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THE PANTHER



The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

Motorcycle accident claims life of former PVAMU student, athlete

By Nikkia Sams
Business Manager

On Sunday, Feb. 7, 1999, Sharone Creer, 24, a senior PVAMU student died in Dallas, Texas due to a fatal motorcycle accident.

According to *The Dallas Morning News*, Creer was forced into oncoming traffic when a car cut in front of him forcing him out of his lane at approximately 6:35 p.m.

No citations were issued at press time.

Creer attended Lancaster High School until his 10th grade year when he transferred to Desoto High School from where he graduated in May 1993.

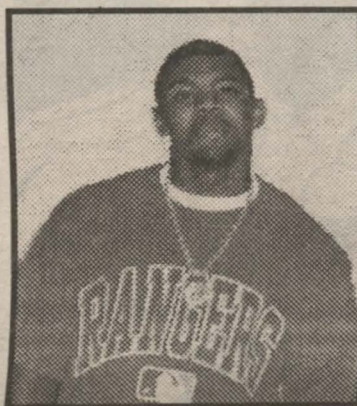
After being offered several scholarships to various schools, he chose PVAMU as his choice for college.

While attending PVAMU, he played football and joined The Fraternal Order of Classy Gentlemen-Sigma Rhomeo.

Creer was buried on Feb. 13, 1999 at Laurel Land Memorial Cemetery in Dallas, Texas, following his funeral at Faithful Missionary Baptist Church.

A host of teammates and fellow classmates attended his funeral this past Saturday.

One of the attendees Wayne Ingram, a fellow football teammate at Desoto and PVAMU, as well as fraternity



Sharone Creer

brother said, "There were a lot of people and the funeral was very emotional. Remembering him, he was a comedian. He always was trying to make people laugh, and was

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Historic buildings change campus look

By Joyce Dixon
Managing Editor

Where the Delco Building now stands there once stood a two-story structure known to students as the campus hospital. The structure was demolished in 1981. Owens-Franklin Health Center, which was completed in 1973, rendered the old facility useless.

Many historical buildings on the campus of Prairie View A&M University have been torn down to make room for newer buildings.

The campus most students know, did not get its appearance until the 1950s. During the this time the Gibb Gilchrist Engineering and E.B. Evans Animal Industries buildings were constructed. These buildings added to the already erected Administration Building, Hilliard Hall, W.R. Banks and a host of dorms including Anderson Hall and the Industrial Education Building.

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This story is the first of a three-part series on the university and the many changes to its physical image that continues over the years.

Beginning of a new reign

Wagner crowned 1999-2000 Miss Black and Gold



photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

opened, starting the 1999-2000 Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant. Gold and silver accents adorned the walls of Hobart Taylor Recital Hall Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999, as nine young, talented, vivacious ladies vied for the title of Miss Black and Gold, capturing the pageant's theme "Frozen: the Unveiling of a Royal Heritage."

The pageant's sponsors were the brothers of the Eta Gamma and Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

A twist to this year's pageant was the audience's

dress which included semiformal attire. With this simple change, the pageant was held on a grander scale than usual.

The opening number caught the eye of many ladies as nine brothers assisted the contestants with their dance.

The contestants, Michelle Rolling, LaShonda Turner, Janelle Vernon, Antonia Oduwole, Ver'Tonya Wilson, LaToya Moore, Cecily Wagner, Coren Lewis, and Jennifer Rollins commanded the audience to take notice in their Egyptian apparel. The segment ended with a African dance by Classic Dance Ensemble.

The master and mistress of ceremony, Frederick Powe and Tanisha Toaston, guided the audience through each phase of the competition.

The race for the title was a close run the entire

evening. Judges, Glenn Taylor, Wayne D. Johnson II, Lum-Awah Atang, Alzo Slade, Meredith McCall, Yolanda Green, and Brain Dickens had a very hard decision.

Scoring was done on a scale of 1-10 in the areas of swimsuit, worth 15 percent, talent, 35 percent, evening gown, 10 percent, oral expression, 10 percent, and private interview, 30 percent.

Melanie Finley entertained the audience with her rendition of "If You Believe" from "The Prince of Egypt" soundtrack, while Andre Cain dedicated a song, "For You" by Kenny Lattimore, to the contestants.

The fourth runner-up was Lewis. The third runner-up was Rollins. Turner clenched the title of Miss Ep-

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1999 Miss Black and Gold, Cecily Wagner.

By Jo-Carolyn Goode
Panther Staff

With the clap of the queen's hands, the curtains

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Secret Identity: Search to define self continues for black race

By Maurice Perkins
Panther Staff

How many of us (Black people) know who we really are? Who taught us how to act? The language that we speak, is it ours? Our religion, our God, who instilled these beliefs in our intellect?

Before we answer, we really need to trace our family tree. But, where are the roots of the tree actually planted? Many of us don't know.

We go on day in and day out trying to achieve things that aren't ours to begin with.

Everything we know, we have adopted from someone else. Many people hate to look back and recall that we were sold like cattle.

We were treated like animals. Every thought our ancestors had when they were

brought here was wiped away from their minds. Everything that they ever knew was erased from memory over the years.

Our religion . . . gone! Our culture . . . gone! Our language . . . deleted! Our identity . . . no longer there!

Our people were mutilated, slain and beaten for speaking their own language, for worshipping in the way they were used to, and caring for and loving each other.

The books we just so happen to acquire during this time, do you think that there were images of African Americans being kings of countries, building pyramids, or even being Jesus Christ?

A little common sense could play a little part in this. If the stories that took place in the Bible were in Africa, were
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Professors go above, beyond call of duty for students

By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

Coming from a generation which was taught to respect your elders and always refer to those five or more years older than you as "ma'am" and "sir", I do not understand why our professors are disrespected daily by ungrateful students.

Students constantly get up during class and talk during lectures. Then when professors try to reprimand them, they have the nerve to get an attitude.

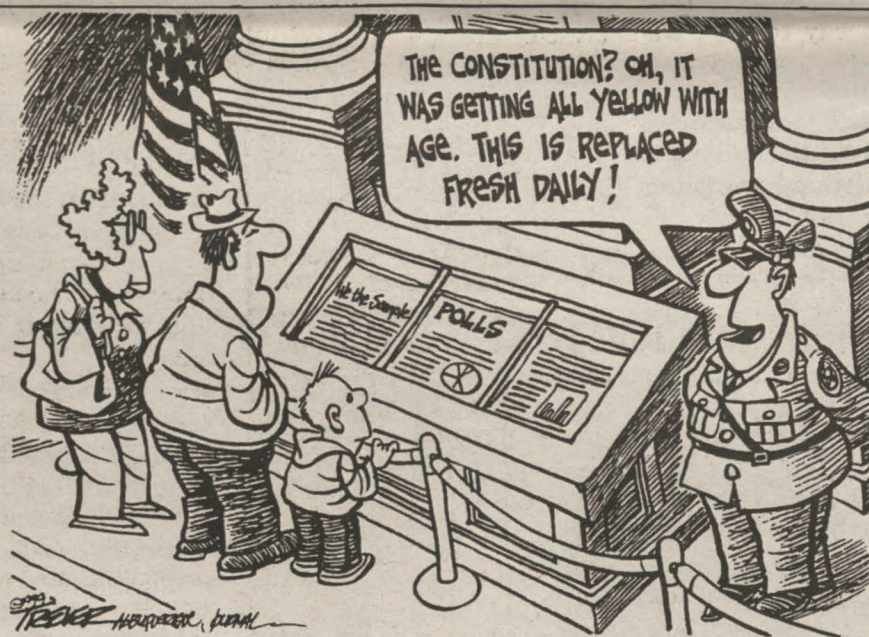
"Our" professors (I use that term lightly) are here for our benefit. They are paid to educate us. And we are indirectly paying for them to do so. So, why are we wasting their time and the time of those in the class trying to gain a little knowledge by disrupting lecture and acting in such a disrespectful manner?

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) has the pleasure of employing some of the top educators in various fields of study. We not only have the advantage of educators with esteemed academic credentials, but professors with physical experience in careers in which you hope to one day become involved.

Professors bring to the classroom their field experience and lessons that can not be learned from any department meeting or seminar.

They know all of the positives and negatives of working in that field of study and pass that insurmountable knowledge on to those students willing and worthy to comprehend and apply it.

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VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scholarship staff member offers positive reinforcement for student

Dear Panther readers,

Everyone is always complaining about the employees of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and their attitudes. As a graduating senior (May '99), I have seen various degrees of rudeness and some of the most insulting looks given by the almighty PVAMU employees.

But a few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of being assisted swiftly and courteously by Carolyn Seals in the scholarship office.

When I discovered a problem with my scholarship, I first addressed Seals in a polite manner. Then, she painstakingly listened to my situation.

Her diligence and personal attention to me was new to me. In all my years at PVAMU, I have never had such attentive help. This letter is a simple thank you in recognition of her assistance.

Seals is only one of many workers who dedicate their time and efforts to helping students, not simply doing as little as possible to get by.

Again, I thank you. I hope your co-workers have the same positive attitude and respect for the students who come into their offices.

Sincerely,
Tiara M. Ellis, senior

Student offers pep talk on failure

Dear Panther readers,

Are you pondering how to get back into the flow of life after it has knocked you down?

Taking positive actions will get rid of negative thoughts pinning you to the mat of self-doubt. Here are a few tips on how to bounce back from hard times.

Clean up your language! Get rid of self-defeating, negative or cursing language.

Clearing your vocabulary and refusing to think can't, should, must, ought to and but are the first steps. For instance, go for a job because you want to straighten out your life (combating your failed past), not just because you feel you

should or ought to. Do it because it will make you feel better.

Stop, think of you for a while sometimes. Give yourself an "A" in failure. Think about it, go to school on your mistakes.

Try to understand how you contributed to your defeat. Analyze what you did wrong, accept it as a learning experience and forgive yourself.

Take steps to overcome self-defeating processes and devote yourself to correcting the behavior.

Draw up a daily comeback plan. Use your down time to re-examine and change some of your goals. This may be a great time to go back to college or chase after that wild dream you've always had.

Draw up an activity sheet detailing everything you want to accomplish each day, not just major tasks.

Take small bites. It's helpful to do pleasurable things, but don't try to take on too big a task.

It may cause you to move back toward your negative feelings. Instead, break it down into pieces and tackle it one at a time. Taking even the smallest steps will help you move forward and keep you from obsessing over negative events.

Remember, it's not over until you win, and I plea, when life knocks you down, try to fall on your back. If you can look up, you can get up.

Christopher Harris, PVAMU student

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Everyone talks about the need to network and get to know people in their career area. Well, the best place to start is with your professors. They know people in the industry who can help you in the future.

Professor Diana Fallis, a communications educator at PVAMU, worked with KTRK channel 13 for 10 years before coming to Prairie View. In addition to teaching, she is still the co-publisher of the "Houston NewsPages", an award-winning weekly newspaper.

Dr. Dennis Judd, a physics professor, not only teaches students but takes them to Stanford University in the summer to work as interns.

The dedication of these professors to bettering our futures should be appreciated and given credit.

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in Africa, where during that time at least 90% of the population had some sort of pigment in their skin, then why do people embrace a pale skin, blonde hair, blue-eyed image that we always see?

Because, our people have been deprived of freedom for so long, many rebuked being of African descent.

And when emancipation began, they not only enjoyed freedom, but they wanted to be like whites. They wanted to have their clothes, homes, education, money, and in some cases, their companionship.

All they saw and knew was the life of a white person. By this time our original culture was completely gone. As free Black people this is where "our story" (history) begins. This is the only place we can plant our tree. We know nothing else.

Over the years we have tried our best to be like those who enslaved us. It is even that way today. We continuously try to reach that unreachable goal - to be white. Many deny it because we don't want to think that we are still captives of our own minds, but it's true.

For example, we were taught that some explorer named Christopher "Come-Bust-Us" (Columbus) discovered America. Every year we celebrate this discovery of a land that was already occupied.

But to go even further, before Chris came over to "discover" this new land, a man named Ponce DeLeon visited north "America." But, "ya don't wanna' hear the truth. Ya want me to lie to ya. Make it sound fly to ya!"

Our way of life as we "never" knew it was long gone. All we know now are the standards, laws, rules, stipulations, and beatings that whites have taught us.

After slavery, we were forced to steal and do whatever we needed for survival, and for this same tactic our people are being put in jail.

We wanted to eat, sleep, and travel with White people; we would die for it.

And now that we can do these things, we have learned to turn our back on our Black-owned businesses, often times causing Black businesses bankruptcy, and Whites prosperity.

We got angry when "Aunt Jemima," "Step N' Fetchit," and "Uncle Tom" were shown on the television screen, but now we enjoy the Martin Lawrence's show, and the "Blackberry Inn" on BET.

We get mad when anyone outside of our race calls us "n@%a," but we call each other "n@%a" each and everyday. But, I guess you just call it entertainment. Is it really, or is it all a political game that we haven't yet learned how to play?

Instead of adjusting to the changes that come our way, we have just simply conformed.

We have been molded to be who we are and until we stop for at least one day and think about everything that is going on around us and not just in our little worlds, we will see that in the real world, there are things that are happening to us, that we really don't realize, i.e. Illuminati and the New World Order (N.W.O.). Look familiar?

We all are trying to reach an unattainable goal. We all want the mansions we see on television, drive the nice cars, and have the nice clothes, just to be more like someone or something that we will never be.

Many of us do not truly know who we are and where we are going because we don't truly know who we really are and where we came from. Don't let someone else define who you are, find yourself, for yourself, by yourself.

Congratulations, Latoya Moore,
for your performance in the
Black and Gold Pageant!

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Submission Policy for Letters to the Editor

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CAMPUS NEWS

Legendary trailrides continue historic traditions

Yana Estes
Panther Staff

Recently, the Prairie View Trail Riders took off into the sunset heading for Houston, and the legend continued.

The riders camped near the Prairie View Inn before their trailride began, a journey made on horseback, and in carriages. The horses range about five miles an hour, so it takes time to get to certain destinations.

The trail ride is a salute to the Buffalo Soldiers, and was established in 1957 by James Francies, Jr. who wanted to preserve the Black Western Heritage, which was not recorded in history.

Blacks participated heavily in the history of the West during the period of

1942-1957.

Francies wanted to promote agriculture and rodeo interests in young African Americans, and provide a path for graduates in agricultural and mechanical fields.

He worked as a cowhand, and left home at the age of 19. On the ranch, he learned to ride and rope animals. Later, Francies worked in the rice agri-business.

When the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo began to run in full swing, there was little black participation. Francies set off to change that, and make history.

An official meeting took place on Jan. 7, 1957 with Dr. E. B. Evans, the former president of PV College, Dr. A. N. Poindexter, the late Mr. J.C. Williams,

Mr. H. A. Perkins, and Mr. James Francies, Jr. It is at this meeting, that the Prairie View Trail Riders Asso-

In 1958, the Prairie View Trail made its first official ride from Prairie View to join in with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The original trail had one wagon and seven riders.



Photo by Glenn Russell

Prairie View Trailriders prepare for annual journey.

ciation was officially established.

Along with Francies's intentions, the goals were to educate, promote horsemanship, scholarship, and bring the community together.

Since the first ride, The Prairie View Trailriders Association has helped to establish The Southwest Trail, The Northeast Trail, and the Circle A Trail.

Myrtis Dightman was the first black cowboy to reach the National Finals in the Rodeo, and Nat

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Robbery attempt at local store

Alfred Fulton
Panther Staff

There are still no suspects in the Jan. 27 attempted armed robbery of the Three Panthers convenient store located on University Drive.

Two young men, one who pulled what is believed to be a .22 caliber weapon, held store clerk James Curtis and customer James Maze, at gunpoint. Curtis said around 8:15 p.m., two men rushed into the store, demanding money.

The two robbers attempted to take the money from the register themselves.

"You could tell they were nervous, but we remained calm," said Maze. "They were pointing the gun from one of us to the other."

This is the first armed robbery attempt at Three Panthers this year, although there was a burglary attempt.

"It's a sad fact that a struggling Black-owned business which assists the community and university must suffer a setback by its own youth," said PVAMU student and store owner Lisa Sidney.

Program launched to encourage reading

Kandyce Mayberry
Panther Staff

Western Union Financial Services, Inc. in cooperation with the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) has launched a national program to encourage more students to read.

The program, Western Union Study Buddies™, is geared toward students in the first through third grades and it will give students the

chance to engage in tutoring sessions.

Western Union has also developed a learning journal called "Around the World with Western Union." It provides young readers with a variety of fun and educational activities.

The program has already started in Chicago, Atlanta and Philadelphia, and involves some of the over 5,000 African American NABSE educators.

"One of NABSE's main goals is to improve the educational accomplishments of African American youth through instruction and motivational methods," said Quentin Lawson, executive director.

"Studies have shown that children who do not achieve basic reading skills by the 3rd grade, will continue to be at a disadvantage later in life," said Doug McNary, President of Western Union North America.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Fresh program helps with substance abuse

By Queverra Moten
Panther staff

Across America the effects of alcohol, drugs and violence have taken a toll on society as a whole. There isn't a day that one can sit down and watch the news or read the newspaper without hearing about the horrible stories of someone ending up in fatal accidents due to alcohol, drugs or violence.

On PVAMU's campus alone, students are able to witness the traumatizing affects of drugs.

Researchers say drug use originates in the family structure. Whatever the case is, drugs are killing off communities along with destroying families.

There is a new organization on PVAMU's campus, "Alcohol, other Drugs, and Violence Prevention Program".

"This program is designed to increase awareness on the effects of alcohol, other drugs, and violence. It seeks to implement programs with the student volunteers on the college and community level about the perils of alcohol and drug abuse. The program implemented will target the prevention of violence, sexual assault, and date/acquaintance rape. The teaching aspect of the program will be utilized to deter tragedies of alcohol and other drug abuse."

The organization is planning activities for March and April including Awareness Week, which will be dedicated to those who have died due to drugs or violence. Dedicated volunteers are needed to help save the lives of others.

For more information regarding the program,

Manager Nicole Bradford can be contacted at ext. 2693 or 307F Evans Hall.

Take a stand now, after all haven't we lost enough?

Rodeo set to return

For Texans and many others across the nation, February marks the beginning of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The 1999 performance lineup includes Reba McEntire, Clint Black, Vince Gill, Shania Twain, and Brian McKnight. Also David Lee Garza, Emilio, Ram Herrera are scheduled to appear.

"The attractions of the show appeal to both young and old, the rural farmer and the city dweller, and people of all ethnicities and heritages," Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo president Jim Bloodworth said.

Kandyce Mayberry

Browder sheds light on African contributions to American civilization

By Pamela Brown
Panther staff

The internationally known Egyptologist, author, historian, and publisher Anthony Browder blessed PVAMU with his presence on Feb 17 in a program provided by the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Browder, a graduate of Harvard and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, shared some of his personal life history, and continued with a slide presentation of little known cultural facts. He also signed autographs and answered students' questions.

Browder has written and published many books including Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization, which was being emphasized at the lecture.

He stressed the importance of history and the need for African Americans to develop appreciation for Africa and its ancestors.

He stated that the destruction as well as the distortion of Africa's history will keep young African Americans subservient spiritually, mentally and financially.

He presented treasured aspects of American culture such as the dollar bill, the American seal, and even the Washington monument as mere copies of Egyptian artifacts that were created before America.

"Hidden within the truth, is a greater truth if you know how to find it," said Browder

Browder explained that the games being played with history and culture need to stop and the greatness to African history needs to be restored. He stressed the need for African Americans as a people to be reeducated in a proper and truthful manner.

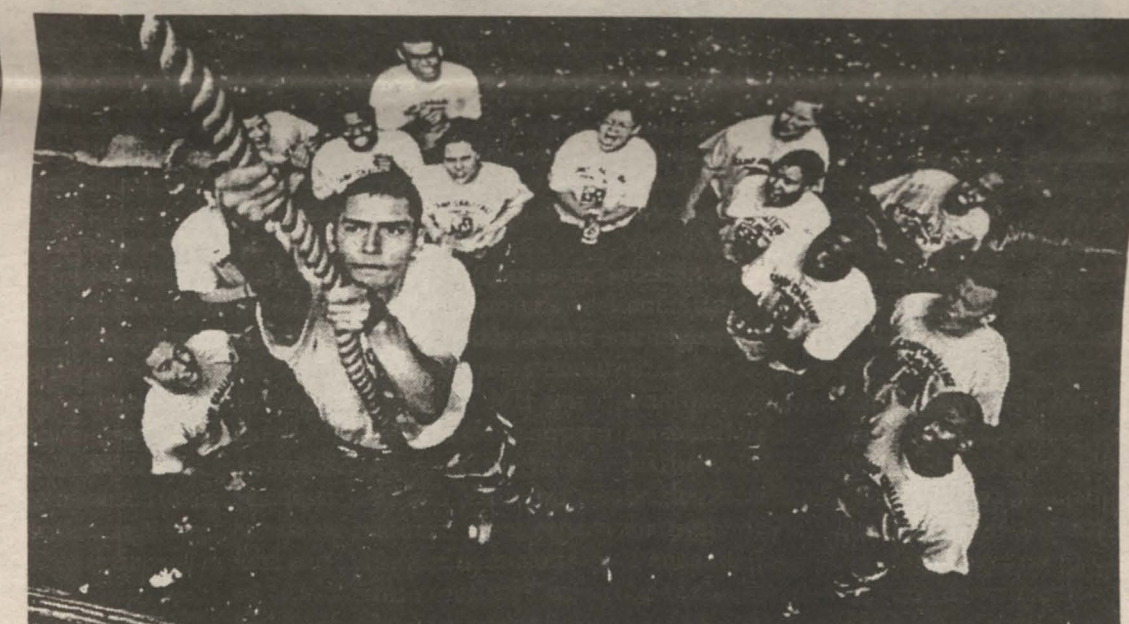
He said the application of knowledge is freedom, but knowledge has to be obtained. He encouraged African Americans to reconnect with their ancestors and honor them in memory which can help shape the future.

The "Negro" in his eyes was created 558 years ago by an European king. Browder stated that each individual in America is a "recovering Negro" and must strive to install the vision of being proud, confident, and educated.

The story of origins remain untold as Browder strives to reveal both hidden and stolen legacies of African culture.



Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijjewe
Author Anthony Browder shares insights with PVAMU students.



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REGIONAL/NATIONAL NEWS

New European currency presents potential economic difficulties

By Shana A. Miller
Panther Staff

The euro-dollar will unite the formerly independent monetary systems under one currency. No longer will people have to trade their Dutch money for French money. For European countries with weak economies, the

euro-dollar is a chance to boost their economies.

Having an entire continent under one currency system will strengthen that currency system while weakening and shifting other systems. In his article "The Euro and the Dollar," Robert N. McCaully said assets today suggest that the euro-dollar

could lead to shifts in the American dollar in the near future.

European countries of all sizes and economies will be affected by the transition from their currency to the euro-dollar, according to an article found on euro-dollar.com. All European countries should prepare ahead of time. According to euro-dollar.com, the

main challenges of the euro-dollar are double currency systems during the transition, huge data conversion after the transition, and the need to go through euro conversion in parallel or past year 2000.

According to Newsweek.com, many operating systems can't display or

print the euro-dollar symbol. Someone using the euro in an e-mail may send it to someone who will not be able to read it. This may cause confusion in many businesses. The article remarks that certain applications, such as Windows 95 and NT have no problem with the symbol, while other applications may have to be updated.

TSU struggles with financial problems

By Sheleah Hughes
News Editor

One strike, two strikes, three strikes, four strikes, five strikes, wait, shouldn't you be out?

Under the rules of baseball, Texas Southern University (TSU) would have been out and waiting for another turn up at the plate, but under the rules of the Texas Legislature, they have been awarded an extended turn.

In December, lawmakers agreed to bail out the university with \$3.5 million in state funds to cover costs that date back into 1997.

This bailout was not the first.

Over the years, more than \$10 million in bail out funds have been delivered to TSU. Aid has also been delivered in the form of academic advisement from other universities and the offer of combining TSU with another university.

The proposed collaboration would be for only two years. After the time period expires, Texas Southern would then again become an independent university.

Other options include combining TSU with another school permanently.

"There is some skepticism here in the House and the Senate about TSU and it's viability. This is not the first time TSU has been called to issue. We have got to come up with a plan that assures people that TSU can remain viable and independent," Gov. George Bush said.

The issuance of funds from the legislature were also accompanied by a condition

that TSU straighten out the long history of problems by April 1999 or be forced to go under a university system.

Being part of a university system means losing the majority black board of regents and also losing control over the budget.

TSU is the only black college located in Texas which operates under its own board of regents. Other black colleges, including Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and Huston-Tillotson, administer under larger university systems such as the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) and the University of Texas system.

These systems' purposes are to oversee the school's fiscal affairs and also navigate financial aid and the nuclear budget. It also steps in and provides money whenever it is needed.

President James Douglas and other senior staff members were released and replaced by interim President Priscilla Slade and a full staff of new members, who entered office with a desk full of problems. Although progress was monitored, there was no evidence showing much improvement.

The unexpected change of staff was taken in order to show the state legislature how important it is to keep TSU independent.

"We are totally committed to keeping TSU independent. We are taking bold steps and (making) bold changes to show the legislature we're going to fix the problems," Williard Jack, chairman of TSU's board of regents, said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

We're not nerds
Honda Campus All-Stars boggle the mind

By Kalyn Bullock
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University has its own Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team (HCASC).

The All-Star Team is a group of college students who compete in academic competitions in subjects such as geography, history, presidents and science.

Every year PVAMU has tryouts with different teams to select its finalists to represent the school.

This year's team is composed of sophomore music education major, Cleveland Harris, senior biology major, Aminah Lewis, junior finance information systems major Eric McNair, sophomore agricultural economics and finance major Charles Smith, and senior finance major, Malcolm Sykes.

The head coach for the team is Herbert Thomas, PVAMU placement coordinator. These students have been practicing very hard, so they



Aminah Lewis, Charles Smith, Malcom Sykes and Eric McNair, Honda Campus All-Star members pprepare for the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge.

photo by Glenn Russell

can go to Washington, DC and claim the grand prize of \$50,000.

In 1991 the HCASC team won the grand prize. Out of 64 historically black colleges and universities that participated in the 1997-1998 school year, the team were among the top 30.

The All-Star Team had a practice game on Friday, Feb. 12. Most of the questions asked were not common knowledge, however the students knew the answers because they studied hard. This team works together greatly.

They are not just serious people who do not believe in smiling, laughing, and having a good time. One technique the team utilizes is specializing in a particular field. All the members knew the information, but one person may be extremely skilled in an area so they tend to answer those questions.

According to Smith, HCASC is "enjoyable, and an experience of a lifetime; and in Washington we are going to wreck."

With this kind of self-motivation, the team also need school-motivation and school support.

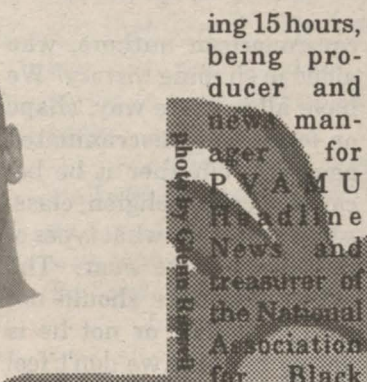
PVAMU's All-Star team will compete March 11-15 in Washington, DC

Braids, Fades and Purple Kool-Aid®
Hopkins mentors area elementary students

By La Shanda Lombard
Panther Staff

One of Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) own juggles classes and campus activities, yet still finds time to help local elementary students.

Once a week, senior radio and television major, Carlos C. Hopkins from Stockton, CA, works around his busy schedule to help young students at Holloman Elementary School in Waller. In addition to hold-



ing 15 hours, being producer and news manager for PVAMU Headline News and treasurer of the National Association for Black Journalists, Hopkins spends 45 minutes a day tutoring students in the specific subjects they struggle with.

Along with assisting the students with their work, Hopkins also reads stories, plays games and helps with any other problems they might have.

"My whole view on life is to help other people," Hopkins said.

Hopkins is a creative individual who was the master mind behind The Panther's shout-outs which were created

to raise money for school supplies for H.T. Jones Elementary School.

Hopkins also held the title of Business Manager, Advertising Editor, and Copy editor for The Panther, as well as the title of Junior Class Homecoming King.

This is just one example of the outstanding students at PVAMU who dedicate their time to more than just work at school, but to a higher level of helping others.

Carlos' favorite Kool-aid: Tropical punch mixed with lemonade.

This feature was added to give recognition to outstanding campus leaders - organizations and individuals.

The Panther solicits any nominations from students, faculty and staff for honorees in this section.

Love is in the air
Delta's hold annual Red and White Gala

By Kesha C. Jones
Panther Staff

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.- Eta Beta Chapter-hosted their annual Red and White Gala. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, they played Cupid by bringing couples and singles closer together at the social gathering that has been one of many traditions at Prairie View A & M University.

Even though the men and women showed up in their best suits and beautiful evening gowns, they were not prepared for the lively atmosphere. Unlike the gala's of the past, some comfortable shoes were required because the night consisted of plenty of music, dancing, and socializing.

The Memorial Student Center ballroom was transformed featuring candle lit tables, a drink fountain, and an ice sculpture showcasing the sorority's beloved elephant.

The ladies also graciously served their guest food and refreshments which helped to complete the ambience.

Also for the guests enjoyment, there was a photo booth provided to capture the evening, and the winners of the Valentine raffle were announced.

The prizes of the raffle were a \$50 gift certificate to Victoria's Secret, a gift basket, and movie passes for two. The winners of the Delta's dating game were also provided with two free tickets to the gala and a complimentary photo.

Tara White, the co-chairperson of the event, thought the turn out was great.

"I would like to thank the committee and my line sisters because without them it wouldn't have been possible," said White.

The sorority would also like to thank the other organizations for their support and the guests who came, and hope to see every one again next year.

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BLACK HISTORY

Annunobi dedicated to students' success

By Yauna Estes
Panther Staff

Dr. Fredoline Annunobi holds many degrees, and a good heart. He is dedicated to the success and development of students.

His focus is to educate, while forcing people to open their minds and expose themselves to other countries, their views, their customs, their governments, their business practices and the way they live.

Dr. Annunobi is responsible for the development of the International Studies Program here at Prairie View A&M University. He has also aided in the teaching of Swahili here on campus and everyone is encouraged to take it.

What is the International Studies Program? It is a program developed to allow

students to study in other countries. The student will gain exposure to another country, while gaining the knowledge necessary to be competitive in any job field.

"The job market is becoming more global. This is why it is necessary to study abroad and learn a foreign language, so that when you graduate, you will be able to compete," stated Dr. Annunobi.

"This is not at all to say that you cannot compete if you do not know a foreign language or have nor studies abroad, it just makes you more marketable. Jobs are more willing to hire people and pay more if you are bilingual, you have some (foreign) exposure and you are willing to relocate."

"It is not just a matter of studying abroad, but what you do upon your return," says Dr. Annunobi.

"It is not a matter of

wanting to just go somewhere."

The student must go through counseling and interviews before he or she receives an application.

Next, the student must fill out the application and decide where he or she would like to go.

Furthermore the student must submit a transcript and essay addressing why they want to study abroad and what the student intends to accomplish. The student must show academic excellence.

If a student is chosen, he or she must address a committee and read the essay that he or she has written and answer questions concerning studying abroad, and the student's intent.

The international fee that we now see included on our fee receipt is what assists in this international

education process. Dr. Annunobi continues to be persistent with the school board, and he pushes so that we as African-Americans can learn more. He holds seminars and is constantly on the go. He is now working on the actual academic program of study here at Prairie View, which may or may not be accepted in the fall of 1999.

Thanks to Dr., Annunobi, we as students can better ourselves gain better knowledge of other places and continue to strive for excellence through a positive attitude.

If you have any questions and are interested in the international studies program, please contact Dr. Annunobi on the first floor of the Political Science building. He also encourages you to get involved on campus with the International Student Organization on Campus.

Answer black history trivia

The first three persons to submit the correct answers to all six questions will receive a prize from the Office of Multicultural Services.

1. Name the black statesman who became the Undersecretary General of the United Nations (U.N.) in 1968?
2. Known for his work in refrigeration, this inventor also received a patent for a machine that dispensed movie tickets and change. Who is he?
3. Who was the first black man to become a Rhodes Scholar?
4. Who built the first American-made clock and is credited with producing the building plans of Washington, D.C.?
5. Who was the first black seated in the U.S. House of Representatives?
6. Who invented a shoe lasting machine which revolutionized the shoe industry and made Lynn, Massachusetts the "Shoe Capitol of the World"?

The responses submitted must be typewritten answers, including the student's name and phone number, to the Office of Student Activities, Memorial Student Center, Rm. 116.

*These questions have been provided by the Office of Multicultural Services and the Office of Student Activities, Brian K. Dickens, Director and Denise Simmons, Assistant Director.



Invisible Man

by Ralph Ellison
Book Review

By Yauna Estes
Panther Space

"Invisible Man," by Ralph Ellison, has often been compared to the book and movie titled "the Invisible Man" by H.G. Wells. However, there is no comparison. Ralph Ellison is one of the most brilliant African-American authors of all time.

In his book "Invisible Man" he describes his life as it took place in Harlem, in the days when African-Americans were severely discriminated against. He illustrates how he is invisible, not because he is physically invisible, but because people see what they want to see and not what is actually there. He is invisible because he is different, poor and black.

When I read, it made me see real pictures in my head. Ellison is one of the most eloquent authors and I

am glad to have the privilege to have read his literature. His book traps the reader and makes the reader feel as if they are actually watching the events, as they occur.

"I am an invisible man. No, I am not a spook like those who have haunted Edgar Allan Poe nor am I one of your Hollywood movie ectoplasms. Nor is my invisibility exactly a matter of a biochemical accident to my epidermis. This invisibility to which I refer occurs because of the peculiar disposition of the eyes of those with whom I come in contact. The eyes with which they use to see, their inner eyes, eyes upon reality. I am an invisible man."

Ellison was speaking of how he was viewed and treated: different, sick, disgusting and black. He was describing what many of us must endure. We endure the torture and pain of being dif-

ferent and unique.

If you look closely, he also says that it is the other people who refuse to open their minds and hearts. Ellison recalled an incident when he was forced to use violence and it truly was not in his nature.

"I remember one day I bumped into a man and perhaps because of the near darkness, he saw me, spat at me and called me an insulting name. I sprang at him seized his coat lapels and demanded he apologize! I grabbed his head and butted it against mine as I had seen once in the West Indies. I butted his head again and again and demanded, 'Apologize, apologize!' And I began to kick him in a frenzy. Oh yes, I kicked him because, though his lips were frothy with blood, he continued to mutter insults at me. To him I was invisible."

Wow, literature is amazing, especially by Afri-

can-American authors, who aided in shaping history. We have all in some way, shape or form been discriminated against. Whether it be because of color, religion, class, social status, or what types of clothes that we wear. The point is that we should not worry whether or not he is dating her or if we don't feel someone belongs somewhere or 'wow, look at those two are holding hands.' Ellison reacted this way because he was tired of being nice and tolerating the hate. He expresses his disgust through literature.

I would recommend this book to anyone. If you do decide to read this, one thing that you should take away is that it does not matter what race, color, creed, nationality or sexual preference a person is. It is important to love everyone regardless and work together to end the hate and fear. We all are human.

Celebrating Kwanzaa sparks controversy

Angela Dixon
Staff Writer

Kwanzaa, meaning first fruits, is a seven day celebration originated in 1965 by Dr. Maulana Karenga.

The holiday was originated to "help African-Americans relate to the past in order to understand the present and deal with the future."

Seven key principles are the basis of the celebration: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

One principle is celebrated for each day. Although Kwanzaa is a relatively new holiday, Kwanzaa has both its staunch supporters and its skeptics.

Kwanzaa skeptics stated several reasons why Kwanzaa should be considered an insult to African-Americans, ranging from Kwanzaa has rituals that are of Swahili origin, having no African roots whatsoever, to "Kwanzaa inventors were shillings for Marxism."

Another slap in the face to Kwanzaa supporters is the fact that some feel that when the white establishment supports Kwanzaa, it is merely

a ploy to "calm" activists.

"Our treatment of Kwanzaa provides a revealing sign of how far we have yet to travel on the road to reconciliation. The white establishment has thrown in with it, not just to cash in on the business, but to patronize black activists and shut them up," said Tony Snow.

Along with Snow, other African-Americans feel that Kwanzaa is not a positive holiday not for the previously stated principles but for other reasons like Kwanzaa taking advantage of post Christmas sales.

There are also those who said it is not a celebration of Black roots.

Keith Richburg, the African bureau chief for the Washington Post for three years, said, "Talk to me about Africa and my black roots... I'll throw it back in your face, and then I'll rub your nose in the images of rotting flesh."

As for the staunch supporters of Kwanzaa, many expressed that the commentary provided by Tony Snow of the Fox News Sunday was accurately researched but more importantly very insulting and biased. Many supporters of Kwanzaa feel that a Caucasian man should not adversely speak against a holiday that doesn't affect him.

Historical from page 1

In 1952 the university had about fifty buildings, most of which do not exist today.

Some of the buildings that existed during that time were Suarez Hall, Crawford Hall, Evans Hall, Luckie Hall, Blackshear Hall, Anderson Hall, Woodruff Hall, Schumacher Hall, and the Wolfolk Building.

Several of the buildings on campus have been here for years, however, they

have been remodeled and converted to serve different purposes.

Annie Laurie Evans Hall which was erected in 1928 as a residence hall for women was converted to the Center for Student Services in 1978.

In 1978 Anderson Hall was also converted from a women's dorm to house the Career Education and Placement Services.

In the last few years Prairie View A&M University has seen several structural

changes.

New housing facilities called Villages have been erected, along with a community center and a student park.

In the near future students, faculty and staff can look forward to the demolishing of several dorms to make way for new villages.

They can also look forward to a new Memorial Student Center and science building.

BLACK HISTORY

Exploring the past, present and future of blacks in America

By La Shanda Lombard
Staff Writer

When we get on a bus, where is the first place most people run to? The back.

Do we take for granted what our black leaders fought long and hard for? Do we ever stop and think about that one time the back was the only place we could sit?

True enough, during black history month we remember the risks taken and battles fought for the freedoms that we take for granted today.

Too often we take for granted the things generations of our ancestors were deprived of.

Today there are more jobs available, there are black executives in large corporations, politicians, inventors, and entrepreneurs.

These are jobs that we have now that were not available to African Americans.

Martin Luther King, Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. Dubois, Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X and many others contributed to many of the privileges at Colored water foun-

tains, separate schools, certain places to sit in restaurants, back door entrances and not being able to have good jobs in certain cities were some of the barriers that our forefathers overcame so we the opportunites we have today.

Blacks in this society face many obstacles as well as other minorities, but the many problems are being overcome everyday.

Blacks have accomplished many things from past to present. Among the products blacks have invented are traffic lights and peanut butter.

History books do not tell the entire story of the role that blacks played in major wars and battles. They don't tell you how thousands of soldiers died fighting a war for their country.

Black history month is a time to learn about the things blacks don't know and learn in everyday life until that one month comes around, which happens to be the shortest month of the year.

"If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in life, with confidence you have won even before you have started," said Marcus Garvey.

This statement has

been repeated throughout history as well as the famous words of other black leaders.

"Without struggle, there is no progress," Frederick Douglas said.

If there is no struggle there is no progress. Everyone has to work hard for what they want in life and because it does not come easy. Blacks' ancestors have proven this theory over a million times in their struggle to accomplish the rights blacks have today.

Life could be much harder if blacks were still fighting the battles of the past, which are not totally abolished.

There still remains prejudice among the American society and there still remains battles which are constantly being fought to keep the rights and privileges blacks have.

It is said that there are almost more minorities in the United States than the majority. It is also said that history repeats itself, but will society ever return to the way it used to be?

African Americans are a low percentage of the U.S. today, yet their voices are still strong, bold, clear and continue to be heard ringing through the nation's ears.

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Under the Gunn

New jazz artist presents old-school twist

Recording artist, Russel Gunn gives a new meaning to jazz with his Atlantic Records debut album, *Ethnomusicology Volume 1*. You don't necessarily have to be a big listener of jazz to enjoy this particular album. As stated in the first track, "74 Miles Away," all you need is an "open mind and two ears." If you are a lover of the old school hip-hop sounds of Eric B. & Rakim and LL Cool J, you can truly vibe to this whole CD.

This native of East St. Louis, Ill. is no freshman to the music industry. He has earned his stripes by working with such influential artists as Wynton Marsalis, James Moody, Buckshot LeFonque, and Maxwell. The latter included Gunn on his popular *MTV Unplugged EP* and *Embrya* album. He has performed as a band leader in such New York City clubs as Birdland, the 5-Spot, Sweet Basil, and the Jazz Standard.

The multi-talented Gunn plays a wide array of instruments including trumpet, flugelhorn, organ bass, vox, human beatbox, and tambourine.

Gunn tries to keep it real, and attract a variety of

listeners, especially the younger generation of hip-hop and jazz listeners, by sampling such rap legends as Kurtis Blow and Run-DMC, as well as DJ Apollo. If you listen closely to track three entitled "Sybil's Blues," you hear the pipes of the organ as if you were feeling the spirit in church with a *Sanford & Son* feel.

Together with his own band, Gunn shoots into tracks ranging from the supercharged sax-and-scratch of "Shiva" to the go-go-propelled funk of "Sybil's Blues" to the smooth, steamy, and sexy "Doll."

This album is definitely for people who enjoy music. This is a very relaxing joint that you can get your groove on to, study to, or just

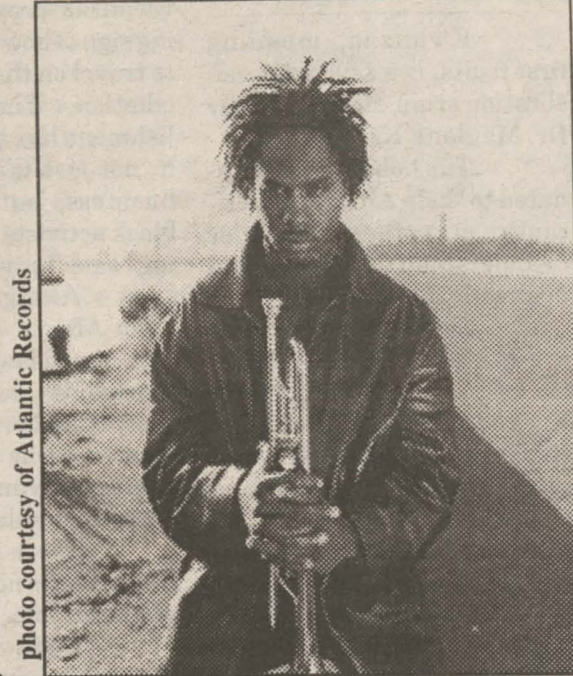


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New multi-talented Jazz Artist blazing the charts, Russel Gunn.

chill with the colored light bulbs, blowing incense, and spittin' poetry.

Ethnomusicology Volume 1 "is for people that like music," Gunn expresses. "If you don't like music then you probably won't like this album."

By Maurice Perkins
Panther Staff

Open Mic Twisted Love

Why can't I be woman enough to leave?
Why can't he be a man like Martin and tell me to get to stepping? Isn't this a deception that's long over due for some negative recognition? Isn't it something how a rose can be so beautiful and all of a sudden its buds darken and begin to fall apart? "Yeah, whatever," I know some of you are saying. "I never heard anything of that sort." So that means you need to face the truth, face the facts. Just like you gon' always be black. You think love can't sour, love can't spoil. Just as if you were planting a seed deep, deep into the soil. Sorry, I guess you hadn't realized that rain can wash away the deepest planted seed. That'll make your heart bleed and never stop, where as it feels like you're being beaten by a B.A. cop. Thinking about Debra Cox, well if nobody is supposed to be here, why the hell did you let him in? That must have been your biggest sin, a disgrace, next time hesitate. See 'em acting up, put him in his place. B.B. Cool I must have been high when he wrote the song "I Need Love." Frustrated, Aggravated, Agitated, and I need love? What the hell for?

-Tamara Armelin

There are three smiley faces in this issue. The first two people to find two win a new C.D. for Black History Month. Claim your prize in MSC room 114. Example: 😊

Top 25 Hits from the 70s

The Panther's favorite hits of the 70s in no particular order.

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Barry White | "Shining Star"
Earth, Wind & Fire | "Ring My Bell"
Anita Ward | "Brick House"
Commodores | "Car Wash"
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Gloria Gaynor | "Shaft"
Isaac Hayes | "Tell Me Something Good"
Rufus f/ Chaka Khan | "Jungle Boogie"
Kool & the Gang | "Love & Happiness"
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Van McCoy | "Macho Man"
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Two major music labels merge, form world's largest company

Created from the combination of Universal and Polygram, the new Universal Music Group (UMG) is the world's premier music company. Its global operations include the development, manufacture, marketing, sales and distribution of recorded music through a network of subsidiaries and joint ventures in 59 countries around the world.

UMG is now number one in market share in the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Austria. Unparalleled in depth and diversity of music, Universal Music Group leads the industry with its presence in countries around the world, featuring every musical genre from rock to pop and R&B to jazz and classical.

The birth of Universal Music Group began May 21, 1998 when The Seagram Company Ltd. announced that it had agreed with Royal Philips Electronics and Polygram to acquire Polygram in a transaction valued at \$10.6 billion. Polygram, combining with Universal Studios, Inc. and Seagram's Entertainment subsidiary, created the world's largest music company, and global entertainment leader.



The new label embraces a vast array of artists, including global sellers such as Erykah Badu, George Benson, Bon Jovi, DMX, Hanson and Marilyn Manson.

With this merger, UMG owns an extensive catalog of music. Among the legendary artists are Aerosmith, Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane, The Commodores, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and The Four Tops.

The record labels under the strong arm of UMG include A&M, MCA, Universal, Interscope, Mercury, Island, Motown and Def Jam.

The company has operations in 48 countries covering 98% of the global music market. UMG has the leading distribution system in the world, reaching more people

and countries than any of its competitors.

The revenue generated by UMG is not only from the music industry. Film and television are some of the youngest ventures that MCA/Polygram has tapped into. UMG has produced such films as *How to be a Player*, *Due South*, and *Manga* along with the television shows *Reel Life* and *Sundance Channel*. The combined MCA/Polygram Music Publishing Companies will have 40 operating publishing offices worldwide and will be the third largest publishing company in the world.

By Maurice Perkins
Panther Staff

20 Questions

1. Okay, what's the deal with the cable in Phase III?
2. Will all of the out of control students please stay away from the MSC? (strippers, vandals, etc.)
3. Why were the AKA's acting like they sponsored the Miss Black and Gold Pageant?
4. Why is it that the only 'art' that some girls own is on their nails?
5. Are we the only people sick and tired of those Splackavellie/Do-boy guys?
6. Why did some people come to the Red & White Gala in their 1992 prom dresses?
7. Sticking with the same topic, didn't the Gala kind of remind you of a Jr. High Valentine's Day dance?
8. Who are the stupid fools who robbed one of the only black-owned stores in town?
9. Do any of the scoreboards in the Dome have all of the bulbs?
10. Does anybody think the basketball team will REPEAT?
11. Why are the May 1999 graduates so hype?
12. Could it be because some of them have been here since 1989?
13. Why do some people dry-clean washable clothing? (i.e. jeans, jerseys, t-shirts)
14. Why did Chase bank come to the career fair, but not have any job openings?
15. Why did some girl get a 'twistie tie' in her burger from the MSC as an a la carte item?
16. Did some of you come to PV just to drink, smoke, and have sex?
17. Why are the prices of the Village increasing while the quality of housing goes steadily down?
18. Is anybody out there wondering why the Ωψφ tree is brown?
19. Are they ever going to clean up all of the horse crap?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any question you may have to The Panther, Room 114 in the bottom of the MSC. Questions are printed upon discretion of The Panther.

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The first nine people to correctly unscramble the three movies above will win a video of their choice courtesy of Mirimax Home Entertainment. Claim your prize by bringing the correct answers and this issue of the paper to The Panther office in the bottom of the MSC, room 114.

SPORTS NEWS

PV baseball; SWAC champions?

By Sheleah Hughes
News Editor

Disappointing losses to Lamar University, Sam Houston, and one to Huston-Tillotson leave the Panthers in despair but the one and a pair from Jarvis and Huston-Tillotson, prove that winning can be done.

"We are trying to decide who swings the bat when the game is on the line," said team captain Armond Hill, "We are trying to see who is a ball player and who is not."

The preseason games have given the Panthers an opportunity to determine what can be changed to make the team as impressive as it could be.

"We have young pitchers, only a couple of them are upperclassmen," Coach Tankersly said.

The lead off pitchers include sophomores Michael Wesley and Armond Hill, juniors Brandon McNair, T. Price, and Kent Kelly, and freshmen players Al Smith and Thomas Price. With the continuance of play more changes will be made.

Upcoming games including Sam Houston, Huston-Tillotson and Oklahoma State from the Big-12 conference. These games will give the Panther baseball program nothing but challenges and opportunities to strengthen their team.

On Saturday Feb.27

the Panthers will open up conference play against backyard rival Texas Southern. TSU who is ranked one above PV and under Southern and Grambling will give Coach Tankersly and his Panthers an opportunity to play hard and prepare for the rest of conference competition.

"We are picked pretty low, but we're going to win the championship. I can guarantee," Hill said.

Baseball is sometimes not justified by the best team or the best record. The sport relies on confidence, skill, heart and devotion.

The Panthers have just that, and soon they will have a SWAC championship, hopefully.

The Espy goes to... ESPN recognizes the Year In Sports

By Brad Ruffin
Sports Editor

Whether you're a sports fan or not, very few people have gone without viewing something on ESPN. The 24 hour cable sports network covers an endless list of sporting events.

On Monday, Feb. 15, ESPN presented its annual Espy awards to the sports community. The award is given to the best of the best in virtually every sport.

Since this past year was filled with record breakers and news makers in the world of sports, any of the nominees in all of the categories had a legitimate chance at winning.

Arriving from his victory at Daytona 500, NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon was named Race Car Driver of the year.

Gordon, who is the two time defending champion, will attempt to out race his competition this NASCAR season.

Performance of the Year recipient David Wells, of the World Champion New York Yankees received the award for becoming only the 15th pitcher in Major League history to pitch a "no hitter." Wells, along with his teammates was presented the Espy for team of the year.

New York Yankee manager Joe Torre was named

Coach/Manager of the year for guiding the Yankees to the best record ever in the Major Leagues.

The college and professional football ranks were well represented during the awards show.

Denver Bronco running back Terrell Davis and Texas Longhorn running back Ricky Williams both received awards for professional and college player of the year.

Williams, this years Heisman Trophy winner, broke Tony Dorsett's division I NCAA rushing record ear-

Sosa proceeded to donate 90,000 pounds of food and water to the hurricane victims of his native Dominican Republic.

lier this season. Davis helped the Broncos claim their second Super Bowl.

Fresh from his recent split decision, undefeated boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya was named Boxer of the year.

The Humanitarian award went to Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa after the

unbelievable homerun derby he and Mark McGwire displayed during the season,

Sosa proceeded to donate 90,000 pounds of food and water to the hurricane victims of his native Dominican Republic.

This is in addition to the computers, school supplies, and baseball equipment he previously donated.

McGwire was presented the Espy for Baseball Player of the Year and Athlete of the Year, breaking Roger Maris's long record for number of homeruns in a season and perhaps rewriting the history books forever.

The men's and women's basketball player of the year award was no surprise.

League Most Valuable Player Cynthia Cooper of the Houston Comets received the ESPY for women's basketball.

She helped the Comets win their second consecutive WNBA title.

Live from his home in Chicago, Michael Jordan accepted the Espy for men's basketball, leading the Chicago Bulls to their third straight NBA title.

ESPN proved exactly why it is a leader in sports, by recognizing the leaders in sports.

SPORTS NEWS

Throwing for the Love

By Jon Cook
Panther Staff

Field events provide excitement

The sun beats down on the athletes like an unforgiving mother when they stayed out past curfew.

Time and again, the man cocks the iron ball into the crook of neck and shoulder, carefully balances it, and flings it like an unwanted number as far as he possibly can. He looks at the dust cloud where it lands, as he goes to retrieve it.

He starts the procedure over again. Let the runners skip around like energizer bunnies, first on the straightaway and then 30 seconds later on the opposite side of the track.

The throwers' game isn't about speed. It's about weight, power and strength and how they all relate.

A woman steps into the circle.

Her male teammates look on, as she launches another shot that lands with a palatable thud, 15 feet away. She walks with the men, just as strong, just as powerful, not as big, but commanding big respect.

"I do it for the love," said Caprisa Owens, one of the very few women who tout the title of 'thrower'.

A 'thrower' is best defined as an athlete who competes in the field events like discus, hammer throw and javelin.

The game is simple, just throw the object as far as you can.

An observer might look at the field games being played and think its too simple.

"What? No action? No motion? No movement? All you do is throw the thing!"

"Where are the sexy half leotard things? What, no thigh? This is boring. I'm going to go watch the womens 400 meters!," one might conclude, moving promptly to whatever is happening on the track portion of track and field.

According to the players who participate in the field events, nothing could be further from the truth.

"It's not all power, it's technique," said John Henderson, who comes across as part big brother, part as-

sistant coach, all athlete.

Watching practice, Henderson's point is illustrated. The shotput entails one of two movements: the slide in which the thrower spins around like the world's biggest top and lets go of the 16 pound weight sitting on his collarbone at the last second before he falls over his ankles making good on his title of thrower.

The people who come out must possess a keen sense of direction. The spin motion will deposit normal people directly on their backs.

Aim would help, if your nearest competitor is walking around in the pit.

A well placed throw might be what separates second place and first. Not to mention the arms, back, shoulders, and legs of anyone who throws have to be developed.

Add this to the fact that most of the men and women who participate are not only playing with no scholarship, but are also stars in various other sports from football to volleyball.

The throwers on any track squads are some of the most well-rounded athletes at any university.

Over the course of the entire outdoor season, a total of eight meets, spread from March until early May.

The throwers are just like a family.

"We are even having bible study together. Want to come?" Attina Perkins jokingly asked.

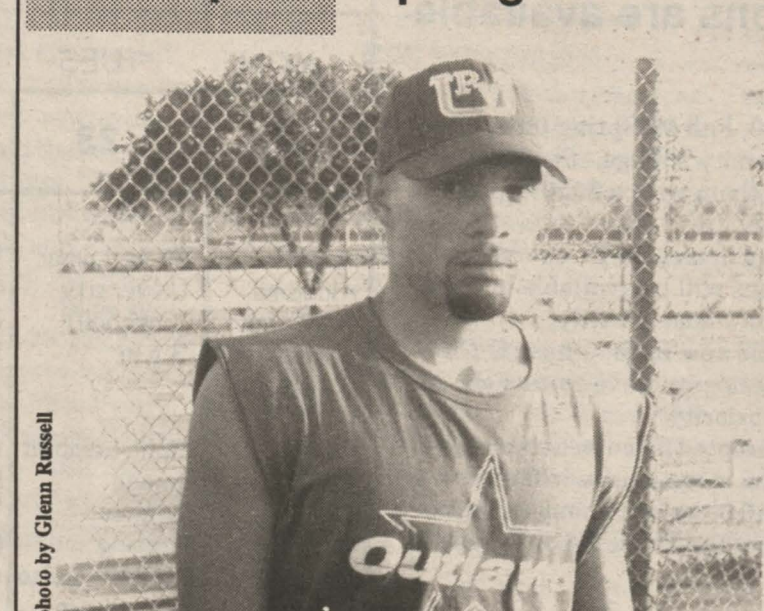
That happens often, most people who throw anything for fun have a good time and laugh quite a bit.

Every afternoon, at 4 o'clock these friends get together, throw heavy weights around, laugh at one another and have a good time.

They are relaxed around each other and secure with themselves and the knowledge that at any given moment, they could pick a person up and sling them like a rock.

Good thing to know about oneself.

In the Sports Spotlight



Prairie View A&M baseball player Armond Hill

"Discipline and dedication is my formula for winning games."

Armond Hill

Armond Hill

Height: 6'0"
Hometown: Port Arthur, TX
Age: 23-years-old
Fantasy Dinner: Sade Anita Baker Mary J. Blige

Position: Rightfield / Pitcher

Personal Best: Game winning home run vs Bellville in high school playoffs

Favorite Movie: The Five Heartbeats

Major: Psychology

Double the Pleasure Double the Fun

Men's Basketball Team Crushes Arkansas Pine Bluff

By Brad "Tito" Ruffin
Sports Editor

The PVAMU men's basketball team returned to the win column this past Monday with a victory over the Arkansas Pine Bluff Lions.

Throughout the game the Panthers never trailed and never looked back. With 9:44 remaining in the second half, the Panthers led by as many as 30 points.

PVAMU, had five players score in double figures in an excited, but less than packed "Baby Dome."

Omari Traylor and Aron Thompson contributed double doubles in a 25 point thrashing of the less than spectacular opponents.

Traylor's 19 points and 15 rebounds led the way for the Panthers' offensive awakening.

Thompson's 18 rebounds effectively controlled the boards and kept the Lions from making any comeback attempts during the contest.

He also added 17 points to the cause.

The Panthers scored 31 points from turnovers, 62 points in the paint, and accumulated 32 second chance

points during the Monday night slaughter.

Xavier Lee contributed to this post St. Valentine's Day massacre by being perfect from the free throw line, grabbing five rebounds, and scoring 19 points.

Guard Jocquinn Arch was also perfect from the charity stripe, and donated 15 points to the Pine

Bluff beating.

Adding insult to injury, Gregory Burkes scored 15 points for his contribution to the hard court carnage.

The lowly Lions could only manage to produce 30 points in the first half.

Arkansas Pine Bluff's Jeremy Jefferson led the Lions, scoring 27 points.

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Definition of a Sports Fan



By Brad "Tito" Ruffin
Sports Editor

Are you one of the many basketball and football followers who call themselves sports fans? Do you claim to be a walking, talking, bundle of sports information?

Guess what... you're not. I'll give you football, basketball, and if you act now, I'll throw in a brand new set of Ginsu Knives and baseball.

Take for example the final game at historic Maple Leaf Gardens. The home of the NHL Toronto Maple Leafs is the last remaining building of the original six NHL clubs. Can you even name the six original NHL clubs? Any true sports fan knows the answer to this trivial sports question.

As you read this, you may be thinking to yourself, "black people don't play hockey, that's a white man's sport." (a student actually said this to me.) Black NHL players Jerome Iginla and Mike Grier may disagree with you.

That statement is just as ignorant as a white person saying all black people are thugs, rapists, and murderers.

Speaking of frozen water, figure skater Michelle Kwan has been busy holding off her competition at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. I do admit to watching figure skating only to see how many skaters will slip and fall, but at least I watch it!

Bruce Fleisher (who?) is on a virtual tear in the Senior Professional Golfers Tour. After years in the Professional Golfers Association, and winning only one tournament, Fleisher (the mad man that he is) has won two consecutive tournaments.

Speaking of mad, who told Garth Brooks he could play professional baseball? "Hey Garth, if Michael Jordan can't do it, neither can you. Perhaps Garth had a wild vision of hitting a Randy Johnson fastball. "Hey Garth, get a life, get a grip, get a clue."

NASCAR driver Dale Jarrett was involved in a jaw dropping ten car wall-bumping, tire-smoking, traffic-blocking extravaganza during Sunday's auto bumper boogie. There was also some Daytona 500 race type thing going on as well.

From crashes to bashes. While Larry Holmes was completing work on the great pyramids of Egypt, George Foreman returned to the United States only to find out that the "battle of the buzzards," had been cancelled... again. It's rumored that Holmes found a statue of Foreman somewhere near the Valley of the Kings.

Could both Foreman and Holmes really be that old? Does anyone care that these two fossils want to fight?

Here's a multiple choice test. Who won the Buick Invitational recently? Tony the Tiger, Tiger style Kung Fu, or Tiger Woods. Instead of insulting your brain housing group I'll refrain from providing the correct answer.

In Nagano, Japan recently, Georg Hackl of Germany.... "What do you mean who the hell is Georg Hackl?" World Cup Luge Champion, Georg Hackl. This is the man who slid his way right into the hearts of sleigh riders across the world.

Due to time constraints I can't give play by play of the World Indoor Badminton Championships, or the Nantucket Regatta race, but I will give you an update on the Giant Tortoise race being held somewhere on the Galapagos Islands.

It's not over yet, get it?

If you think you're a true sports fan, and you can stump me or the collective sporting brain trust of The Panther, submit your trivial trivia to P.O. Box 2876, Prairie View, TX 77446 or bring your sports stumper to MSC room 114. Don't forget to address it to the Sports Editor

CAMPUS NEWS

In Brief

Housing applications are available

Prairie View, Texas

Beginning March 1, 1999, Fall 99/Spring 00 applications will be available for University Village. Students can pick up applications and return them with a \$150 deposit in the Phase II Clubhouse.

Fall 99 housing will be on a first come, first serve basis. Summer 1999 applications will be available in April. Summer school housing will be in Phase III only.

Applications are available now in the Phase II Clubhouse for current residents. Residents have until Feb. 26, 1999 to turn applications in for priority.

Applications are being accepted for current housing in University Village. Students who move in now will receive a \$100 gift certificate as well as Fall 99 priority housing status.

For more information visit the Phase II Clubhouse or call (409) 857-4559.

PV students travel to Atlanta

Prairie View, Texas

Free transportation will be provided for students wanting to attend the Atlanta Regional Career Fair in Atlanta, Ga.

Buses will depart Monday, March 29, 1999 from Prairie View A&M University.

Students can sign up for the trip in Room 308, Anderson Hall.

For more information contact SCALES at (409) 857-4879.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
22	23	24	25	26	27
PV vs. Alabama A&M Univ. (basketball) 5:30 p.m.	PV vs. Lamar University (baseball) 3 p.m.	PV vs. Centenary (softball) 1 p.m.	Louisiana SWAC (golf)	Louisiana SWAC (golf)	Louisiana SWAC (golf)
PV vs. Wiley College (softball) 1 p.m.	Alpha Lambda Omega Interest Meeting Rm 242, Delco Bldg., 7 p.m.	PV vs. Huston-Tillotson (basketball) 6:30 p.m.	PV vs. Southern University (basketball) 7:30 p.m.	PV vs. Houston Baptist (softball) 2 p.m.	PV vs. Alcorn State (basketball) 5:30 p.m.
Alpha Lambda Omega Bible Study Rm 242 Delco Bldg. 7 p.m.	Army ROTC Scholarship Seminar Rm 1A110 Hobart Taylor 5:15 p.m.	Economic Development Informational Seminar JBC Library Room 5 p.m.			PV vs. Southwestern (softball) 1 p.m. PV vs. TSU (baseball) 12 p.m. Skeephi Party Baby Dome 9pm

CAMPUS NEWS

Death from page 1

willing to give if he had, and was very dependable."

"Although very small in stature, Shakey had a big heart," stated a quote mentioned in his obituary.

He was well known to have a big personality, and had a passion for football, being referred to by all as "Shaky", from a nickname he earned playing football, when he was named "Shake and Bake."

There were very few people who didn't know him. His sister, Quiana, said "No

one knows what they have until it's gone."

Pageant from page 1

clenched the title of Miss Epsilon Tau Lambda. Wagner won the overall title Miss Black and Gold representing the Eta Gamma Chapter.

Both Wagner and Turner will go on to compete this weekend in the state Miss Black and Gold Pageant. Each will receive scholarships.

Wagner commented that the most rewarding experience about the pageant was "learning how to cope with

pressure." The platform for her reign is to unify the college campus through educational advancement and cultural adjustment.

Turner said that the most rewarding experience about the pageant was the contestants, "We didn't have any problems with anybody. I love each and every one and they are all my sisters."

Miss Black and Gold 1998-99, Ebony Mitchell's next step is to compete in the 1999-2000 Miss Prairie View A&M University Pageant.

All participants were honored at a reception immediately following the pageant in the MSC Ballroom.

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Trail from page 4

Allen and Paul Cleveland participated in the Horse Show at the Houston, Livestock Show and Rodeo. This proved that blacks and whites could ride together, without race being an issue.

Currently, there are over 300 members of the association. Dorris L. Estes is one of the many black cowboys. He has also contributed to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in many horse and agricultural shows.

He, along with the Trail Riders Association members, now come to join in the ride, rodeo and parade from England and many other parts of the world.

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The PV Trail Riders Association, is one of the few African American Trail Riders Associations in the country. It keeps people motivated to come back, year after year, and it is the dedication, loyalty, and the love of the ride, that keeps the history of the trail ride evolving. It all began with the dreams and hard work of one man, James Francies, Jr.



"Frozen" coordinator Kenneth Epting, member of Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to thank Bro. Kenneth Epting and Bro. Clifford Meeks for their tireless efforts in making this year's Black & Gold Pageant such a success.

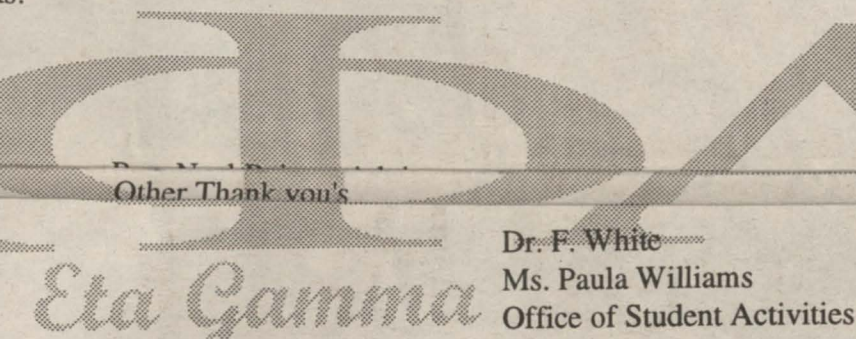
Bro. Epting has spent vast amounts of time and energy in working with the contestants as well as being the braintrust of the theme "Frozen." He as well as Bro. Meeks, devised a very elegant event and are responsible for all the planning.

Bro. Epting, from the depths of the Eta Gamma Chapter, we extend our sincerest appreciation to you for your tireless efforts and dedication toward the success of this pageant. Your artistic gift is the primary reason for the pageant's warranted success. We pray that God continues to bless you in your future endeavors.

The brothers would also like to thank all of the following people for the hard work under the direction of Bro. Epting and Bro. Meeks:

- Soror Melanie Finley
- Soror Tanisha Toaston
- Ms. Rockell Williams
- Bro. Andre Cain
- Bro. Patrick S. DeWalt
- Bro. Brian Franklin
- Bro. Gitonga M'Mbijjewe
- Bro. Frederick Powe

- Mr. Jackie Jackson
- Mr. Darryl Kemp
- Sodexho Marriott

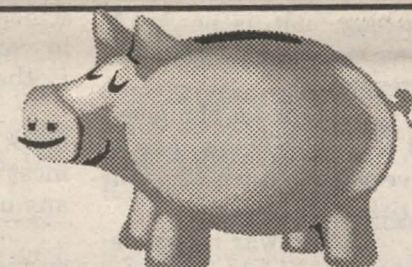


Other Thank you's
Eta Gamma

- Ms. Randa Russell
- Ms. Ebony Mitchell
- Bro. Ken Frejean
- Bro. Menkiti Rice
- Bro. O.J. Stevenson
- Bro. Oveal J. Walker

The brothers would like to finally thank all of the contestants for all their hard work and enthusiasm, without you we couldn't have achieved such success.

The Piggy Bank



Scholarship and Internship Information

The Press Club of Houston Educational Foundation Scholarship Program is designed to help deserving students continue their education toward a career in journalism or broadcasting. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement and career goals.

Deadline: March 1, 1999

Eligibility: Student must

be a full-time junior or senior during the upcoming fall semester at an accredited college or university, must be majoring in journalism, communications or broadcasting. If majoring in another subject, must have a clearly defined intention to pursue a career in journalism or broadcasting, must have a permanent residence in the Greater Houston area or, if residing elsewhere, must attend college a college or university in the Greater Houston area, must be passing all courses in major field of study and must be in scholastic good standing.

For more information write to P.O. Box 541038, Houston, Texas 77254-1038 or call the voice mail line at (713) 867-8847.

Houston Business Marketing Association is offering four paid summer internships. Students will perform marketing tasks. Each student will be paid \$3,000 and will have the opportunity to choose between four companies at which they will work for the summer.

Deadline: Currently, there is none. Eligibility: The internship is open to students with a GPA of 3.0 or better and who plan to pursue a career in business or business management.

For more information, contact Don Dave, Pennywell Publishing, (713) 621-9720 or Edward Harris, HK&P, (713) 623-8705.

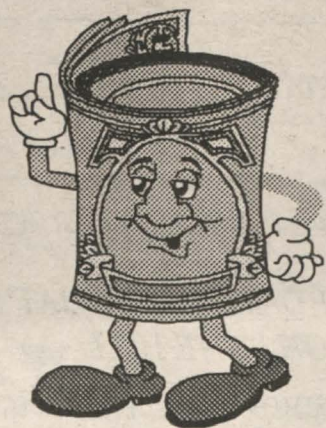
Summer Publishing Institute New York University June 7 - 16, 1999 For more information call 1-800-FIND-NYU, ext. 11

UNO - Prague Summer Seminars University of New Orleans/ Charles University of Prague July 1999 For more information contact <http://www.uno.edu/~inst/Welcome.html>

The LAGRANT Foundation for Communications and Business Deadline: March 31, 1999 Eligibility: 10 scholarships to college and graduating high school minority students pursuing a degree in the fields of communications and business

administration including 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

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project This project will publish the 14-volume scholarly edition of speeches, sermons, correspondence, and other writings of Dr. King. Deadline: March 15, 1999 For more information write to The Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Stanford University, Cypress Hall D-Wing, Stanford, CA 94305-4146 or call (650) 723-2092.



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THE FINAL WORD

Guest Commentary Guilty by perception, reality irrelevant

By Leandra Henderson
Panther Staff

Have you ever heard the saying, "Sweep around your own front door before you try to sweep around mine?"

I guess many of you haven't since many of you "so-called" mature adults are playing childish high school games like starting vicious rumors and talking behind other people's backs

We are all supposed to be mature, civilized adults in college, so act like it.

When I came to Prairie View, I came to advance my education and be all that I could possibly be. I didn't come to be held back by other people's messy ways.

Since the first week of school in the fall of 1997, people stereotyped and labeled me in many ways. It seems as though people know

more about me than I know about myself.

If there is ever anything you wish to know about someone just ask.

I'm pretty sure that they will be happy to satisfy your curiosity, just like I would be.

I have never been able to understand why people can label others without even knowing them.

I have heard many

people say, "I can look at them and tell that I don't like them?"

How is that?

That person can be one of the sweetest individuals, but you won't know because you are being too ignorant to open your eyes and realize what that person may have to offer. She may even be a millionaire, or the granddaughter of a great legend like Thurgood Marshall.

For those of you who

are so fascinated with others and must talk about them so much, at least get your facts straight before running your mouth.

I just want to know what is there to gain by spreading malicious lies. Is it to look better in front of your friends? Maybe it's because you aren't confident in yourself, it might even be that they have something you want, or it could just be jealousy and envy.



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