting with extremists.

The testimony and other data were obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Nick Rasmussen, chief of the National Counterterrorism Center, said the rate of foreign fighter travel to Syria is without precedent, far exceeding the rate of foreigners who went to wage jihad in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen or Somalia at any other point in the past 20 years.

U.S. officials fear that some of the foreign fighters will return undetected to their homes in Europe or the U.S. to mount terrorist attacks. At least one of the men responsible for the attack on a satirical magazine in Paris had spent time with Islamic extremists in Yemen.

Meanwhile, the White House circulated a proposal Tuesday that would have Congress authorize the U.S. military to fight Islamic State terrorists over the next three years. A formal request for legislation is expected on Wednesday.

Also at the White House, President Barack Obama praised Kayla Jean Mueller, the young American whose death was confirmed Tuesday. Mueller died while in Islamic State hands, though the group blamed a Jordanian airstrike, and Obama said, "No matter how long it takes, the United States will find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible for Kayla's captivity and death."

As for foreign fighters, officials acknowledge it has been hard to track the Americans and Europeans who have made it to Syria, where the Islamic State group is the dominant force trying to overthrow the government of President Bashar Assad. The U.S.

Embassy in Syria is closed, and the CIA has no permanent presence on the ground.

"Once in Syria, it is very difficult to discern what happens there," according to Wednesday's prepared testimony of Michael Steinbach, the FBI's assistant director for counterterrorism. "This lack of clarity remains troubling."

The estimate of 20,000 fighters, from 90 countries, is up from 19,000, Rasmussen will tell the House committee, according to prepared testimony. The number of Americans or U.S. residents who have gone or tried to go is up to 150 from 50 a year ago and 100 in the fall.

Rep. Michael McCaul, the Texas Republican who chairs the committee, said in his prepared remarks that the Syrian war had created "the largest convergence of Islamist terrorists in world history." Sustained bombing by a U.S.-led coalition has not stopped the inflow, he noted.

McCaul's committee staff compiled from public sources a list of 18 U.S. citizens or residents who joined or attempted to join the Islamic State group, and 18 others who tried to or succeeded in joining other violent Islamic groups. The list includes three Chicago teens and three Denver teens who were radicalized and recruited online

and were arrested after attempting to travel to Syria to join Islamic State fighters. It also includes Douglas McAuthur McCain, 33, a Californian who died in August while fighting with the Islamic State group near Aleppo.

U.S. intelligence officials do not make public their estimates of how many Americans currently are fighting in Syria and Iraq. In September, FBI director James Comey said it was "about a dozen."

Francis X. Taylor, who heads the Homeland Security Department's intelligence office, said in his prepared testimony for the hearing that "we are unaware of any specific, credible, imminent threat to the homeland."

However, he said, the department is concerned that Americans who join violent extremist groups in Syria "could gain combat skills, violent extremist connections and possibly become persuaded to conduct organized or 'lone-wolf' style attacks that target U.S. and Western interests. We also have become increasingly aware of the possibility that Syria could emerge as a base of operations for al-Qaida's international agenda, which could include attacks against the homeland."

Taylor said the U.S. is trying to instruct other governments on how best to track

foreign fighters, including "how they can compare airline manifests and reservation data against terrorist watch lists and other intelligence about terrorist travel." He said the U.S. outpaces other countries in that effort.

The intelligence officials also discussed the possibility of homegrown attacks inspired by the Islamic State or al-Qaida but not directly connected to the groups. Rasmussen of the counterterrorism center appeared to downplay that threat, saying it "will remain at its current level resulting in fewer than 10 uncoordinated and unsophisticated plots annually from a pool of up to a few hundred individuals, most of whom are known to the (intelligence agencies) and law enforcement."

McCaul said he fears the Obama administration is blind to the looming dangers of homegrown radicalism of the kind that led to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

"We have no lead agency in charge of countering domestic radicalization and no line item for it in the budgets of key departments and agencies," he said. "I am also concerned that the few programs we do have in place are far too small to confront a challenge that has grown so quickly."

Race and the curious case of Delaware State

By Jarrett Carter
HBCU Digest

Students at the University of Delaware believe that the campus is in a state of crisis when it comes to student diversity. Five percent of the student body is African American, black students have been racially ostracized on campus, and the school was at the center of a racial controversy when UD students made racially insensitive social media postings about Delaware State University students last fall.

One student told the News Journal that academic assistance and cultural appreciation is hard to come by on the campus.

"For students, it's easier to warm up to the college environment socially and academically if you see faces that look like yours," said Julian Jackson, 20, a University of Delaware sophomore from

Philadelphia, who is black. "It can be hard to approach people. It can be hard to ask for help if you feel like a sore thumb, if you're ostracized because of your skin color."

Everyone, from state legislators to UD students and leadership in the state's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is calling for a change. But as usual, all sides are calling for the wrong kind of financial and cultural intervention. There is no legitimate reason to apply more force behind a hammer driving a square peg into a round hole.

Black students are smart enough to avoid going to, or staying in, places where they aren't welcomed. So if the state wants more black students in its public system of higher education, and wants them to remain as committed stakeholders during and after their college days, then the

solution is a more equitably funded and developed Delaware State University.

Asking a white campus to invite more black students and black faculty is like trying to force a black church or mosque to hire a white pastor or minister. By nature, culture and history, it just doesn't work that way. And that's okay for congregations of all kinds of races, but in American higher education, where rampant and systemic racism has been the nation's best kept secret, the nation continues to hold fast to the pretense of diversity beyond economic goals and objectives.

And if everyone was being honest, black and white folks alike, the preference would be for black students to live and learn in Dover, while white students do the same in Newark. But the only thing that blocks that separatist utopia is the fact that Delaware legislators have blatantly and historically

given disproportionate funding and programmatic support to DSU in comparison to its other public campuses.

In the last budget bill, state officials appropriated \$115.6 million to the University of Delaware, \$76 million to Delaware Technical and Community College, and \$34.5 million to Delaware State.

Legislators may point to UD having more students and more research capacity than DSU, but that doesn't explain two-times more funding for its community college system than its four-year, doctoral granting institution in Delaware State. It doesn't explain how DSU accounts for the overwhelming number of black college graduates coming out of the state system, but is not rewarded for doing so with minimal resources.

And it doesn't minimize the harrowing experiences of black students at UD, who likely would

have chosen DSU for their college experience, if it had the facilities, programs and marketing power of UD - all things which typically accompany suitable funding.

Black students and the NAACP shouldn't be shamed for championing diversity, but they should be advised of a better and more useful direction for its impact. Increasing black student enrollment at a predominantly white institution may help those students lucky enough to enter, but it won't erase the grassroots racism and discrimination they will face from fellow students and faculty. In fact, it will only enhance it.

The only way to counter racism is to eliminate it. And the first sure step in eliminating split loyalties on black colleges amongst black people and others in the Delaware valley is to make Delaware State an equal partner in the state's educational, cultural and industrial destiny.

CAB puts love in the air with speed dating



By Dajonna Hall, The Panther

Students came out to CAB's speed dating in the MSC ballroom in hopes to find a Valentine's date.

By Dajonna Hall
Panther Staff

Love is in the air and to kick off the Valentine's Day week, Campus Activities Board hosted Crush Speed Dating in the ballroom on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center on Monday Feb. 9.

The event was open to all students, however every student did not have to speed date to take part. Students were required to register and were sent into the MSC ballroom when they were called for their round.

The second floor foyer was romantically decorated and dimly lit while Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity provided a live band with sultry sound. The music in combination with lights gave students a very comfortable setting to get to know each other.

When the students entered the ballroom, where the actual speed dating took place, the room was strategically split in half where the ladies were already seated. The men were prompted to move along the left side and were afforded two minutes to converse.

"The event could have been structured better, but I met some good people. It was a really

good experience and a good opportunity to get out and meet new people even if you weren't looking for love," said sophomore history major Jovvanta Mason.

"I did meet someone and she happened to be really cool."

The right side was more of an intimate setting equipped with couches and coffee tables for students who wanted to continue their conversations after their two minute round.

The event seemed like a hit with the students, even the ones who weren't speed dating.

"It's good to see that although all the students aren't participating in the speed dating, everyone is still mingling and getting to know each other," said senior business major Megan Gould.

Speed dating was a fun event not only for students who were looking for a potential relationship but also students who may have been just looking for someone to spend Valentine's Day with.

"It was cool, I liked the fact that I got to meet new people but I didn't get to find a date," said sophomore accounting major Fred Campbell.

Overall the activities board provided a safe and comfortable atmosphere for socializing where young men and women could take advantage of the opportunity to catch someone's eye.

"It was a really good experience and a good opportunity to get out and meet new people even if you weren't looking for love"

sophomore history major Jovvanta Mason

Triple P slams poetry on the mic



Courtesy of Dana Jones

The crowd discusses poems at the open mic night on Thursday.

By Robert Taylor V
Panther Contributor

The art of poetry and other vocal arts among Prairie View students is something more valuable and precious than any material commodity that they hold.

Artistic feelings of expression can be seen as a deeply connected spiritual outlet that each student can boldly speak out in their own unique style and fashion. Triple P, Prairie View Productive Poets, hosts a weekly on campus Open Mic Night on Thursdays in the library (Room 108), where students can come out and project their voices to their fellow Panthers connecting with one another on a more spiritual level.

"I found out about Triple P by going to an open mic night and I knew that I had to be a part of this," said freshman education major Brooke Grady.

"Speak," one of the club members, brought his bravado and charismatic character for the entire night, consistently showing praise and love for his craft and his peers who all show that same passion for this art form.

Each poet had pride, value, and sensitivity on stage. Every artist who performed, led

the audience into a spiritual journey with detailed verses of pure artistry that would make the crowd show nothing but full respect.

Every artist was amazing and insightful, with a ton of outstanding talent. The poets told their own story with a twist and allowed the crowd to think on how they perceived their messages.

"Poetry is more than writing pretty stanzas, it's being able to express how you view life," said sophomore education major Clifton Van Dyke III. "I hope to continue to grow through this art form with Triple P to better be able to do that."

The club gets together every Monday and Thursday for creative writing and skill perfecting. Triple P also has a slam poetry team that consists of five members who compete against other schools at nationals in the spring.

Triple P Open Mic Nights is a club event every student should attend or even perform at. The evening event can be a pleasant mental release from the day to day grind of college life and can be a way to view the higher level thinking some students have on campus.

If you are in attendance to a session just remember, RESPECT THE MIC.

No Valentine, no problem

By Chadae Sauls
Panther Staff

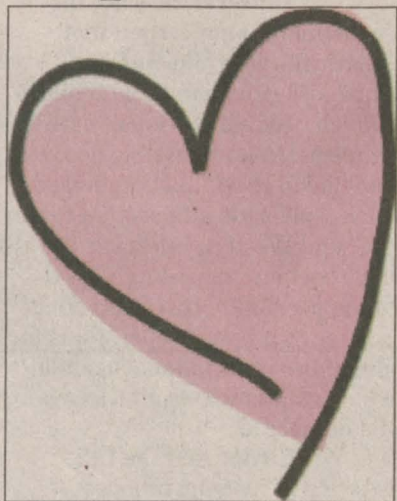
The sweet smell of roses, chocolate covered strawberries and plush teddy bears are cursing the air for Valentine's Day.

Feb. 14, a day that many people favor, but also dread has turned into one of the most popular holidays known to man. Couples begin to flaunt their happiness and joy of being together while others are drowning in the solitude of being single.

This is nothing to worry about; being single on Valentine's Day has its perks especially if it involves saving money. Jaron Hicks, a senior majoring in criminal justice, said he and his friends are going to Top Golf mainly because of its secluded sections and three stories of non-stop golfing. "The best part about this day is I can hang with my boys and not have to spend any extra money on no one, but myself."

Here are a few tips to help you survive the horror of Valentine's Day.

1. Treat yourself, go shopping, get a massage, go to your favorite restaurant or even get a manicure and pedicure.
2. Do something that you have always wanted to do. Such as horseback riding, sewing a dress, baking a cake and even reading a 500 page book.
3. Play hooky from all your responsibilities. Sleep in, relax, hang out with friends, eat more than enough sweets, and if you are into chick flicks watch all eight seasons of Gossip Girl on Netflix.
4. Embrace being single, enjoy a drama free day with not having to stress over trying to find that perfect



gift for your significant other. Do what makes you happy and be your own Valentine.

5. Go out on a date with your best friend or treat each other on a date. You know what your bestfriend likes so just get a small gift and go out and enjoy each other's company over dinner or an outing.

6. The most important thing that you could possible do on Valentine's Day is, HAVE A PARTY! Invite all your friends, order some food and drinks then turn up.

Denecia Baker, a junior majoring in criminal justice, said the best thing she could do on Valentine's Day would be to go to the movies and watch 50 Shades of Grey.

"I cannot think of a better way to spend that day than to see Christian Grey making an epic attempt to fall in love while showing off his muscles."

Valentine's Day is just like any other day. The true meaning to this day just depends on your perspective. So who's your Valentine?

The image of blacks on TV change negatively

By Ellisa Bray
Panther Contributor

The days of mild mannered family sitcoms like "The Cosby Show," "Family Matters," and "A Different World" are all memories in place of guilty pleasure shows like "Love and Hip Hop" and The "Real" Housewives of Wherever, which have colored the perception of African Americans and mainstream culture.

An unofficial poll conducted on campus placed most people in two categories: those who don't watch reality shows and those who do. Most were also aware that reality shows are scripted, meaning that producers won't tell actors exactly what to say, but will place them in certain situations meant to create tension or spark a certain reaction.

There was also a distinct difference in opinion from the men questioned as opposed to women. While men dismissed it as nothing but makeup and drama, women said that they watch reality shows even if they feel like they should not. Most feel that the portrayal of black culture was accurate to a certain extent, especially being on a HBCU campus.

"I definitely feel like girls will emulate what they see as successful on television," RJ Wright said. "If you show someone that being successful is wearing a bunch of makeup and tight clothes and saying that you're being 'real,' people will follow. At the same time, the people who are constantly trying to convince you that they're real usually aren't."

So in a televised world of



Courtesy of mail.co.uk.com

Positive Black shows like, A Different World lack in society today.

fake hair and faker smiles, is there anything that can be taken away from reality shows? Most students say that the entertainment value of the shows only push the stereotypes seen in mainstream and social media. While many people realize that certain reality shows are an inaccurate and destructive portrayal of black culture, the hash-tags and social media promotions for these shows combined with the allure of false fame keep audiences watching.

Some 5.6 million viewers tuned into the season 3 premiere of Love & Hip Hop Atlanta last May, and the franchise's well-known #LHH hash-tags consistently make the trending topics list while the show airs. However, while shows like these bask in high ratings and views across the country, similarly promoted shows don't always have the same luck, such as the now canceled Sorority Sisters.

Although the premiere of the show received over 1.3 million views, the social media backlash, pulling of advertisements by numerous companies and even the expulsion of some actors by sororities proves that all press isn't

good press.

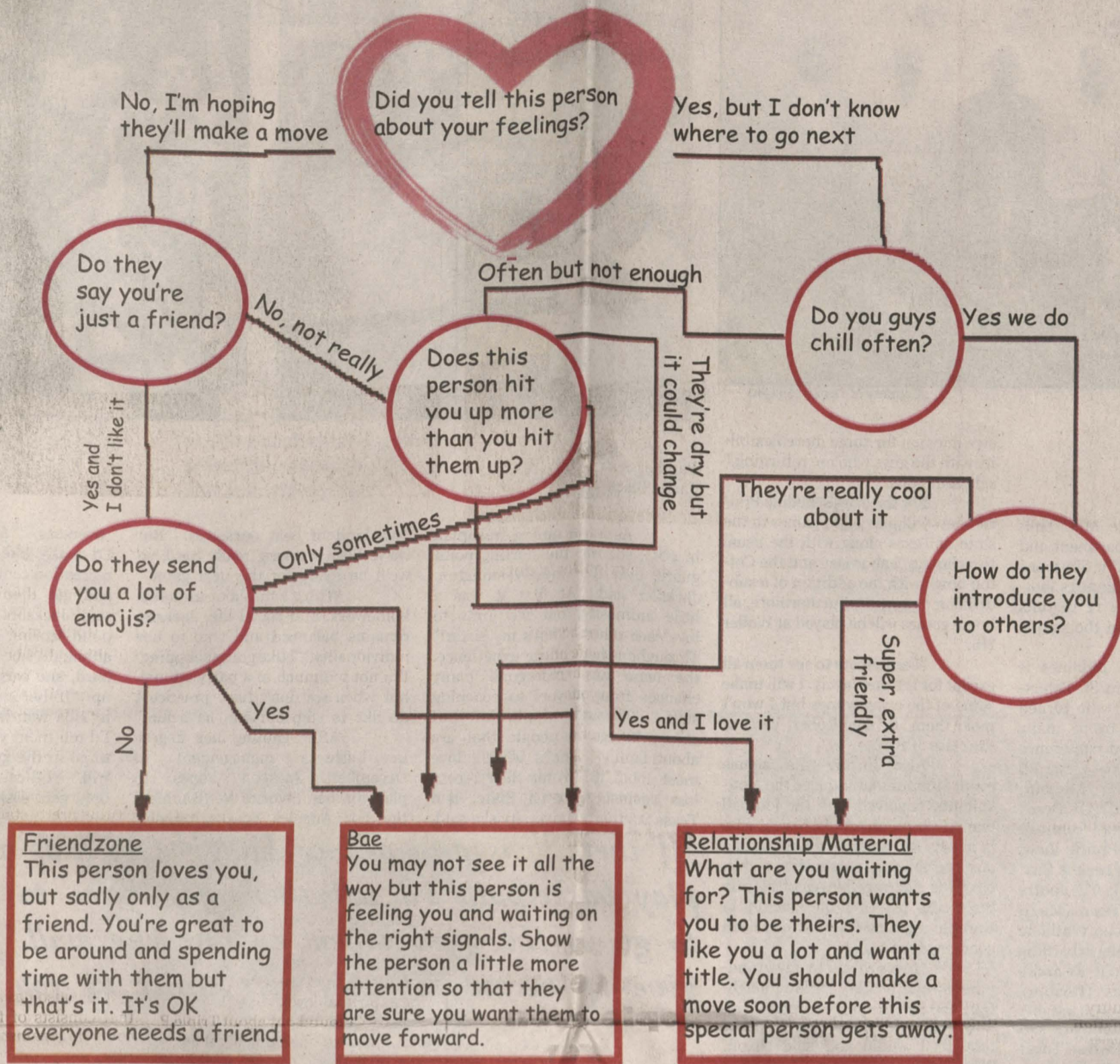
While VH1 is keeping the show on the air, Sorority Sisters and the backlash that accompanied it is an example of how easily blacks can affect and change what is portrayed of them in mainstream media.

One way of doing that is to create shows that fall more in line with the "good days" of black TV. A successful example of this is ABC's "Black-ish," starring Tracee Ellis Ross and Anthony Anderson.

The show portrays the lives of the Johnson family, a black upper-middle class family living in a predominantly white suburb struggling to balance retaining their black culture while also conforming to their own everyday norms. The show doesn't have the ratings of current reality shows, but it holds its own as a sitcom for the ages, reaching black audiences regardless of age.

All in all, reality shows are a part of black culture, good or bad, but the portrayal of blacks on TV and their influence on our daily lives is simply a matter of exposure.

YOUR LOVE DESTINY



Spotlight on Black History Month: Daisy Bates



Courtesy of blogs.rochester.edu

By KeTara Wells
Panther Contributor

Daisy Bates, born Nov. 11, 1914, in Huttig, Arkansas, was an African American civil rights activist and newspaper publisher who fought and documented the battle to end segregation in Arkansas.

Before much success in her quest for civil rights, Bates experienced much tragedy after discovering the couple that raised her were not her biological parents. Her mother was sexually assaulted and murdered by three white men and dumped into a local pond. After the death of her mother, her father gave her away to friends of the family and never returned.

Just as a teenager, Bates met her husband Christopher Bates who was an insurance agent and journalist. They got married in the early 1940s and moved to

Little Rock, Arkansas, shortly after. They operated a weekly African-American newspaper, the Arkansas State Press.

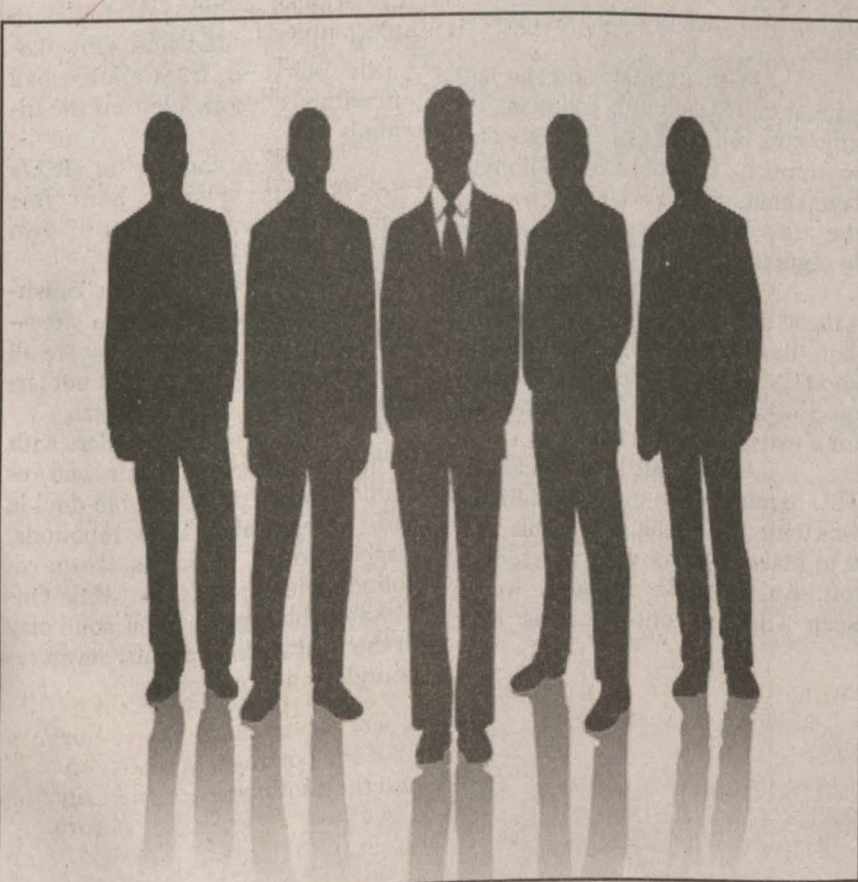
In 1952, Bates became president of the Arkansas chapter of the NAACP and played a crucial role in the fight against segregation, which she documented in her book *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*. In 1954, the United States Supreme Court declared that school segregation was unconstitutional in the landmark case known as *Brown v. Board of Education*. After the ruling, African American students who tried to enroll in white schools were turned away in Arkansas. Bates and her husband featured the battle in their newspaper.

In 1957, Daisy Bates helped nine African American students become the first to attend an all-white Central High School

in Little Rock, Arkansas. An angry crowd met them at the school and protested against the act. Governor Orval Faubus who stood against desegregation, ordered the Arkansas National Guard to prevent the students from entertaining the school. Despite the fight and the angry mob preventing of entrance, Bates and the students were determined to attend the school. After much conflict, President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered federal troops to go to Little Rock to maintain the law and protect the Little Rock Nine.

On Sept. 25, 1957 the nine students were enrolled for their first day of school as the U.S soldiers escorted them. The Bates' home was considered the headquarters for the integration battle. Daisy Bates was not only a journalist, but also a supporter and the personal advocate for the nine students of Little Rock.

Men of Vision bring cultures together for love



By Chadae Sauls
Panther Staff

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and the Men of Vision are hosting the Valentine's Day Ball Thursday evening in hopes of bringing people of every culture together.

Who are the Men of Vision? Senior construction major Walker Lockard, president of Men of Vision said, "Initially in the spring of 2013, Men of Vision was created as an interest group for a multicultural fraternity called Omega Delta Phi."

Preparing for this event took a lot of hard work and dedication. Elma Gonzales, of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, is a big supporter and has done everything in her power to make sure Men of Vision has all they need for this event.

"The primary thing with multicultural affairs is, Ms. Gonzales and how she has had our back from the beginning, even

when we were too proud to ask for anything," said Lockard.

"We choose not to ask for money from our constituents, but to host the Valentine's Day Ball, and that is the great thing about people who have your back. They will always lend a helping hand."

Lockard said that the idea for the Valentine's Day Ball actually came from when he was speaking with Gonzales.

"It was something that she wanted for us, as the Men of Vision, and to help define who we are. This is our signature."

The main goal of this ball is to be an experience that everyone will enjoy. Lockard said in his eyes it's an asset that is kind of missing from Prairie View because ladies like to be beautiful and gentlemen like to look nice.

"This is not going to be your everyday Prairie View bump and grind shindig, it's a classy event."

This is a free event, but

it does not take away from the gentlemen of excellence having to work hard in seeing everything come into place. Students who attend will be able to enjoy and learn something from someone of a different culture.

The Men of Vision are going to make history being the first line of Omega Delta Phi colony at Prairie View A&M University with their motto being: One Culture, Any Race. Lockard ended by saying, "I want people to come back every year looking forward to the Valentine's Day Ball and know that the Men of Vision are here to stay."

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PVAMU introduces 2015 recruiting class



Courtesy of Denzel Speights

Sports Editor
Denzel Speights

Friday in the MSC ballroom, the athletic department and head football coach Willie Simmons officially announced the 2015 football schedule and the 12 recruits who will be putting on the purple and gold.

CB Sekndric Biddines is a two star athlete from St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood) who turned down scholarships from many schools in Florida and conference USA to come to Prairie View. LB Stevan Blaylock from Missouri City, Texas (Ridgepoint), OL Derek Brown from Katy, Texas, committed the day he visited Prairie View, NG Willie Butler from League City, Texas (Clear Springs), TE Jontre Epps from Houston, Texas (Madison) whose a dual sport athlete and whose grandmother is battling Alzheimer's disease, WR Ke'andre Hearvey Denton, Texas (Denton), DT Jordyn Johnson from Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial), QB Jalen Morton from Arlington, Texas (Seguin), DL Stephen Scott Pearlman, Texas (Manvel), Shaquilla Rolan from South Carolina ,Devon Dudley, and Marquis Jerrey.

"We tried to address size. I think we needed to get bigger. We brought 300 pound guys into the fold for both sides of the ball. I thought that we needed some more depth on the defensive line, on the interior, so we signed four defen-

sive linemen for some more flexibility with the guys who are returning," said Simmons.

For the 2015 schedule Prairie View will play eight games in the state of Texas along with the usual two classics, Labor Day and the Cotton bowl, with the addition of a subdivision opponent. Furthermore, all home games will be played at Waller HS.

"I anticipate to see them all except for the ones away. I will make some of the away games but I won't make them all," said Robert Terry of the class of 1970.

Also during the signee event Simmons announced the "consultants" involved with the football team. One notable is Jo Nixon, who is mostly accountable for recruiting and specializing in defensive tackle. Nixon is a former player of Florida State who played professionally in Europe and Canada, and has been coaching for 19 years.

"I was raised by my grandparents in a poverty striking neighborhood and the game of football allowed me to go places where I never thought I would go," said Nixon. "This is my 19th year of coaching but it feels like my third because I'm still fiery about, I still love it, I love to watch it, I love to coach it. It took me from a have not, to a have got," concluded Nixon.

Prairie View debuts the season against TSU, in the 31st Labor Day classic, at BBVA Compass Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Jackson

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Panther Staff
Jazzie Black

As an incoming freshman in 2011, she was the starting point guard over Loraine Washington. Jackson said, "At first it was a little animosity, but we grew to love each other. That's my sister!" Throughout her college experience, the team has undergone many changes from players to coaching staff. "Through it all, the staff always brings in people that are about family. That's what I love most about it." After their recent loss against Alabama State, and Texas Southern University she said,

"We kind of beat ourselves. But we've been working really hard, so we'll be ready for the next game."

With 7 a.m. shoot-arounds, homework, and social life, Jackson remains balanced and true to her individuality. "I like going shopping. I'm not too much of a party animal, but when we don't have practice I do like to step out and have fun."

After gaining her degree in business management in December, Jackson hopes to play for her favorite WNBA team the Los Angeles Sparks, or play



Courtesy of Jeanette Jackson

overseas. "After I finish playing, I'd really like to open a chain of recreation centers to help train kids, and get them ready for college," said Jackson. The 1,500-career-point-scoring basketball star said although her freshman year was hard, she was glad she didn't give up. "If there was any advice I'd give to kids wanting to play basketball, I'd tell them you have to be willing to go in the gym when no one else will. You can't give up because it only gets easier as you get older."

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—Jeanette Jackson

Panthers fall short against Corpus Christi

Panther Contributor
Reginald Young II

Prairie view A&M Panthers gave it their all, but the men went down fighting in a tough match against the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders by a final score of 0-7.

Yet the score does not shine light on the tremendous effort the Panthers exhibited throughout the match. The Panthers started the match with strong team play as Jon Dingle and James Jackson battled their opponents Arthur Bedel and Mitchell Cook to 10 games. They give it their all but fell short in the match

by a score of 6-4 in the third flight.

After an encouraging word from Coach John Cochran, pressing players to limit turnovers, Bruno Snyder takes the stage to what would be the longest singles dual of the day. He stepped on the court hot to steal the opening set in a nail-biter by a score of 7-6. He also won the tie breaker 7-4, yet it just wasn't enough as his opponent, Bettendorfer was able to prevail winning the last two sets with scores of 6-1 and 6-2.

The Lady Panthers too were engaged for the battle, but came up short by a final score of 0-6 even with thrilling energy. Taylor

Lefridge had the busiest day of the Panthers as she took her opponent to an extra game in the first set before falling short by scores of 7-5 and 6-2 in flight one of singles play. Effortlessly she swallowed the loss and played her heart out with her teammate Sydney Thomas as they fought hard to a 3-3 tie. Unfortunately the match was stopped after the Islanders won the doubles point.

Hopefully the Panthers can translate this high energy and effort battle to their match on Sunday where they will return to action against Texas Permian Basin at 1 p.m.

session. We made sure we got a lot of defensive rebounds and we box out, and we just took one play at a time," said Rimm.

The game went to its climatic conclusion toward the final minutes of the second half as both teams tried to score on each of their last possessions.

With 1:23 left and the ball back into TSU's hands following an offensive rebound, 35 Reggie Onwukamuche blocked Chris Thomas' layup that led to York's shot beyond the ark with 56 seconds remaining in regulation.

TSU tried to respond with a three-pointer on ensuing possession, but ended fouling 30 Tre Hagood. With 39 seconds left, Hagood hit 1-of-2 from the free throw line for a two-possession lead 55-51.

After a put back bucket by TSU to make it 55-53 12 John Brisco was fouled immediately and hit 1-of-2 to make it 56-53 with 23-seconds left. An offensive rebound would keep TSU in contention as Nick

Shepherd was fouled after an offensive bound with 14 seconds left and hit 1-of-2 to draw the Tigers within two at 56-54.

After Shepherd's missed free throw, the ball ended up back into the hands of TSU's Madarious Gibbs but his three-pointer was no good. However, PVAMU failed to secure the rebound and Onwukamuche fouled out from a loose ball foul with six seconds left on the in-bounds pass.

With a shot to tie, TSU's Chris Thomas missed both free throw attempts while Scott hit two free throws to ice the game.

"We practiced on finishing," said Brisco. "We were stressing on finishing so much that we all focused on going strong and not letting up at the end," says Brisco.

Scott led the Panthers with 16 points and came within one rebound short of a double-double with a team-high nine rebounds. Hagood added 14 points, seven rebounds and three assists while Onwukamuche continued his solid play in the post with 10 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

PV FOOTBALL
GAME SCHEDULE

SEPT. 5	TEXAS SOUTHERN
SEPT. 12	AT TEXAS STATE
SEPT. 19	ALABAMA STATE
SEPT. 26	COTTON BOWL VS. GRAMBLING
OCT. 3	UNIVERSITY OF FAITH
OCT. 17	AT SOUTHERN A&M
OCT. 31	ARKANSAS PB
NOV. 7	AT ALCORN STATE
NOV. 14	AT ALABAMA STATE
NOV. 21	JACKSON STATE

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"We made sure Gibbs didn't get the basketball; he's their best basketball player. We made sure that we only limited them to one basket per pos-

BUILD 47 & 48 crowned UCF Champs

Panther Contributor
Justin Sinegal

The University College football league held its Championship games on Tuesday Feb. 10, at the student park.

Teams playing for the championship were buildings 35 and 47 for the girls, and buildings 43 and 48 for the boys. Unfortunately, building 35 could not make it to the game, so building 47 won by default. The games for buildings 43 and 48

was a close one. Building 48 was able to pull away with the win, with the final score 13-12. Although victorious, building 48 had to overcome a huge deficit as they were losing 12-0 after the first half. "It was all about heart and trusting each other," said Dominique Weaver, who played both defense and offense for the winning team. Not only did Weaver play a big part on defense, he also was responsible for both of Building 48's touchdowns. Brandon Lee, who also played a key role in the

win, said, "The biggest thing about offense was to just keep going." That is exactly what their offense did, putting up 13 points in the second half to beat Building 43. The game meant much more to the boys than just an intramural sport. Lee said, "This is going to give me a better reason to come back to Prairie View." As for Weaver, he exclaimed, "For us, this is like winning a Super Bowl!" It just goes to show just how important extracurricular activities are in higher education.

What is the perfect gift for Valentine's Day?



PURPLE & GOLD POLL



"Having a home-cooked dinner would be perfect. No Ramen noodles either."

Darryll Buckley
Mass Communications
Freshman



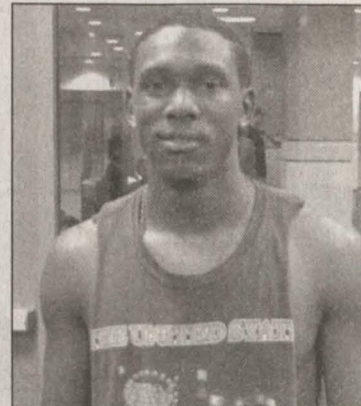
"I think the perfect date is going rock climbing or something spontaneous. Any fun trip will be perfect."

Brea Lewis
Mass Communications
Senior



"Spending time and doing things that we love to do together."

Virginia Langston
Criminal Justice
Junior



"I would love to spend quality time with someone. Whatever makes them happy is perfect."

Austin Haiward
Omega Psi Phi
Senior

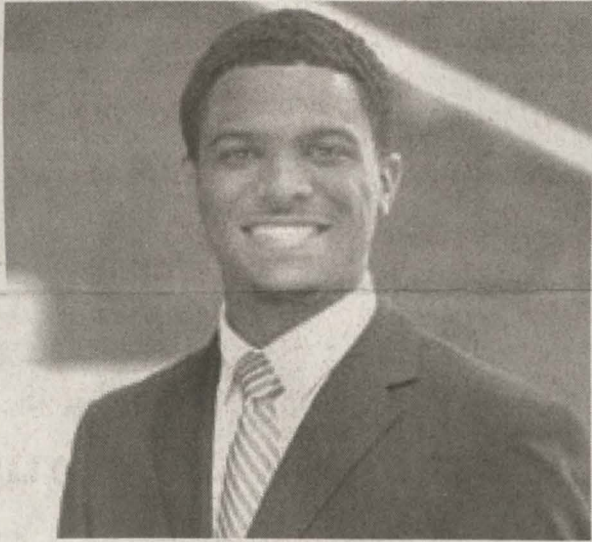


"A genuine expression of love, whatever that may be."

Phillip Hackett
Mass Communications
Junior

photos by: Joshua Bennett

SGA Speaks Out



By **Sidney LeBeauf**

This school year has shown that this university is continually striving for the best in all that we do. SGA is constantly working to represent the student body and bring new things to campus. We would like for more students to reach out to us and let us know how we can effectively help find solutions to any campus problems.

This past semester we have discussed plans to have more bike racks to promote the use of bikes on campus, proposed for newspaper stands to be placed around campus, gotten benches put in areas where students can sit and enjoy the campus views, and many other things. One of the biggest changes to our campus will be a new Recycling Program. Our previous recycling program was restricted to paper products only, but now we

will have the opportunity to recycle paper, plastics, glass, aluminum, and cardboard. A recycling program is a modern world necessity and will help towards our campus beautification.

One of my major concerns is that every student is mandated to certain types of meal plans. I am in talks with the Auxiliary Services team, as well as Sodexo, to see if we can get alternative meal plan options for the on campus students that have kitchens in their rooms.

I would like to issue a challenge to all students to find what concerns them most about OUR university and bring up these issues to SGA. It is our job to help solve your issues and our issues for the future generations of Prairie View Panthers to not deal with these same issues.

It may be customer service in a specific department or even that there are lights out in certain

areas of campus, but all of this information is a vital component to your experience here at this university. We are here to help continually bring a sense of pride to The Hill for everyone.

If you have any ideas of events that can be held on campus or any concerns you feel need to be addressed email me (sgapres@pvamu.edu). Every student, every voice, and every issue matters to me and all members of your Student Government Association.

We would like to continue to have your support and interaction with us so that we can continue to help our campus FLOURISH. Follow our Instagram and Twitter pages @pvamusga

Yours Truly,

Sidney LeBeauf, SGA President
2014-2015

The love letter

Pour out your love letter....

Can I be your queen?

I mean your everything. Not just your in between or when it seems convenient for you.

Never needing to worry about whose who, cause when it comes to you, you know who I'd choose.

The ace to my deck of cards

The comet to my shining stars

The band-aid to all my scars.

You're like the words or like the poetry my mothers used to never let me hear.

Soft and gentle caressing the inside of my ears. I can only imagine how we'd end up down the years.

Mind still boggles with thoughts of you loving another woman.

So caught up in the rapture I'd be blind to see it coming... But in my eyes you'll always remain stunning.

When I think about all this my mind can't even orbit what has happened.

Were like a perfectly framed picture that doesn't have a caption.

Memorizing every little detail about your smile, your smell, and even what kind of shoes you wear.

When you stared at me I felt like I didn't have anything to lose, cause everything that was ever a part of me hid inside of you.

By: **Brooke Grady**
Education Major
Freshman

2014 QUESTIONS ASK.FM/PVPANTHER

1. Who was at Mellow Mondays? 2. Do you know the Brookside song? 3. Did anyone go to Music Mondays? 4. Wasn't it boring? 5. Who went speed dating? 6. Who was the pregnant girl there? 7. Was she looking for a Valentine? 8. Or a step daddy? 9. Was she successful in her search? 10. What about the couple that was there? 11. Are they swingers in training? 12. Did they find what they were missing? 13. Who got the most numbers? 14. What did you rate the speed dating? 15. Should they do one for the LGBT community? 16. Who paid \$20 for Bragging Rights? 17. Who from GetMonE got jumped at their own party? 18. Where were the rest of them? 19. Is it safe to say they don't have "bragging rights?" 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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**February 7-8, 2015 Greek Life Perspectives
(GLP) Workshop**

**February 15, 2015 Greek Life Perspectives
(GLP) Workshop**

**February 21-22, 2015 Greek Life Perspectives
(GLP) Workshop**

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Office of Student Engagement

**February 23, 2015 Membership Intake Process
(MIP) Begins**

**March 14-21, 2015 Spring Break
(NO MIP Activities)**

**April 6, 2015 Membership Intake Process
(MIP) ends at 4PM**

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