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The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

**Honor Thy Brother** 

## March commemorates memory of King



Dietrick Tillis re-enacts Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I've Been to the Top of the Mountain" speech during the Alpha Phi Alpha march in honor of their deceased fraternity brother.

By Jo-Carolyn Goode Panther Staff

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Eta Gamma Chaptersponsored the first "I Have A Dream" march in honor of fellow fraternity brother Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many gathered in front of the Memorial Student Center on Jan. 18, 1999 in remembrance.

Students marched from the Memorial Student Center to the new student park. As the students marched under the beaming sun, they reflected the many worthwhile issues King preached about.

Many of King's marches were done hand in hand without violence. On Monday, there was unity among everyone. Songs of the struggle and rejoices were

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# Athletics' survival continues after payment of \$31,000 SWAC fine

By Tiara M. Ellis Editor-in-Chief

No, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is not leaving the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

No, PVAMU is not being forced to adhere to any stern sanctions imposed by SWAC Commissioner, Rudy Washington, or the SWAC board of presidents.

The Marching Storm,
PVAMU's band, is not even
being forced to attend every
football game for the next
three years to show moral sup-

PVAMU did, however, pay the fine of \$31,000 in December, as required by the SWAC, for not adhering to the suspension placed on the band after the fight it was involved in with Southern University's band last September.

The money to pay this

fine was withdrawn from the Student Fees Reserve account, which is established for such emergencies.

So, tuition will not increase because of the \$31,000 fine.

"Our athletic programs are funded from non education and general dollars. Our annual budgets are tightly controlled and all expenditures are programmed a

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profile of an organization or person doing
positive works at
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## PV student, graduate gunned down in alleged drug dispute

By Kesha C. Jones Panther Staff

Two of Prairie View A&MUniversity's (PVAMU) own were recently involved in a drug bust that took place in Pasadena.

The violence ended with six police officers leaving behind 46 shell casings, two men dead and another wounded, according to Pasadena police spokesman Sgt.

J.M. Baird

The two men killed were Keithen Marcel Brisco, 24, who was a PVAMU criminal justice major and a recent criminal justice graduate, Empra Tavar Moore, 23. Moore's brother, Robert Moore, 19, who is planning to attend PVAMU, was taken from the scene wounded.

In a recent interview, Baird stated that the occurence was a promotion sting operation that, along with the investigation of the suspects, had been planned for several days.

When asked if the suspects had any previous criminal record he said he could not dispel that information.



Empra Moore, PVAMU graduate

Baird also said he did not know who was the target of the sting operation. However, he did state that the Pasadena police did not anticipate all of the suspects to appear on the scene, but they were all later linked together.

"There were 46 six shell casings found at the crime scene. At this time we do believe that the suspects did not open fire, but ... there was a gun found on Brisco. The results of the test have not come in yet, but we do believe that it was not used," said Baird.

The promotion sting operation consisted of an un-

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## Lost students show no appreciation for their presence at HBCU



Tiara M. Ellis Editor-in-

Do you realize where you are? How many people get to actually attend college? And you have the privilege of going to a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Do you realize you have the honor of getting an education at the second oldest institution of higher learning in Texas, second only to Texas A&M University (TAMU)?

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is the only charter member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) still in the conference. Grambling, Southern, Texas Southern, Alabama, and the other SWAC schools all came after PVAMU. We are one of the originators, yet there are those who want us to leave the conference we

helped bring into existence. Pride should keep us from allowing any negative image to come unto our prestigious university. And when it can't be stopped, then we should work together to destroy that cynical portrayal.

Up until a year ago, open enrollment allowed anyone to gain admittance into PVAMU. People who may have not had the best grades throughout high school, had the opportunity to make a change and get a college edu-

You can give someone a book, but he or she has to want to gain knowledge to open that book. Education has to be something you want. Getting into college is only one step toward earning a degree. There are no points for having attended college for a semester or two. The ultimate goal of completing college is what

Texas Southern University still has open enrollment and one of the lowest graduation rates in the nation. Don't seem shocked, because we are not too far above them on that scale.

Every semester there are new faces, which would not be so bad if the old faces weren't disappearing without getting their degrees. It's understandable that money is an issue, but when you lose your financial aid because you can't maintain a 2.5 grade point average, you begin endangering the opportunity for others to get financial aid.

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## Student fights negativity by educating colleagues



Santee's Advertising

Growing up over the years my mother taught me a way. special lesson. She stated that since we liv in America, I automatically had two strikes against me. One for being Black and two for being a woman. She meant that I would have to compete men- See Fight on page 3 tally and physically against

the negatives of society.

In other words, I had to be smarter than the average person so that I could 'eat' day to day; conceptually meaning, making a way to survive. With this in mind, I have primarily carried myself in a manner that can be respected and I treat others the same

But through it all, the negative views of society oppose me regardless. As a Black woman at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), I no-

## Carry on legacy of change evoked by King



**By Joyce** Dixon Managing Editor

The Reverend Clarence Talley's recent article in the Houston Chronicle, "We must continue to build on King's legacy of change" is one man's opinion of how not only African Americans, but also all mankind in America must

The article was written as a reminder to all as the country celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

Talley suggested that a change is still required in America even though there have been others in the past that have put endless effort to change the country and have achieved some semblance of success.

The success they achieved is evident in the world around us. No longer do African Americans have to enter at the back door, no longer are they considered second-class citizens. Racism and discrimination in America is no longer displayed openly on a wide scale.

This is only a little of the dream Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned suggested Talley. He believes there is still room for change. However, Talley doesn't suggest changing the system or the communities, he suggests that we change ourselves.

"It is impossible to change the condition of our world until we deal with self," said Talley.

When we change ourselves there is no need for reforming the system or reforming others. That change will come automatically.

Talley goes on to explain how Americans are destroying themselves, their families, and others.

The increased use of drugs among youth, bizarre criminal behavior, hate filled hearts, violence in homes, communities, schools, on the job and on the streets, gang activity, a burdened court system and prisons filled to capacity are the downfall of the nation. These are the things that are destroying us.

According to Talley, "America is no good to other nations until she rises out of the slop and returns to God.'

All of these are reasons we must change and change now. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us, therefore we

Talley's article was inspiring and motivational to say the least. He pays tribute to not only King but also other pioneers in the struggle for freedom by calling for action. He doesn't spend a lot of time telling their story, but rather encouraging readers to do like these great pioneers did.

Talley said these freedom fighters had one thing in common: "a desire for change." Because they were not satisfied with the status quo, neither should we.

Anyone who reads the article is forced to not only reflect and pay tribute to those who have paved the way for equality in America today, but they are also compelled to ask themselves, "How can I change?"

The Reverend Clarence Talley is assistant pastor at Mount Corinth Baptist Church in Hempstead. He is also a professor of art at PVAMU. His article appeared in the January 17, 1999 edition of the Houston Chronicle.

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ticed that people treat you differently when they know you have a status or the ability to personally help them, and worse when they only know of you.

It seems like they make assumptions that you are incompetent when they choose not to take the extra step to personally get to know you and find out why you chose to make the decisions that you did.

Not to say that I am an important person on campus, but I find certain reactions interesting when I participate in organization meetings. I find that I am somea story that was submitted to ting them down. The Panther, because I chose to do my job right. It's difficult to believe that this 'brother' would speak negatively about a newspaper and staff that strongly supports numerous student activities, especially when he is part of a coalition that believes in Blacks supporting each other.

Don't think that this the right road, some choose that their peers are less profi- fore.

times a that is not well fa- cient or capable of various vored, because I chose to edit skills than they are and put-

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Instead of assuming that our own colleagues are against us, I feel that as young people we should expand our minds and stop mentally enslaving ourselves with prejudices. We should assist those who need help year long, instead of waiting until the holidays. Take the initiative to educate yourselves with the person is alone. Everyday stu-knowledge of the history dents deny themselves that about our professors, peers opportunity to grow and men- and campus community. Pretally evolve. Instead of taking pare for this spring semester and try to excel mentally farthe 'white' road, presuming ther than the semester be-

#### Lost from page 2

There are people in this world who try to go to college, but don't have the money or grades.

Yet, here you are at (PVAMU) in the process of gaininga degree. Do you truly appreciate that?

When we finally won a football game, were you truly proud of the players and coaches? Or were you just partying and drinking, because it was simply an excuse to partake in a PV party?

Pride is deeper than sports and academics. It relates to the reputation of the university and how people respond to your institution.

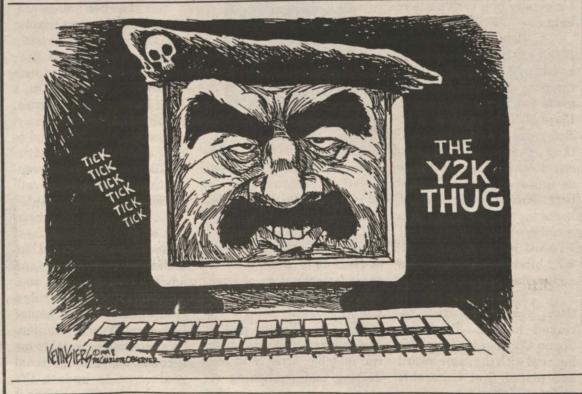
The name, PVAMU, itself is full of pride and heri-Prairie View A&M University tage that should be carried with the students of this great university where ever they go.

When walking the yard, you saw faces you automatically recognized. People spoke to one another, whether they knew each other's name or not. The fact that all of you chose to attend a black university gave you something in

When it is all said and done, it doesn't matter why you chose PVAMU. All that matters is that you are here.

What you choose to do with your time here is up to you. But realize that by wasting your time and the time of those trying to help you, you from gaining the education you care nothing for.

Again, I suggest you ask yourself, "Why am I here and how can I leave a positive mark on this university when I am gone?"



**Submission Policy** for Letters to the Editor

Anyone who reads The Panther can submit a letter to the editor at P.O. Box 2876, Prairie View, TX 77446 or in the Memorial Student Center, room 114. All submissions are subject to editing and must include the author's name and telephone number.

## Campus remodels, regroups and reorganizes for 1999-2000 year

By Lum-Awah Antang Panther Staff

The campus of Prairie View has experienced a myriad of changes within the years. The housing facilities have undergone many alterations and more are still underway. The campus is a proud showcase of one of the most modern student housing facilities across the coun-The university president Charles A. Hines commented that he

would not let his own dog, live

in Holley Hall. He wont have

to worry about that because

Holley Hall will soon be his-

Holley Hall, which opened in September 1972 at a cost of little over \$3 million will soon be demolished. The building, which was named in the honor of the late Tho-

Industrial Education is only one of the numerous changes the campus is engaging in.

"There is no schedule per se because no approvals have been made to begin the process, but it is projected to take place prior to the end of said Colonel A.D. Aldridge, Director of Housing and Residential services.

Alexander and Buchannan residence halls will also be removed to create space for the proposed University College, which will not serve as University Village Phase IV, but it is designed to be a community facility, steered for new and transfer

'Students will receive one-on-one mentoring, faculty assistance, and there will be an adult counselor on each floor to supervise the students who will be housed two per mas L. Holley, a professor of room," Aldridge said.



The front entrance of the Community Center, the newest building on campus.

The new University College is scheduled to open in the fall of 2000.

With the construction of new buildings, it is important to also maintain the old ones.

University Village is only 21/2 years old and President Hines probably wouldn't want his dog living there either.

## Hard work and dedication equal national recognition for Tri-Beta

By Jo-Carolyn Goode **Panther Staff** 

National attention is focused on Prairie View A&M University in a very positive

Beta Beta Beta, the Biological Honor Society also known as Tri-Beta, Sigma Chi Chapter, received the prestigious honor of earning the Lloyd M. Bertholfaward. Tri-Beta is an honor society for those students who have excelled in the biological sciences void. Honorable mentions as full and associate members. This is a tremendous honor for the chapter and its members considering that PVAMU is the only histori- is based upon the three goals cally black university that is of Beta Beta Beta: scholar-

ceived honors. Tri-Beta, Sigma Chi Chapter met or Sigma Chi chapter, was also surpassed the following critehonored with the same award and placed first honorable mention in the past.

Tri-Beta members worked ef- activities, and orderly record

fortless with little or no recog- keeping and communication nition of their hard work. Introduction of the Bertholf

"I'm very appreciative of this honor because it was well earned." - Tri-Beta President, Yvette Harden

award was able to fill this were later added as additional awards to those who qualified as second and third place.

Criteria of the award affiliated with Beta Beta Beta. ship, dissemination of scien-This is not the first tific information and promothe organization re- tion of biological research. The ria: member activity in conducting and publishing research, participation in dis-The award was trict and national conventions named after Lloyd M. Bertholf and other scientific meetings, in 1961. Sponsors saw that chapter programming and

with the National Office. They earned an Outstanding chapter award that represents 10% of the total chap-

The Bertholf awarding committee views chapter activity and membership when making a final decision. The winners are usually announced in BIOS, a Beta Beta Beta publication, in the January issue. A plaque will be presented to the Sigma Chi chapter at the Tri-Beta annual spring convention in April which will be held in Oklahoma.

"I'm very appreciative of this honor because it was well earned. I would like to thank all the members and advisors for their help, support, and time. It was truly a group effort," said chapter President Yvette Harden. "It's especially special to me because one of my personal goals was to update the award collection before I graduated. We are the best in the nation including Puerto Rico and Canada and I'm so excited."

## Career services offer annual spring job fair in february

By Kalyn Bullock

Are you looking for something to engage yourself in this summer? Are you interested in making money and having a possible job after graduation? If so you need to attend the Spring Career Fair. On Feb10, 1999. Prairie View's career services will be hosting the second job fair of

The job fair will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Billy J. Knicks University Field House. This job fair is a great opportunity for all students, even incoming freshmen. There are many interns and co-op positions available

The career service office offers tips to make the Career Fair worthwhile:

• Dress Appropriately

Ladies : pantsuits, dresses, dress shoes

appropriately. A pleasant body odor and weat breath are also important. Resumes also are important. They must be typed and professional.

Companies such as: Lucent Technologies, Motorola Semiconductor, NASA Dryden Flight Research, and Institute of Paper Science and Technology are going to be present. They are looking for Accounting, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and all other majors.

fair will be offered in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center, The date for this event is, Feb 2, 1999. from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Transportation will be provided for students interested in attending. Contact Career Services at (409) 857-2055, for more information.

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**Corey Johnson** Panther Staff

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Many employers consider it is important to dress

\* Type Resumes

Check, double check and triple check all resumes for accuracy. Be 100% positive that all information submitted on the resume is accurate. Falsified information can lead to future problems.

#### DO NOT HANDWRITE RESUMES

Before the Spring Career Fair on campus, another

Start your career off on the right foot by enrolling in the Air Force Officer Training School. There you will become a commissioned officer in just 12 weeks. From the start you'll enjoy great pay, complete medical and dental care, 30 days of vacation each year,

> routines. Last semester, Tho-

ter with the cheerleaders and hopes to continue some of the past outreach activities the team has participated in like adopting cheerleaders from area high schools such as Worthing High School and Hempstead Junior High. This is a program in which PVAMU cheerleaders visit rallies

Cheerleader sponsor Thomas said she hopes to keep the cheerleaders involved in the promotion of PVAMU through various

campuses and encourage the younger cheerleaders to attend PVAMU.

tributes to the annual campus toy drive (sponsored by the Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel), and has volunteered with the Mel Farr Ford car dealership in Hous-

The team also con-

hopes to keep the cheerleadsaid she is looking forward to ers involved in the promotion another adventurous semes- of PVAMU through these



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As the squad trainer,

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athleticism of the team. Price

choreographs the cheerlead-

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aging to incorporate some dar-

ing acrobatic stunts in their

cheerleaders.

The squad is cur-

time.

Following a Prairie View basketball game, the cheerleaders come together to show the spirit and support they have become renowned for on the "Hill.".

The cheerleaders expressed their gratitude for their supporters, such as Tim Albert and Damon Maddox of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., who donated the footballs and basketballs that were given as prizes at pep

Contributions such this help the squad to continue to spread school spirit at university events. Thomas said she is greatful to her hard-working managing assistants Virrobin Esther and Joy Turner, who work to make the squad great.

This spring the Annual Cheerleader Black Tie dinner will be held on campus in Alumni Hall. Thomas will acknowledge the entire squad and staff for their hard work at the event.

Anyone interested in becoming a cheerleader should look for bulletins in the coming months. Camp will be held on March 16, and 17. Tryouts will be on March

#### Outstanding campus leaders chosen for Who's Who

The 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 41 students from Prairie View A&M University. These students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included theses students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential continued success. These students include:

Ms. Alvia LeShea Mathis Mr. Peter Earl Brown Ms. Lenora Nelson

Mr. James Edward Calvery Ms. Georgia Campbell Ms. Tahisha LaRu Cosby

Ms. Jacquelyn Daniel Ms. De Warna Dixon Ms. Delores Datson

Ms. Misty Adams

Ms. Lea Barksdale

Ms. Shanekia Cain

Mr. Philip Gage Mr. Corey Glass Ms. Natasha Gransberry

Ms. Qiana Green Ms. Tronya Nycholl Hawkins Ms. Trina Hester

Ms. Rosalyn Hicks Ms. Jamieka Nicole Jackson

Ms. Rhona Jackson Mr. Wayne David Johnson Ms. Soinkne Marche Lewis

Ms. Shabranda Mathis Ms. Chavone Momon Ms. Monica Meyers

Mr. Irvin Oliver Ms. ChiQuia Roberson

Ms. Tameka Robinson Ms. Brandee Rogers

Mr. Osel Safo Mr. Reuben Sampson, Jr. Mr. Ihsan Shaheed

Ms. Dahl Rollins

Ms. Kristen Sonnier Mr. J. D. Spain

Ms. Khalelah Taylor Ms. Sakinna Thomas Ms. Jennifer Renee Whitley

Ms. Tanya Williams Ms. Tonya Young

Congratulations to all students who have been selected in the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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#### **REGIONAL NEWS**

## Keeping an eye on Texas Texans qualify for income tax refunds More than 1.8 million Texans applied for income tax refunds

under the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 1998. Texas ranked second among the states behind California's 2.3 million participating taxpavers—more than 19 million taxpayers in the U.S. received EITC refunds. EITC refunds may be sent to:

- Families with two or more children, and a gross income of no more than \$30,095. The maximum refund could be \$3,756 in this category.
- S Families with one child, and a gross income of no more than \$26,473. Maximum refund: \$2,271.
- Families consisting of adults between the age of 25 and 64 with no children, and a gross income of less than \$10,030. Maximum refund: \$341.

To inquire about the Earned Income Tax Credit:

- Visit your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center
- ★ Call the IRS toll-free: 1-800-829-1040
- Call the Texas Comptroller's special EITC hotline: 1-800-277-8383.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Internal Revenue Service.



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Find out more. Contact Captain Kizzie at 857-4612.



#### **SWAC** basketball tournament makes return to Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge, La

The Southwestern Athletic Conference(SWAC) ketball tournament is schedheld a press conference in uledforMarch 4-6. Firstround Baton Rouge on Wednesday. Jan. 13 to formally announce the return of the league's an- campuses of the four highestnual basketball tournament seeded men's and women's to the city.

new commissioner of the advance to Baton Rouge for SWAC, was in attendance to announce this important March 5-6. The tournament event. He was joined by winners will advance to the Tevester Scott, the CEO of TES Enterprises, a Baton Rouge-based events manage- a wide range of ancillary mentagency. Scott announced events planned around the his agency's affiliation with the tournament.

The conference was held in the Caucus Room of the Embassy Suites Hotel at youth jam session. The event 4914 Constitution Avenue.

"We're looking forward to the semifinals of the SWAC basketball tournament air regionally and the men's coming to Baton Rouge," said Washington. "Based upon the overall interest level and en- Jan 24 at all Ticket master outthusiasm I've seen, it seems lets

that the tournament will go

The 1999 SWAC basaction of the tournament on March 3 will be held on the teams. The four women's Rudy Washington, the teams and men's winners will the semifinals and finals on NCAA tournament.

> TES Enterprises has tournament including a Greek show, a casino night, cheerleading and dance exhibition, a tail gate party and a will culminate with an old school concert.

> Men's semi-finals will finals will air on ESPN.

Tickets will go on sale

## Protect food from germs

By Kenneth W. Singleton Special to the Panther

Food poisoning is caused by foods contaminated with germs (microorganisms) which cannot be seen by the naked eve.

Here are some tips to keep food safe:

When shopping, buy cans and iars that look perfect.

-Eggs- Open egg cartons to see if eggs are broken or cracked.

Place poultry, raw meats and seafood in separate plastic bags because they may contaminate other foods.

-Pick up cold food and dairy products last. That gives them less time to cool.

-Purchase or pick up hot takeout foods last also. This will give them less time to cool before you get home.

-After shopping, get home as soon as you can and don't let your food stay out. Put it in the refrigerator or freezer right away.

-At home, always wash your

-Wash vegetables and keep cooking and preparation areas clean.

-Don't use the same knife to cut raw meat and fresh vegetables unless you wash it

-Meat, poultry and seafood need to stay cool so thaw them in the refrigerator 1-2 days before you cook them. Don't thaw them in a sink or a counter top.

-If using a microwave for thawing, use the defrost setting. -Cook eggs until white and

yolks are firm and not runny. -Put leftovers in refrigerator as soon as you finish eating. Put them in shallow dishes or containers so they cool quickly. -Always wash your hands when you use the restroom.

-Wash hands before eating. -If you pet your dogs and cats, wash your hands before serving or eating food.

-Use hair nets and avoid touching the inside of serving plates with your hands.

-First in, first out. Always hands before you touch your check expiration date on milk food. Use warm water and and juice before you buy them. - When in doubt, throw it out.

## ID card questions answered

By Arechia Alexander Panther Staff

There are two questions students frequently ask about the ID cards.

What happens to the money left on the ID cards and why doesn't the Memorial Student Center or the Deli department always accept student ID cards?

There is a contract between Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and Sodexho Mariott.

One of the policies in the contract is that students living on campus must be on a meal plan unless they have a doctor's statement that specifically says the chefs can not produce the student's daily

In order, to have a regular eating service schedule on campus, according to the contract, the student meals are prepaid when the student chooses a meal plan. The money goes to Mariott Food

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By Kandyace Maybe

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to provide service.

"Dummy" points are set up for the student to have money on their cards. "Dummy" points are not actual monies. Therefore, students cannot get money back that belongs to the Marriott

The money students spend on meals help keep the building open, pay workers,

Only students who have a receipt for paying in cash will be able to get left over money. These students usually do not live on campus.

When students are unable to use their ID cards in MSC, Deli, or Underground it is because the main computer system brakes down, and the workers do not have a way of determining how many points a student has left on the card.

Unfortunately, students must pay cash when the computers breakdown.

Marriott controls all eating services on campus. based systems will be affected They are not controlled by on Jan. 1, 2000 unless action PVAMU.

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## Disaster, hunger, panic brought by Y2K

By Queverra Moten

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Now that the year is 1999, the fear of the Y2K computer bug draws nearer and

The question of whether or not America is ready for Y2K is yet to be de-

Almost all computeris taken now to replace, up-

of computer systems to re- including banking, and prosolve the problem.

How did the Y2K bug get here?

It occurred when computer pro grammers adopted a two-digit convention to represent the year. Software will read the maximum value of a year field as "99" and will roll systems over to "00" which will be mistakenly interpreted as 1900 rather than 2000, resulting in negative date calculations and creating many overnight disasters.

Some of the computer comparisons, sorting, and infiles. This problem is going to at ease.

date, or change components affect every area of business duction.

This bug will create numerous difficulties at grocery stores and in finding food on the shelves to purchase. A large percentage of this country's food production and water processing systems is run by computer. The unfortunate thing about the Y2K bug is that thousands of people worldwide are going to go hungry if this problem isn't resolved before the new millen-

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dercover officer attempting to make a sale of cocaine to the suspects, and that Briscoe showed the officer \$56,000 cash for the cocaine.

The officer then gave the signal through a body mic to other police officers who then attempted to

surround Briscoe's car and Moore's car.

Baird said Briscoe put his car in reverse striking an officer, throwing him over the car and causing him to land in front of the vehicle.

Briscoe then ran over the officer and that is when the officer opened gun fire.

"We even have proof that the officer was hit, because there are tire marks on the officer's pants," Baird said.

Baird then explaining that Moore's car did a semicircle in reverse also hitting a police officer.

Officers consequently began to engage in fire.

He stated that Briscoe suffered from four gun shots in the left shoulder and

from seven gun shots which hit his lower left side, and Robert Moore was shot twice once in the left arm and another in the shoulder.

Though 46 shell casings were found Baird said no bystanders were harmed he said none were harmed.

Baird said there is not a "standard procedure" to be followed in situations like this, but officers are undergoing a mandatory investigation.

" I feel that it is not my place to second guess the officers, and that is what the investigation is for" Baird

When asked if the families of Briscoe and Moore contacted the Pasadena police, Baird said that the family members of Briscoe did contact them and that they were "concerned and wanted to know the facts of the case," but the Moore family had not contacted the police to his

education level of a person it others.

Empra Moore suf- is always a tragedy to have a person die in this way," Baird

> The funeral for Keithen Briscoe was held in Rayville, LA, and Empra Moore's funeral was held in Wichita Falls, Texas.

With the situation hitting so close to home, many students expressed that they were shocked and considered the death of both men a great

Some students and faculty members attended the funeral of Moore.

Jamonte' Black said she attended the funeral because Empra was a friend and a co-worker and she wanted to show her respect.

"I know that at least 50 to 60 people were from Prairie View, but there were at least 400 people or more at the funeral. Many people were from different states. and that just showed how many different lives Empra touched," said Black.

She hoped that this "No matter what the would be a wake-up call for

#### Clinton takes message on the road

By Sonya Ross Associated Press Writer

Buffalo, N.Y. (AP) - Riding a bump in the polls, President Clinton argued vigorously Wednesday for his plan to save the budget surplus for protecting Social Security, saying it will give the nation stronger economic footing "long after I'm gone from the White

Joined by the vice president and both their wives, Clinton promoted the agenda he revealed in his State of the Union address at the first public rally since Clinton was impeached Dec. 19.

Clinton said he is ready for a major clash with Congress over whether some 60 percent of the federal surplus he anticipates - \$4 trillion over 15 years - should be reserved for shoring up Social Security or go for a tax cut.

"We're going to have a big argument about this, and we should," he said. "It may sound good if somebody says this is your surplus and we staff, was unusual.

ought to give it back to you. What I'm trying to do is give you a way to maximize the chances that we will have a strong economy in the future,' he said

Later, at a rally in Norristown, Pa., Clinton said he did not oppose tax cuts, as long as they are targeted.

"Yes, we ought to give some tax cuts. But they ought to be the right kind," Clinton

If his Social Security plan is approved, Clinton said, the nation will continue to prosper. "And long after I'm gone from the White House, you would have ... a better future," he said.

The president's job approval rating got a lift following Tuesday night's speech and ranged from 66 percent to 76 percent, according to several network polls. His approval ratings also rose.

Barnstorming by "all four principals," as the two Clinton and two Gores are known among White House

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## **Book Review**

Servant of the Bones

By Anne Rice

By Munir Saafir Copy Editor

Anne Rice's novel "Servant of the Bones" reveals the secret life of Azriel, the servant of the bones. He is a "strong spirit" in the tradition of geniis who can be called up to serve a master if the master is strong and wise. He has existed for thousands of years and has been trying to die or reach the heavens because in his present state, he will remain on earth for-

The story is narrated in the first person of Azriel talking to a historian/scientist/ writer named Jonathan Rice. Azriel saved Jonathan's life. In return for this favor, Jonathan becomes Azriel's biographer.

Azriel begins his story in the distant past of Babylon. He gives a descriptive view of the Babylonian civilization in which he was transformed from an ordinary human to the servant of the bones.

Over time, Azriel's pow-Zurvan.

goodness and started to serve good. As he serves good, he gradually becomes less spiritlike and more human. At this point, he is called into modern times to support doing good for humankind. He is forced to battle the international religious cult led by Gregory Belkin called the tasy writing.

Temple of the Mind. In this conflict, he uses his tremendous power to fight for the good of all humanity.

As Azriel battles the Temple of the Mind, the story transforms into a mystery He leaves Jonathan to block the Temple's plots and returns to update Jonathan on the nature of his escapades.

"Servant of the Bones" is a brilliant piece of writing. Anne Rice draws the reader into the spirit world and forms a believable picture of this environment.

Greece and medieval Europe

while drawing comparisons

between them and modern

Bones" is fiction, it's not sim-

ply entertainment. The

reader is transported into a

world beyond the human's

everyday awareness, into the

world of spirits, ghosts and

demons. She forces the

reader to consider the possi-

bility of unseen spirits, ghosts

and demons whose existence

is dismissed by many and

accepted but not understood

pacts the reader's mind with

descriptive detail. In "Ser-

vant of the Bones," Rice de-

velops convincing pictures of

the past, future and spirit

worlds through her charac-

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"Servant of the Bones" is an

excellent example of why

Anne Rice is considered to be

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by others.

Through Azrail's conversations with Jonathan, Rice tells the story of civilizations. She pokes fun at the contradictions of religions, modern civilization and science while at the same time acknowledging their merits. Her writings give vivid details of the life-styles of past civilizations of Babylon,

ers and his awareness of his powers grew and he no longer willingly served the masters who called upon him. His tremendous powers enable him to change his physical form, travel through solid objects and live without food. He became an independent spirit consumed with hatred and bitterness until he recognized the wisdom of the teachings of his first master,

Azriel became aware of

#### Scholars collaborate with Microsoft on Encyclopedia Africana

Cambridge, Mass.

**BLACK HISTORY** 

In February. Microsoft and a team of Afro-American studies scholars working under Harvard professors Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and K. Anthony Appiah will release Microsoft Encarta Africana, a CD-ROM of the history, geography, and culture of Africa and people of African descent.

"There's never been anything like this before, a comprehensive encyclopedia of the entire Black world," said Gates.

The encyclopedia contains 3,000 articles, solicited from over 400 scholars. For example, users

can take a virtual tour of the notorious Goree Island in Senegal, a former transit station for slaves bound for the Americas.

Other notable entries include a reference to Russian poet Alexander Pushkins's African greatgrandfather, as well as a Blacks in Great Britain back Higher Education.

2,000 years, when Africans first arrived with Julius Caesar's conquering army.

Gates and Appiah first discussed the project as students at Cambridge University in England during the late 1970s. They later approached the Britannica encyclopedia company with the idea but were told it lacked financial

In the years that followed, both became giants in the field of Afro-American studies.

They returned to the encyclopedia idea three years ago and secured the support of several high-profile Blacks including writer-producer Quincy Jones, who helped bankroll the project in its early

Microsoft executives were intrigued by the idea and agreed to produce a CD-ROM version, one day after Gates and Appiah inked the deal with Perseus.

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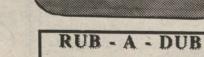
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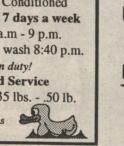
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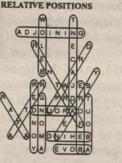






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Rock-A-Fella recording artist DJ Clue

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them out of the way first.

wouldn't you? It's only right.

Anyway, I'm not a

## Rock-a-Fella 'wiz-kid' blazes charts, smashes competition

bors, we're gathered here to- horrible soft pop/ day to discuss something near rap monstrosity and dear; something essential called Bad Boy, but to the college students life: thats neither here music. I don't need to express nor there. Clue how important it is to us. You signed to Roc-Aalready know. Imagine life Fella, which ought without it. College students to tell you someneed music to study to, music thing. Jay-Z, label to ride to, music to chill to, head and CEO, just music to . . . well you get the gotdone blazing the

new release from DJ Clue, singles. "The Professional." You might have heard of him. He started out doing the little neighborhood DJ thing in the early 90s. He was able to get the best new exclusive cuts, and word spread through Queens strictly East Coast and into Brooklyn, and so on, oriented hip hop, all over the galaxy it seems

If you ever hear a mix- There is no remix tape and it professes to be the hottest thing on the streets and you don't hear him ex- ute anything. claim "CLUE!!!" every three minutes like a madman then would have dropped that "T- When you tell Puff Silly to go back to whomever you bought it from, and demand your loot back, because he

jipped you. Biggie Smalls aka the Notorious B.I.G. was introduced on a Clue tape before made him get jiggy with it, playing pool saying with the "Ruff Ryder An-



last half of 1998 Today's subject is the with a gang of hit

Let me say right now, sorry, there is no R&B on this, not even the BBD kind. None of that. This CD is the kind Tupac warned you about.

with K-Ci and JoJo, thank Jah. his mumble-mouth, Armani Montell Jordan didn't contrib-

Shirt and Panties" joint on change his name, tell him to here, but that was not to be, invest in some Hooked on and its no less a banger for the Phonics for Mase, too. I mean, exclusion. And to all my No if your boy talked like that, Limit/Rap-a-Lot compilation tape holders, all my Juveniles, Mia X's, and Willie D's, my Bad Boy fan, but it's okay, Puffy Combs put him on and Southern reality rap fans, because DMX comes up next

"Unngggghh" while they them" (the Remix) which is do the Southside, dont what he ought to change his drop your coffee. YA'LL name to, since he wants to be WILL BE DISAP- on everybody's tape.

After that he gets the POINTED, TOO!!! So, who's on it, you first single, "It's On." Hot, say? Sean Combs (man, period. These two made me somebody please tell that want to see "Belly" again. cat the name is bunk! Nasty Nas runs through. He's And Puff Daddy is dropping a new one later this wacker. Let's not talk spring, still on that "Queens about "P-Diddy," that is the Hardest" tip. Nature is makes me say next, basically repeating him,

posse cut with Cam'ron, Big Pun, Noriaga (WHAT man Canibus who rips it with a verse and over, thinking brother say?!"

The nicest track has to be "Gangsta ...." by Jay-Z and that skinny dude off "Can I get a ... ". Incredible. Jay always brings heat to whatever he does, but he goes above and beyond the call of

Tupac, but he's close. Theres one line where Jay tells some wannabe hustler that's as soft day job ... " I almost died laugh-

Foxy Kim, I mean Lil Brown, I mean Foxy Brown (Sorry, I get them confused) as usual makes me want to see her in person, see if she'll live up to what she says she's all about. Two weeks in my next time, remember my camp, and I'll have her looking sleek again. (Memo to Def Jam: If the artist demands to Peace. wear a pleather bikini bottom and hubcaps for a bra, and then show up 25 pounds over weight for the video shoot get her in some Tae Bo classes QUICK!) Redman heats one

Like Redman said: usual, with that disjointed, "Whatever, man." confused, slightly inebriated flow. But whatever it is, I like there's one called it!! Ilike it!! Lord Tariq, Mobb "Fantastic Four", a Depp, and Raekwon rap about a paper bag, Mr. Rogers, the Teletubbies, and all that mess. Everybody is on this one. How WHAT!!), and the do I say it, this CD is HOT TO DEATH!!!

On my scale of judge-

that had me press- ment of 0 - 4, with 0 being a ing rewind over penniless freshman in Drew Hall and 4 being a graduate What did the student working that internship at NASA, trying to get a house by the lake (any lake), this one rates a 3.1. I took off .15 every time one of these cats rhymed thugs and drugs, and that dropped it to 2.3333 some thing, but I added .8 points when the CD ended and I realized that not one rapper had even said "I'm bout it," "I'm rowdy" or any other No

You want to disagree Jigga is the best mix with me? You think I'm a of commercial and under- genius? You think my opinion ground right now. He's not sucks? You think I'm one of those people that killed Kenny? Don't just screwface me when you see me walk by, as spongecake "not to quit his (I'm the one laughing at all these cats with the shiny jeans that are tight around the ankles of their Nikes). Express vourself, vou can get back at me by writing to the paper. Conversation rules the nation, remember that one? And on that note, I'm jet. Til motto: "Just cuz I hate you, don't mean you're a player."

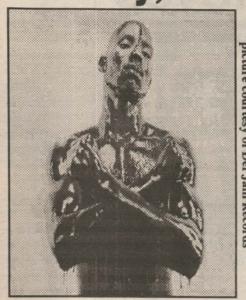
> By John Cook Staff Writer



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#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

## Nice try, but Flesh of My Flesh ... makes flesh crawl



**Def Jam recording artist DMX** 

Def Jam recording artist, DMX's new CD Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood has sold 13,000 copies in its debut. In just one year, DMX has come out with two CDs that have topped the charts.

DMX is the only rapper in history to bring hip hop to a whole new level of flavor.

DMX is originally from Yonkers, NY, and was well known for doing mixes such as L.L. Cool J's "4321," Ice Cube's "We be Clubbing," and Onvx's "Shutem Down."

His first solo project, It's Dark and Hell Hot's first single "Get at Me Dog" on the Ruff Ryders/Def Jam label suddenly gave the rapper attention. Then he flew to the top of the charts with other singles like "How's it Going Down" and "Ruff Ryders An-

"Miami"

"Hot Spot"

FOXY Brown

"Kenny's Dead" Master P Il Isaac

Hayes

Will Smith

that made the whole crowd jump to their feet with the phrase, "Stop, Drop, Shutem down..." and you

2 know the rest. of Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood gets my attention and gives me a stomachache, but it did make me wonder why he is covered with red paint to imitate blood. Unlike those great

solo hits on his first album, his second CD doesn't seem to stand up.

The song I particularly like is "No Love 4 Me" featuring Swizz & Drag-on. I was feeling "Coming From" featuring Mary J. Blige, and of course "Blackout" featuring LOX & Jay - Z. But that is just four songs out of 16 that I don't care to repeat on my CD player. Other than his album cover, his songs don't leave a mark on my mind like the first CD that is still getting play. DMX's voice and style is unparalleled by any other rapper out today.

DMX should have spent more time on Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood, so it would be worthy of my award for being the number one CD. However, I have to

"Changes

"I Will Get There"

"Ex-Factor Lauryn Hill

"Slippin"

Boyz II Men

Tupac Shakur

The Panther's current top ten in no particular order

them" which ex- give a hand to him for workploded with lyrics ingso hard for his fans to give words of the trials and tribulations he has seen.

> The CD is one to keep in the CD changer in your car while cruising on the streets. and if you take the time to listen to his words you may hear one or two positive notes that could change your mind about the way you live your life. His CD is good, but not good enough to rush out to the stores and pay \$20. Dubbing is my advice.

DMX's latest battle is over not receiving a Grammy nomination, sparking controversy with fans and other artists who feel he should get some kind of recognition for all his work.

Unlike other rappers on the Def Jam label, DMX brings his own identity to the table to make young and old bounce their heads. The new CD is good, and, as always, his lyrics make you want to rap aloud. On the Def Jam web site. DMX said. "I love to express what real niggas feel, what street niggas feel. They need to be heard. They need to know there is a voice that speaks for them and I am that voice."

By La Toya Moore Staff Writer

"Talk Show Shhh"

"Judgement Day

"Taking Everything"

Gerald Levert f

Antoinette Roberson

(remix)

Method Man

Shae Jones

1. Is President Hines going to address the students this semester?

2. Why is the Bookstore always out of books?

3. Why are some students still trying to register?

4. When will the freshmen get to experience their first "HumpDay on the Hill?"

5. When we won the football game, why didn't we tear down the whole stadium so that we could get a new one?

6. Speaking of "The Win," why is PV now known as the school that can only win one football game?

7. Why do we drink bottled water, but make Kool-Aid with tapwater?

8. How "new" is the New Gym?

9. Why did half of the female students come back with children this semester?

10. Why is the band still catching heat from "The Fall Brawl?" 11. Are they trying to renovate the campus for us or them?'

12. Are we next?

13. Why is everyone walking around singing those Old Navy commercials? 14. Why do people spend more time looking at the Screen Savers

than working? 5. Why are all parties held at the Newman Center exactly

the same? 6. Is that new show "The P.J.'s" Eddie Murphy's lame

attempt to save a dying career? 7. Why is every Greek organization having a "Dating Game" for Valentine's Day?

18. Why did it take three weeks to build Phase III, but eight months to build the Community Center?

19. What genius, and we use that term loosely, discovered the Southside Fade?

20. And finally, what do you think?

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While taking a awesome rivalry! The melengthy look at itself in the dia could indirectly assist in mirror, the NBA shouldn't cultivating and promoting these rivalries as well. be worried about the after effects of Michael's retirement or post-lockout repair. Jordan's retirement levels gone. Overtime, the players The talent in the NBA is and a good public relations good and getting better, Evdepartment will fix the lock- eryone must realize that out damage. The NBA Michael was the exception should concentrate on a to the rule. In future NBA player or players to simply seasons, the games will be speed the process. The ques- more enjoyable for the fans, tion is, who? Are there any current players who could be considered the elite of the have more than one legitielite? Perhaps the next "cho- mate championship concent of players in the NBA title...and gaining. but none of them equal or the fans, and the medianeed they have.

to develop rivalries every. NBA lockout. Besides, isn't where. States with more there always ice hockey ??

than one NBA team should develop in state rivalries. Old rivals should become reacquainted. For example, the expansion teams have a perfect motive to develop intense match-ups. Toronto and Vancouver should be at each others throats for Canadian bragging rights. New York should still be upset that Pat Riley left the Knicks for Miami. Whether rivaldevelop naturally, teams need to give fans more than just a basketball game. One pound of trash talking, sprinkled with in-state bragger pointing, served hot with

If anything, Michael The fact is, "His Airness" is the playing field of the NBA. provide closer competition between teams, and perhaps sen one," hasn't entered the tender. All of these things NBA yet. Perhaps the NBA equal needed drama for the has an impossible vacancy NBA. When Chicago looks to fill. It could be argued into its rear view mirror, it'll that the above mentioned likely see three or four rabid names are in the top 10 per- teams chasing after their

Only some of these even come close to having things mentioned may de-Jordan's talent. The NBA, velop this season, but with time and developing talent, to stop looking for a replace- NBA fans will be treated ment, and work with what with action filled games, new rivalries, and closer scores. What happened to To end this seasons lockout, the great rivalries? In the the player's union and the past, fans have been treated NBA owners agreed to a to classic battles such as newsix year deal. Excluding Lakers vs. Celtics, Pistons this season, that means that vs. Bulls, and Mavericks vs. we (the fans) will have until Spurs... Well, maybe not 2006 to witness new teams that last one. That might win championships, and see not be a heated battle, it new talent enter the league. might not even be a basket- If you prefer the pessimistic ball game, but that's the approach, then you only have problem. There's potential six more years until the next

## Makin' Moves



Prairie View's Sylvester Lilly drives past a Jackson State defender during a recent game.

## Working the Greens

Prairie View welcomes new golf coach

**Donald Kelger** 

PVAMU is proud to announce that it has a new face on the yard, an individual who has been around for many years, but now he's on our side, "The Panthers Squad."

Many of you are maybe wondering who's new among so many unfamiliar faces, the new person is the Head Golf Coach, Vernon

Coach Perry has a played ten years with the in school. former Houston Oilers.

very great experience."

Coach Perry said our football program attracted

Coach Perry is originally from Jackson, Miss. and he also attended Jackson State University.

"College was fun, a very enjoyable experience,' said Perry.

The focus of the coach is to acquire a competitive, winning golf team.

This is a major con

cern of the new coach.

previous coaching position was very successful, as they were involved in winning Perry said he would

highly favor that pattern and through influence create a golf squad that's prominent and very competitive in the fu-

will strongly encourage his players to become good team leaders, and individuals who are positive in nature.

very profound history. He sires them to be good students

Individuals who in-Perry said, "It was a dulged themselves in those endeavors are defined as positive in the matrix of life.

It's very fortunate him toward this university, that as a student body we and hopes he'd become a part have an individual who acof the coaching staff here at knowledges the act of diligence, and encourages people to be industrious in society.

> In addition to setting proper priorities, Perry said he'll insist that his players become role models.

Individuals who can be well respected in the various aspects of life.

"Focusing on goals is also very important" said Coach Perry.

He stated that his mentioned in conversations, schools, sports bars, or any type of environment where male bonding is taking place, football, basketball, and baseball are the primary response in today's society.

When sports are

Coach Perry as a child was neither introduced to the game, and also didn't have the knoledge to operate effi-Coach Perry, said he ciently in the realm of golf.

His evolved after retiring from the game of professional Football.

Similar to many of us He stated that he de- whose first love is football or basketball, but must give up the game after a while, his football career exhausted itself, and he realized that he liked the game of golf.

As the years escalated, Coach Perry became familiar with golf and its purpose, therefore, a large quantity of interest derived, and golf became his fancy.

Finally, to carry out, and to act upon so many great tasks that are presented on a daily basis, Coach Perry was asked if there are any particular faithful sayings, or proverbs used to promote self esteem, and character.

Coach Perry kept it simple and stated "Always Think Positive."

## Great Expectations lead to winning season



Sheleah Hughes

Great Expectations can describe the upcoming 99 baseball season.

With the addition of strong freshmen, transfers and a new team bond, nothing else could be expected in the new rebuilding season.

"You always have to expect a win," Coach John Tankersley said. "When you play solid foundation baseball and have hard workers who want to win, nothing else should come."

With this attitude, the Panthers head into the schedule geared to win.

Lamar University, out of Beaumont, TX, will be the first opponent for the Panthers. The game is scheduled for Feb 7 here in Prairie View.

This game will give the pitching staff, which includes sophomores Micheal Wesley, Jr. Brandon McNair and others, an opportunity to warni-up for the rest of the

As with pitchers, catchers also play a crucial role in the game. With expe-

rienced upperclassmen such as Rosh Handley and Willard Joiner in the backstop, new member Demond Duke will have an excellent chance to be led and trained.

"For the first time in a while we have three solid catchers who can play whenever called upon," said Joiner.

The Lamar game will also be a learning experience for other players like Ernest Jackson who will be playing

Jackson, who was red-shirted as a freshman. will aid the Panthers in the infield and will also add speed to the team. The outfield should

lead the defensive efforts and be among the best in the SWAC led by senior, centerfielder D'Waylon Crosby, sophomore, leftfielder Brent Watson, and sophomore, right-fielder Armid Hill. These strengths will lead to wins in important games such as Huston Tillotson (Feb. 12 at Prairie View), backyard rival Texas Southern (Feb. 2 and 28 atPrairie View) and other SWAC contenders.

"We have the manpower, hitting team, pitching and experience to beat both Texas Southern and multi-year conference cham-

In the Sports Spotlight

#### Tenopra Shepphard

Height:

Hometown: Norman, MS

Age: 21-years-old

Her Fantasy Dinner:

Keyshawn Johnson Brian McKnight

Position: Point Guard

she scored 23 pts.

Personal Best: The game this season where

Favorite Junk Food: "I like everything."

Major:

#### the SWAC tournament." **Agriculture Economics** Softball team heads into season

pion Southern University," said Coach Tankersley. "In the last season we beat both champion teams Southern and Jackson State so it is possible that we can do it."

"This year we will be take it all "

on the offensive.

With the hitting power, experience and dedication Prairie View is known for, this season should be a winning one-just as expected

StingRays made Price the

By Will Joyner Panther Staff

Tenopra Sheppard moves the ball up the floor to put the Panthers

"If we win the rest of our games, we

should finish 4th or 5th seed for

up in the chase...we may just

sport at Prairie View, it has already founded a rich history. Last year's 29-11 team became the Western Division and Southwestern Ath-

With six returning players including new addimake a run at a repeat.

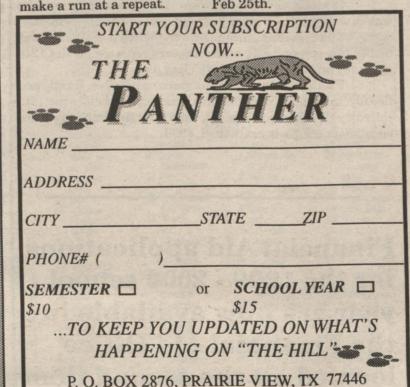
team on paper and should be one of the teams to beat," said head coach A.D. James Jr. Although softball is This year the winner

"We have a real good

of the S.W.A.C. tournament starting its third year as a will play the champions of the Big East Conference for the right to reach the N.C.A.A. Tournament.

This team is equipped letic Conference Champions with two solid pitchers as Leslie West is now joined by Kimberly Thomas.

They will play their tions made during the off- first home game against Sam season, the team is sure to Houston State University on Feb 25th.



## Ex-SFA star Price dies in apparent suicide

Associated Press

NACOGDOCHES -Katrina Price, a former basketball star at Stephen F. olded last month, apparently committed spicide Monday.

Police responding to a 911 call just before 7 a.m. found her dead of an appar- tated," said SFA athletics dient gunshot wound in the rector Steve McCarty, "Every hallway of her sister Lucy's member on that team either

Peterson said the case is be- Ladyjacks are a family, and ing investigated as a homi-that thread of faith and belief cide because there were no in one another is what bonds witnesses, but officers believe and holds us together in tough it will be ruled a suicide.

"There were no signs

of a struggle and there appeared to be a shotgun lying under the body, which would tend to lead us toward that banded before she ever conclusion," Peterson said.

Price, 23, was a third Austin whose professional team All-American last seacareer was set back when the son when she averaged 22.1 American Basketball League points and 5.3 rebounds per game. The 5-10 guard was the Ladyjacks all time leading no longer compete with the scorer with 2,278 points. "We are all devas-

played with Katrina last sea-Police Sgt. Paul son or knew of her. The

seventh overall pick in the May draft, but the team displayed a game. She was placed on the Philadelphia Rage in August and was served as a reserve when the league filed for bankruptcy in December. It could much higher-profile

"I don't know if that has anything to do with (her apparent suicide) or not," Peterson said.

Price, a Waco native, received her bachelor's degree from SFA just last May. She was enrolled in graduate courses for the spring semester The Long Beach which began last week

#### **CAMPUS NEWS**

#### In Brief

#### Students provided with important dates

Prairie View, Texas

Students are reminded to keep in mind several important dates for the remainder of the semester.

Jan. 26 - Administrative course changes end.

Feb. 8 - Registration (classes) cancelled for nonpayment of tuition and fees-- dropped from enrollment and last day to withdraw from courses without record.

Feb. 9 - Automatic grade of "W" begins. Feb. 12 - Second fee installment due.

Feb. 15 - Last day to apply for Spring 99 graduation. For more information, refer to the Spring 99 schedule of classes publication.

#### College of business holds career fair

Prairie View, Texas

The College of Business at Prairie View A&M University will host a Career Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999.

The career fair begins at 9 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m. in Hobart Taylor.

All students are welcome.

For more information contact the College of Business

#### Spring registration breaks record

Prairie View, Texas

At the closing of the Spring 1999 registration period on Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, 6,138 students had enrolled for the semester. 64% of those students were in a "paid" status.

It seems as if Prairie View A&M University is on its way to what may be a record enrollment for a spring semester. The reported enrollment for the 20th class day was

5,996; last spring 5,841 students were reported on the 12th class day and 5,608 on the 20th class day.

PVAMU's goal is to do as much as possible, legally and fiscally, to get more students in a "paid" status before the 12th class day (Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999) and the mandatory disenrollment (drop) day of Feb. 8, 1999.

Financial Aid applications for the 1999 - 2000 school year are now available in the Financial Aid Office located on the second floor of Evans Hall.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS! MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 25 26 27 28 29 30 PV vs Adminis-CAB Pep 12th Class Indoor PV vs. TSU Alabama tration Day Rally Track Meet (basketball) State Course University (basket-Changes of Houston ball) 7:30 End CAB Movie Panther. Student Newspaper Meeting 5:30 p.m. College of Business Career Fair Hobart Taylor

## The Piggy Bank

Scholarship and Internship information

The LAGRANT Foundation for Communications and business

Deadline: March 31,1999 Eligibility: 10 scholarships to college and graduating high school minority students pursing a degree in the fields of communications and business administration includng public relations, journalism (with an emphasis in public relations only), marketing and advertising.

Fax: (323) 469-8683 Tel:( 323) 469-8680 911 Wilshire Boulevard,

Suite 2150 Los Angeles, CA 90017-3450

9 a.m.-3 p.m

News Reporting & Writing Fellowship for College Graduates, June 11-July

Deadline: Feb. 15, 1999 Eligibility: graduating seniors or recent college graduates who see their future in Journalism

The Poynter Institute 801 Third Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Tel: (727) 821-9494 x236 Fax: (727) 821-0583 Web site address www.poynter.org

Pulliam Journalism Fellowships Deadline: March 1, 1999 Eligibility: Graduates ap-

plicants must receive their bachelor degrees during the academic year that precedes the summer fellowships

Interested in international health and development contact: Linda Berauer. Manager Program **Development Population** Fellows Programs (734)764-8274 www.hbcu.pop@umich.edu Deadline: Feb. 1, 1999

Any Majors:

Paul R. Ellis Media Award Deadline: March 19, 1999 Eligibility: all students American Heart Association Texas Affiliate Attn: Commu nications Department P.O. Box 15186, 1700 Rutherford Lane Austin, TX 78761

Hearst Newspapers Journalism Fellowship Eligibility: all students Deadline: unspecified Hearst Newspapers Journalism Fellowship Program 801 Texas Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

#### COMIC RELIEF

#### March from page 1

exclaimed as the crowd marched on.

Once the journey to the park was completed, a short program was performed. It featured a moving rendition of one of King's most famous speeches by a fellow

Afterwards, it was jubilee, fun and fellowship for all. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken were grilled up for a finger-licking lunch. Red and orange kool-aido chilled the thirsts of many, while chips and beans garnished

music, the party began. The fraternities and sororities strutted their stuff and a good time was had by all.

#### Fine from page 1

penditures are programmed a year in advance," said President Charles Hines.

We did not program a\$31.000 loss due to a fine. As such, we now must raise an additional \$31,000 or cut other athletic expenses. Because of the fine and a suppressed income from our Grambling-Prairie View football game,

As the DJ cranked the certain cut backs had to be made in our athletics programs. Some recruiting was cut due to these losses in revenue," Hines said.

In addition to the \$31,000 fine, the SWAC is also asking that PVAMU "support the letter and spirit of the SWAC Constitution and Bylaws, support good sportsmanship and academics and work with all SWAC members in pursuing the values and ideals of the SWAC."

Southern University band and the Marching Storm submitted their individual investigations to the SWAC, but

the situation was never investigated by a third party. Without such an investigation, no actual blame for the fight was established.

"We (PVAMU) did not participate in the incident (fight)," said Hines. "All we've ever asked for an even exchange of evidence."

Although security is the responsibility of the home team, more security guards are made available for those games with large crowds, such as the PVAMU vs. Texas Southern University basketball games.

The fight, labeled by

media sources as "The Battle of the Bands," began this drawn out incident September 1998. Following the fight, both groups were suspended from playing the two games immediately following the in-

For the Panthers, the suspension would have included the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas, Texas and a loss of \$80,000 due to contracts.

Hines said, "The PVAMU band and students did nothing wrong. This incident is not of their making. It finally came down to losing \$31,000 instead of \$80,000."

#### MAGIC MAZE

#### RELATIVE POSITIONS

O(A D J O I N I N G) L J

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and

Hold the accompanying design at reading distance, gaze at it steadily, and the pattern will seem to change direction. That is to say, rows of blocks seem to go one way, then go another. The

Panther



EYE SPYI Pupils of an own's eyes normally peer straight ahead, fixed in place. But you will have to forgive the own shown here, for it simply cannot believe what it sees. Indeed, it would seem that its eyes are playing

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KING CROSSWORD

## "Just Chillin" BY: Quincy Higgins

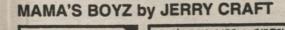




















#### THE FINAL WORD

# University gets undeserved criticism from students

By Bridget L. McGowen Special to the Panther It seems as if I hear more complaints and adverse commentary about our university than it actually deserves. I will admit that every aspect of our institution is not perfect as are its constitu-

ents

Possibly, the recipient of the most criticism is the Office of Student Financial Services, the office most responsible for enabling students to attend Prairie View A&M Uni-

versity (PVAMU). The primary purpose of this office is to provide resources to those students who would otherwise be unable to pursue a post-secondary education. It is not responsible for providing the total sum of funds needed to finance a student's education. It is there to aid in paying tuition.

The fact is, more than \$30 million has been awarded to students by the PVAMU Office of Student Financial Services thus far this year. Nearly 4000 students are recipients of grants, scholarships, work study, and loans for the 1998-99 academic year. This is up from last year's awarding of \$25 million to over 4500 students.

"PVAMU has a long record of providing a 'financial way out of no way' for thousands of students who otherwise would not be able to realize the 'dream' and hope for a college education," said Ronald E. Jones, Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services. "When you deal with people and money, criticisms are to be expected. Unfortunately and unfairly, there is too much criticism and not enough kudos. PVAMU has one of the top financial aid programs of all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and will get even better as more enhancements are in place and students do what they are asked to do in terms of adhering to application deadlines, satisfactory academic progress, et cetera."

The complaints do not stop at financial aid, though. No-one residing in the University Village, especially with a full kitchen, seems to be pleased with the meal plan that appears to be "imposed" upon them by Sodexho Marriot.

The truth is, it is the university's policy that students living on campus will participate in the board plan. Graduate students are given an option of whether they want to participate in the board plan since they are a different student

# "There must be something you love about Pantherland!"

-Bridget L.Mcgowen

population and are normally considered as commuters. A second reason for the meal plan tends to be a bit more complex.

This next justification for charging on campus students with a meal plan stems from financial aid. Yes, financial aid. Over 75% of students enrolled at PVAMU are recieving some type of financial aid. Meals and lodging are paid for by that entitly. If the meal plan is removed from the student's list of itemized fees, then PVAMU will not receive federal fundiding to award money to students to pay for the cost of their meals. In a sense, you, the student, are left holding the bill.

"Since there is such a large number of our students who rely upon financial aid, then we have to provide for the majority," said Fred Washington, Director of Auxiliary Services

Perhaps the rules may seem unfair or the policies tend to make no sense at times. It can appear as if you are fighting a losing battle. At the same time, complaining without taking action really benefits no one. Actually, it can be detrimental.

If something does not quite add up, then it is a good idea to make inquiries. Get a clear understanding; ask the right questions of the right person or office.

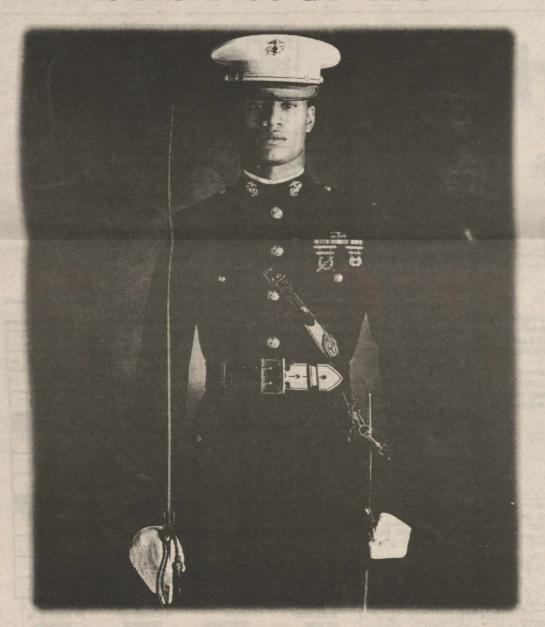
"That's communicating and staying informed," said

Unfortunately, but honestly, one person's opinions and research will not change all of the negative views of PVAMU into positive ones.

Sure, there are many who are not madly in love with our prestigious university, but many of you did choose PVAMU as the institution at which to continue your education.

There must be something you love about Pantherland!

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TO PROVE YOU CAN LEAD...



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