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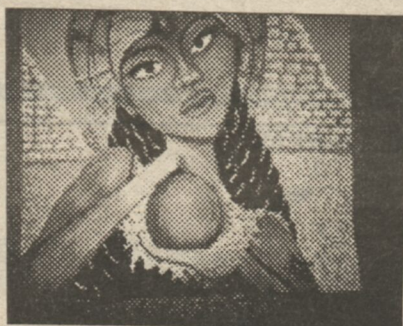
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PVAMU student displays art work at Rice University

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# THE PANTHER

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## Annual pageant brings evening of laughter, magic

By Ayana Crichlow  
Panther Staff

The Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated presented its annual Miss Black and Gold pageant Feb 7.

The purpose of the pageant was to show a woman's poise, beauty, academic success, talent and achievement. The ladies had four months to prepare and polish for

the evening at hand.

The event started with a flashback from the 60s and an Austin Powers dance performed by the eight contestants and former Miss Black and Gold, Cecily Wagner.

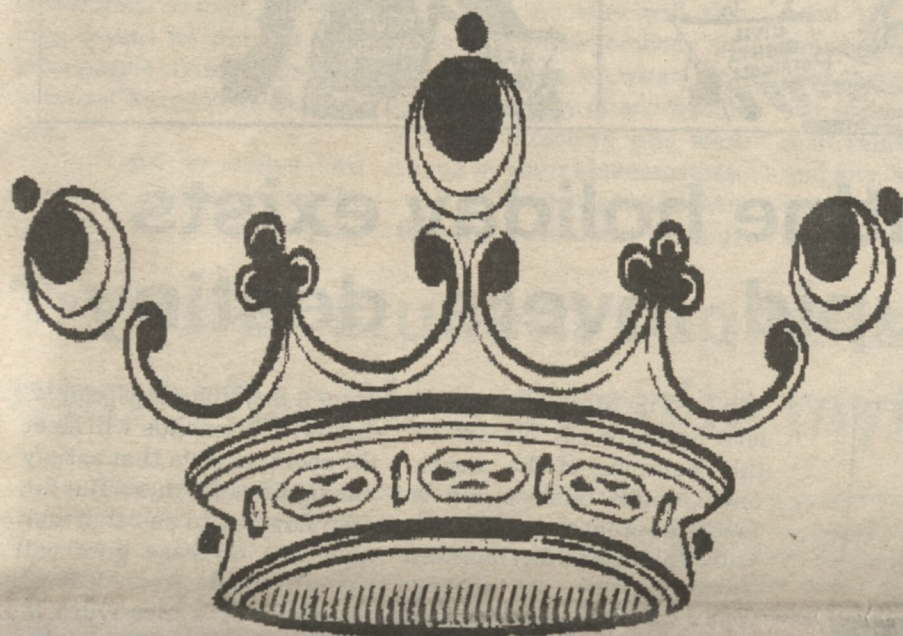
Keeping within the 60s theme, Randa Russell, Chrystall Ingram and Detora Glaze of Classic Dance Ensemble performed their rendition of "getting groovy." The Mas-

ter and Mistress of Ceremonies were Caesar Barajas and Robbyn Franklin.

There were four different categories in which the contestants were judged: talent, swimsuit, evening wear and impromptu question. Each lady displayed their personality, talent, and style of dress throughout the evening.

There were seven judges, most of whom were affiliated

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## University undergoes intense self-study

### Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visits PVAMU campus for accreditation process

By Sheleah Hughes  
Managing Editor

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which covers 11 states including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, will visit the campus of Prairie View A&M University March 27-30, 2000. This visit will allow members to help assure the quality of the university.

Each institution applying for accreditation is required to meet some basic conditions of eligibility. These voluntary accreditation procedures are designed to assist degree-granting in-

stitutions of higher education with self-studies which recognize that an institution or program has been evaluated and has met a set of standards of quality that are predetermined by members of the accrediting agency.

Once the self-study of the institutions strengths and weaknesses has graduated a class of students, the accreditation process can be reviewed for completion.

The next step of the process entails a peer review team which determines if the institution is in compliance with all criteria for accreditation. If these responsibilities are met, accreditation is granted.

Prairie View has completed this initial level and is now undergoing yet another self-study. This study, will again determine the strengths and weakness of the entire university as is required every 10 years.

A commission peer evaluation team consisting of persons from other colleges and universities will make sure that Prairie View meets the minimum standards for accreditation, hopefully granting the university complete accreditation.

Once reaffirmation is received, members of the university are responsible for submitting annual reports and may be visited by other teams if it

undergoes any significant changes.

To ensure that this University is doing its best to support and educate students, the institution was required to take an overall look at its entire system.

Student surveys, interviews, and staff input were collaborated to measure the university's movement from its focused mission of providing special services to students of "diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds" to becoming "an institution of first class" as designated in the Texas Con-

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VIEWPOINTS

# Men recognized for dedication, achievements



By Santee's Bowers  
Editor-in-Chief

Now in the month of February, a month that includes recognition of love as well as the accomplishments of African Americans, I have decided to take a stand amongst few, and commend African American men at Prairie View A&M University.

As human nature would have it, it's almost inevitable that a Black woman could not make such great leaps and bounds without her partner in life, the Black man.

Not to say that a Black woman, who is often known to be aggressive in life, rich in knowledge and more beautiful with age, can not advance or survive in professional and personal atmospheres on her own, but instead I am insinuating that every 'queen' needs a 'king'.

Nevertheless I have decided to commend Black men for their accomplishments, faith dedication, and revolutionary goals for the future.

Establishing themselves, numerous brothers have armed themselves with enlightenment. Through colleges, universities, and the 'streets', they have progressed to form alliances. Organizations like Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., originating in the early 1900s, have current members who have formulated events specifically for "Unified Brothers." Under this, greek and non-greek individuals could gather around the fountain to pray at noon every Wednesday.

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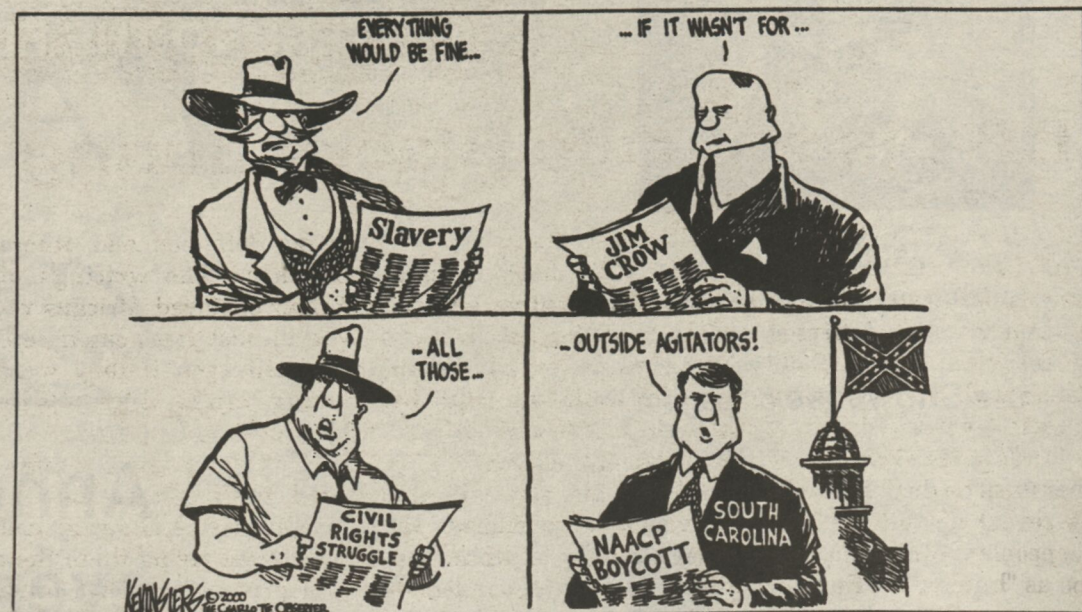
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# Valentine holiday exists for cupid, lovers destiny



By Sheleah Hughes  
Managing Editor

The official month of love has arrived. We are in the beginning of the month and Cupid's busiest day is fastly approaching. Historically Valentine's day has been set aside for lovers to exchange candy, flowers and gifts. Each person is expected to illustrate their love and devotion for all loved ones including family and friends.

Many mysteries surround this holiday. One legend claims that Valentine, an imprisoned saint, actually sent the first Valentine himself. It is believed that he fell in love with a young girl and while on his deathbed, sent her a letter. In the closing he stated "from your valentine," which is a statement that is still used this day.

Other legends claim that the holiday derived from either a queen who celebrated the beginning of a new relationship or Emperor Cladius II who felt that single men made better soldiers. Later young single men were banned from marriage.

Valentine, the Priest continued to conduct marriages of young men and was later ordered to be put to death. Although the true meaning behind Feb. 14 is unclear, the stories certainly emphasize sympathy, friendship and most importantly love.

Days such as this have blurred our ideas of celebration. Many men and

women feel that roses, candy, dinner, or diamonds will meet the requirements that satisfy our significant others. But I'm stepping out to say that neither one of these gifts will quench my desires. Although it would be a nice touch if I received these items, they would have no value if not an ounce of thought was put behind them. I believe that others probably agree with me.

This holiday is about showing your appreciation to those who you care about, it is not necessarily about; spending money or impressing someone.

If you feel like money is the only way you can show your appreciation, then this doesn't affect you. But just use your imagination; there aren't any limits to what you can dream of.

Cupid, the holidays mascot, is most known for making others happy by deciding which people are destined to be together. He uses his arrows to inject the spirit of love into nearly anyone who needs their spirits lifted.

While not all of us are Chuck Woolery, or a host of any dating game, each of us has a dose of cupid inside of us. We can easily make others happy. If we are able to have enough confidence in ourselves then we are capable of making others happy.

Until we can make ourselves happy, we can't make anyone else happy.

VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# CBS disrespects Blacks during Black History Month

In February, CBS will broadcast its version of the relationship between former president Thomas Jefferson and enslaved African Sally Hemings, which began when she was 14-years-old.

Jefferson was a slave owner until he died. His writings reveal he did not consider people of African descent to be as "human" as Europeans.

CBS is using "An American Love story" as the trailer to promote the

miniseries.

This movie is disrespectful, insensitive, and one of the many continued efforts by many Euro-centric institutions to avoid the truth behind the matter of the African enslavement holocaust.

In no way will this television series embody the true accounts of what happened to many of our female African ancestors who were raped by their slavemasters.

The movie would seem to many to be a way of vindi-

ating Jefferson and others like him. The writings of former enslaved Africans reveal the fact that women were targeted even if they were young girls like Sally Hemings.

Many slave owners used their plantations as breeding farms, allowing their sons (even giving them their own private "wench"), other male relatives, the hired help and any "white" man who desired to violate the womb of our African mothers. Women

were beaten, burned, raped, and hung just as the men were.

In many cases, pregnant women were hung and their stomachs would be slashed open, allowing their babies to fall to the ground and be stomped on by the vicious slavemaster. We must not allow the trickery of the television corporation to confuse us about the seriousness of the enslavement of African people.

How long will we allow the mainstream media

(television, newspapers, etc.) to degrade us in this fashion? How long will we allow the truth of the Afrikan Enslavement Holocaust, also known as the "Slave Trade", to be ignored and distorted? How long will we allow our image to be stained by the stereotypes and falsifications of mainstream media? How long until we receive our respect, restitution, and REPARATIONS?

Sincerely,  
Tony Browne

# Transfer student capitalizes on opportunities despite myths

This year you can build on what you've already started or simply start over. This semester I challenge everyone to do their best in order to achieve your desired success.

Your decision to attend college was a great one. A college degree will be essential in the new millennium. However, just attending college is not enough. You must capitalize on the opportunity that is being presented to you. You must be self-disciplined to gain and retain the knowledge presented by your professors here at Prairie View A&M University. Some days are harder than others with no relief in sight. As long as you stick with it and put forth your best effort, you'll succeed!

I transferred to PVAMU this time last year. I was advised that PVAMU was a party school and only "hoochies and hardheads" attended this college. I came anyway because I wanted to be one of those people who disproved this stereotype. I envisioned that a HBCU, with a prestigious history like PVAMU, would be a great institution from which to obtain my degree. I had hopes of a unified sister and brotherhood dedicated to doing and being more than anyone ever thought we could. However, things don't always turn out the way we think they should.

Upon arrival, I was shocked and somewhat discouraged about what I saw. Granted,

I attended a majority black high school but this was college. I expected more out of us. The females wore clothing that was so air-tight and/or short that I sometimes lost my concentration in class. The males seemed bent on chilling, rapping, smoking, drinking, or anything else outside of studying. We could barely have a social function without a violent disruption. Don't get me wrong, not all PVAMU students are like this, but there were enough for me to notice.

Back near Phase III there is a graveyard filled with people who could only fathom the opportunity that we are being presented with this semester. We, PVAMU students as a whole, must strive to break the mold of mediocrity that is set before us. We should strive to achieve those goals some dreamed about and others fell short of. It's all up to you. You can only get out what you put in during your collegiate career. Let's work together to be a part of the solution, not the problem. There's already enough bad images of black people to fill this newly started millennium! Good luck this semester as you strive to achieve your goals. Remember, you can be anything in life as long as you believe you can!

Sincerely,  
James A. Johnson

### MEN from page 2

Through organizations such as the Alkebulan Society, currently composed of all men but open to anyone, students on campus are provided opportunities to participate in male and female empowerment forums, book clubs, and stock market investment clubs.

In addition to the professors and other male staff members at this university, I feel that Black men are definitely getting their acts together for the years to come.

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## Sophomore delivers 'Devine' entertainment

By Munir Saafir  
Panther Staff

In late 1999, Darell Clark launched Devine Entertainment to provide a different kind of entertainment for Prairie View and the rest of the world.

Learning from the experiences he had with his previous companies D & D Productions and Knockout Entertainment, Prairie View student Darell Clark plans to make his newest enterprise his most successful.

Devine Entertainment's first success was hosting a January 29 party at a local club called Zippy's after the Prairie View vs. Southern basketball game.

This young entrepreneur became inter-

ested in the entertainment business because of the house parties he and his uncle hosted in Garland, Texas.

After observing how their free parties attracted people from all over the Dallas area, Clark recognized a business opportunity in hosting events.

As a result, he started to rent small venues where he held his first events and parties.

Since entering the entertainment business in 1996, Clark has been successful in organizing more than 40 events.

The sophomore communications major has thrown events in several places including Howard Payne University.

A March art show in Dallas will even further expand the range of events Clark has organized.

Because of his four years of experience in entertainment, Clark feels that Devine Entertainment has the key to provid-

ing quality entertainment for Prairie View students.

Devine Entertainment has secured Zippy's every Thursday night to provide a place for Prairie View students to be entertained.

Clark will use this venue to host concerts, social events, parties, talent competitions and swimsuit competitions.

To bring a new flavor to Prairie View, Devine Entertainment plans to add national acts.

Devine Entertainment already is in negotiations to bring several acts to the Prairie View area.

"I want to bring people in person that you (Prairie View students) only see on TV and at special occasions," Clark said.

He says he would like to work with organizations and companies such as Beltway 8 Records. His company is open to ideas about the type of enter-

tainment Prairie View students want.

Devine Entertainment's goals are not limited to the Prairie View area. Clark aims for his company to grow into an international, mainstream entertainment business. In ten years he sees his company as "providing entertainment for the Lord's people."

With the website www.devineent.com and promotions like giveaways, Clark plans to make Devine Entertainment more visible.

A constant motivation for Clark to be successful is his two-year-old son.

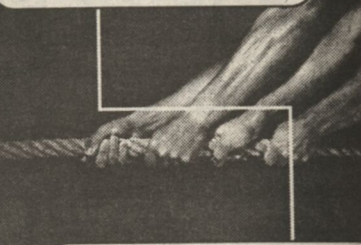
"Everything I do is for my son," he said. Clark said his mother also inspires him with her constant advice to always work.

"I'm young, full of dreams, and trying to make them happen," Clark said. His hardworking, ambitious atti-

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## Student showcases art in Houston area Rice University provides exposure for talented artist

By Kalyn L. Bullock  
News Editor

On Feb. 3, 2000, one of Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) talented artists was given the opportunity to display her work at Rice University's Ley Student Center.

The event was the Fourth Annual African American City-Wide Expedition in which Houston's Mayor Lee Brown was present.

Jeralyn Dionne Carter, who attends PVAMU, is a graduating senior Psychology major with an emphasis in African studies.

Carter is not only a painter, but she also does sculptures and is able to work in all media.

Some may ask themselves why she

chooses to paint and dedicate so much time to her art.

"More pictures in culture should be created especially of Black women in art," Carter said.

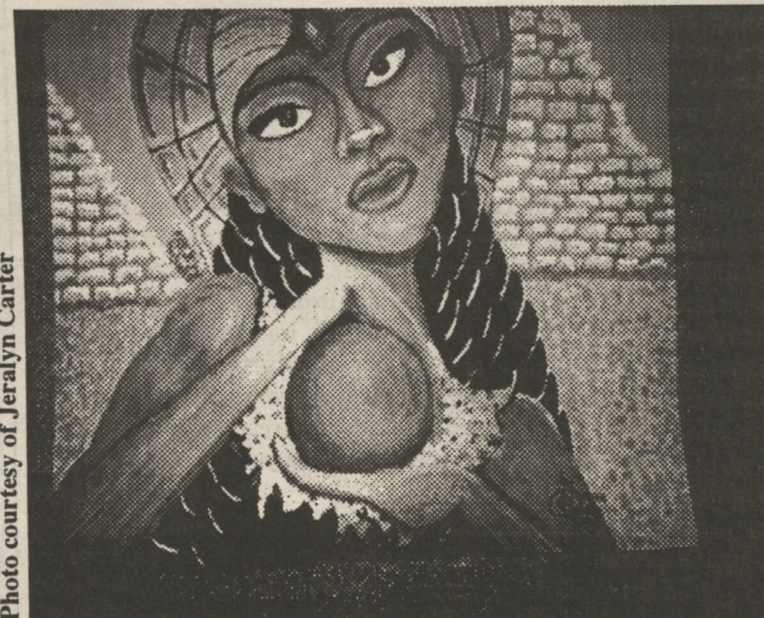
"Over the years I feel black women have been depicted with negative connotations, but what the world should realize is that the black woman is like no other. This was my driving force and my reason for taking the time and pride in painting and sculpturing," Carter said.

To be an artist one must exhibit life and passion. Through Carter's work these two qualities can be observed.

During the month of February, Carter has various pieces on display at the Houston Public Library-Downtown and City Hall.

These works include: Kenya, Way of Life, Still of Africa, Fruitful Seal, and Baka.

The buck does not stop there because in March 2000, Carter will have an art show at the Shrine of the Black Madonna



One of Carter's many portraits that is on display.

in Houston.

In many ways Carter is following in her father's footsteps by making herself well-known among the public.

Carter says she was inspired by her father who did free-lance drawings and cartoon drawings for Ebony magazine.

Carter is truly an example of an African American woman on the go, and who knows what she wants in and out of life.

To contact Jeralyn Carter for more information, e-mail her at: [PROTEUSSO@hotmail.com](mailto:PROTEUSSO@hotmail.com).

## Website offers students advice on college life

Contribution given by PVAMU alumni

By Deondra Dockery  
Panther Staff

Many great and productive young black people graduate from Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) each semester with the intentions of seeking stable employment.

Time to time alumni from the university tend to support fellow students with their monetary needs or financial needs.

But there is one particular PVAMU alum who wanted to make a contribution to the university unlike no other.

Tara Y. Williams, a graduate of the Fall 1998 class, received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and minor in dance.

Williams is a proud graduate wanting to give back to her alma mater.

According to Williams, she was brainstorming late one night and the feeling came to her that it was necessary to design a website to help incoming and current students at Prairie View.

She decided to focus on the topic of survival on the campus of PVAMU.

Williams believes it is more essential for a student to learn from first-hand experiences instead of someone who has only heard stories from others who may not know the truth for sure.

With involvement in Panther Advisor Leader (PALs) and the Psychology Club, many sought advice from Williams.

Reasons many other students sought her for advice are that she did and currently does exert great leadership skills.

Williams would like the student body to understand that "giving back to a school that gave so much to you is great."

If more people gave back to Prairie View, the school would grow stronger and possibly accomplish many other goals.

Just as Williams found it in her heart to give back to her school, many others should also.

Against most beliefs, monetary contributions are not the only factors that go into preserving and making a better university, a better PVAMU.

The idea of <http://www.webmaster@pvu.cjb.net> is to provide students with a vehicle for interaction and change, and also allow PVAMU as a whole to progress.

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How to survive at PV

## 42nd conference ends in great success

By Felicia Walker  
Panther Staff

The 42nd Annual Minister's Conference was held Feb. 1-2 at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). Sponsored by the Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel and The United Ministries of Texas, the annual conference honored several guest speakers from various states and denominations.

This year's theme was "The Church and Its Ministries: Facing the Challenges of the New Millennium" and the Conference Chairman for 1999-2000 was Bishop Marshall Gilmore of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas. Guest speakers included: Dr. Robert Smith Jr. from Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Loran Mann from Pittsburgh, PA; Bishop Larry Leonard from Houston; Bishop Thomas Hoyt, Jr. from Shreveport, LA; Reverend A. Tyson from Chicago, IL; and Reverend Faye Greer-Cook from Marietta, GA, and a conferee from South Africa.

Dean of the Johnson-Phillips All Faiths Chapel, Charles H. Lewter Jr., agrees that the convention was a success and made history at the same time.

"I am very proud to say that we are taking the conference to another level in the millennium," said Dean Lewter. "This was the first time in history that the convention has had a woman to preach at the annual ministers conference."

The 42nd Annual Ministers Conference also made available \$30,000 in scholarship money to PVAMU students, exceeding the initial goal of \$25,000. The scholarship is available through the scholarship office.

This year's conference was set to develop ecumenical leadership in the community; to cultivate and prepare individuals in the field of ministry; to engage participation in the sociological life of the community and to enhance Christian leadership within churches.

Each minister enjoyed luncheons, lecture sessions, and special vocal selections from vocal music performance student Jai Barron and Tamba Giles, as well as the Baptist Student Movement (BSM) choir and Miss Prairie View 1999-2000 Shireesa Pittman.

Awards received at the conference include "The Outstanding Leadership Award" presented to Elder Ronald Egleton, Reverend Perrie Jackson, Dr. Alvin Larke Jr., Dr. Jerome McNeil, and Dr. L. Chaney. The Senior Minister of the Year was awarded to Reverend Donald R. Madlock Sr. of Tyler, Texas.

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Pursuant to Texas state law and university policy, students have not made full payment, in advance or have not paid at least one-half of tuition and fees must do so by 3pm Monday, Feb. 14. Failure to pay such obligations will result in a student's record being placed on hold status, exclusion from class attendance, registration canceled, removal from the university, and/or denial of further enrollment. Failure to make room and board fees will result in the loss of mal privileges and eviction from university residential facilities. Students who are dropped from enrollment for failing to pay the required tuition and fees WILL NOT BE REINSTATED.

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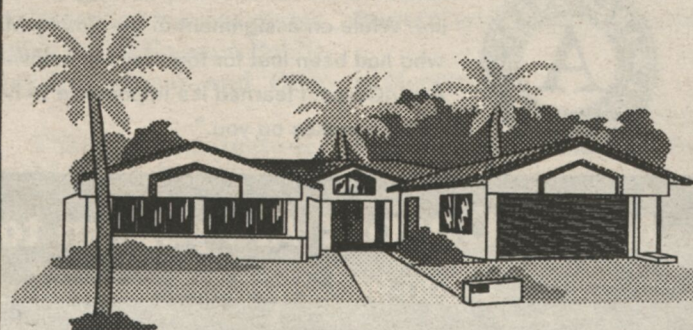
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## Professor remembers life of MLK

By Felicia Walker  
Panther Staff

The life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. is one that will last in the hearts of many Americans for years to come. The story and message of Dr. King will be presented in a one-man performance entitled "Who Was Martin Luther King?" Feb. 16 in Hobart Taylor.

Written 11 years ago by Instructor of Communications, Dr. Bryan H. Barrows, "Who Was Martin Luther King?" is a dramatic one man performance re-enacting the impact and unbelievable life of this late civil rights leader.

"Who Was Martin Luther King?" has been performed on campuses all across the United States and within the state of Texas, including Penn State, University of Tennessee, University of North Texas and performances in Virginia and Kentucky.

Barrows focus, educating young blacks about King was and is the reason why he fought so hard for equal rights and civil liberties.

"It was a calling by the Holy spirit that motivated me to write this play, and that also encourages me to continue to tell the story of who Martin Luther King was...a Christian," said Barrows.

Barrows' play, marked for creating standing ovations and curtain calls, takes on the realistic character of an older uncle

or relative that lived during that period of time and serves as a strong figure for remembrance.

John Bowser, colleague and student at Prairie View A&M University sights the play as an eye-opening and enlightening performance.

"The contents give young people an insight on the dysfunctions of American society that many youth have not ventured into or experienced," said Bowser.

The goal of Barrow's work is to encourage young people to take a stand, be aware of negative stereotypes in society, and be willing to make peaceful demands in order to ensure a positive change for today's youth and the overall future of blacks.

The two-hour play is formatted into a classroom lecture. Barrows adds that the production of a second play, "Unalienable Rights," involving the government scandal of George Washington Carver, is also being underway.

"I feel as though I have to deliver a message," said Barrows. "In life only a few are called to preach, but everyone is called to minister."

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## Scholarships await students

By Lance Berry  
Panther Staff

VarsityBooks.com, a leading online retailer for selling textbooks to college students, launched the VarsityScholars program which will dedicate more than \$500,000 over the remainder of the year to students demonstrating scholastic excellence and leadership abilities.

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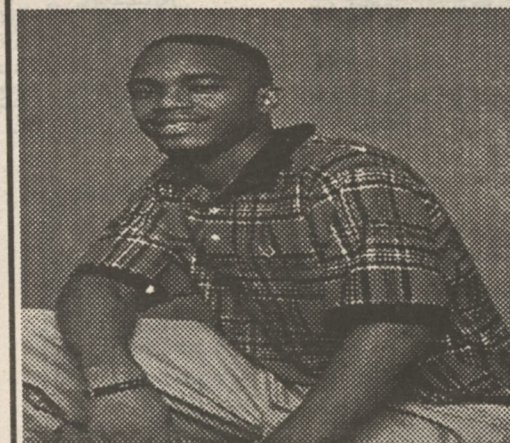


Photo courtesy of Kervin Finley

Kervin Finley, jack of all trades.

By Deondra Dockery  
Panther Staff

Kervin Finley, a senior communication major from Mount Pleasant, Texas, currently holds the position of the production manager for Panther Television. He is under the direction of Kimberly Pierson, the station manager.

Finley is responsible for supervising all production and checking out the facilities such as cameras for on-campus activities. Kervin is also the editor-in-chief of the Panther Yearbook.

He is a young, simple man who as-

## Student moves behind the scenes

pires to become a technical director and producer. He dedicates about 20 hours a week at the studio preparing for upcoming productions.

Finley says, "he does whatever it takes to care of business."

Since February is Black History month Panther Television is planning a special segment called "Success Speaks" which will provide feedback from the faculty and students on campus.

There will be a "Black Heritage Hour" which will broadcast scholarship pageants and other campus activities.

Although Finley occupies his time heavily with productions in the studio, he still finds time to play basketball, listen to music and "chill with the fellas."

Watch out because Kervin "Fuzzy" Finley could be Prairie View's next John Singleton or Spike Lee because he keeps his priorities in order while managing everyday life.

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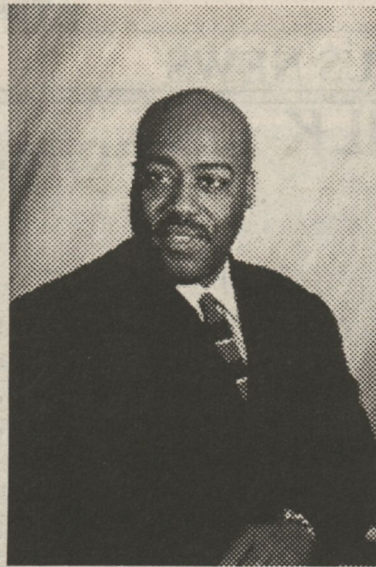
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## BLACK HISTORY

# Power of Douglass, Tubman holds value

Perry Kay, Jr.  
Panther Staff

Black people in America have come a long way. Picking cotton was once the only work black people had to look forward to, but today they can look forward to picking great careers.

Blacks have been met with many oppositions like slavery, Jim Crow laws, and psychological manipulation by a dominant culture that was designed to keep them down. In knowing this, Americans should always remember the triumphant Black men and women in history.

Frederick Douglass was born in Maryland as a slave in 1817. He escaped from slavery in 1838 by making his way to New York disguised as a sailor. He later found work in New Bedford, Mass.

Later he joined the

Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, and soon became a nationally recognized figure for the abolition of slavery.

In 1845 Douglass published his book, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," which related his experience as a slave. He also started a publication called the North Star Journal, and became a well known speaker against slavery and for women's rights.

Another black person in history that needs remembering is Harriet Tubman, who was born in 1820 in Dorchester County, MD.

Tubman lived a hard childhood as a slave with much work, little schooling, and severe punishment.

In 1848 she escaped, leaving behind her husband John Tubman who threatened to report her to their master.

As a free woman, Tubman began to devise prac-

tical ways of helping other slaves escape. Over the following ten years, she made about 20 trips from the North into the South and rescued more than 300 slaves. Her reputation spread rapidly, and she won the admiration of leading abolitionists.

In 1860 Tubman began to canvass the nation, appearing at antislavery meetings and speaking on women's rights.

Shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War she was forced to leave Canada. She returned to the United States and served the Union as a nurse, soldier, and spy. Tubman was valuable to the army as a scout because of the knowledge of the terrain she gained as conductor of the underground railroad.

If nothing else is remembered about Douglass and Tubman, it should be remembered that they stood for freedom.

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# Holocaust Studies Appointment with Hate?\*

Let's agree that one ideal of the university is to promote intellectual freedom, and one ideal of the professorial class is to teach students to honor it. Yet this is not true in Holocaust Studies. There, if students express doubt about "eyewitness" testimony, for example, even if it is demonstrably false, dishonorable or both, they understand they run the danger of being accused of being "hateful."

## Elie Wiesel as an "eyewitness" authority

EW claims he was "liberated" from Dachau (*Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, 11 April 1983), "liberated" from Buchenwald (*NYT*, 2 Nov. 1986), and "liberated" from Auschwitz (*NY Post*, 23 Oct. 1986, and *NYT*, 4 Jan. 1987). One of these claims may be true. The others are false. Do the professors believe it matters?

EW claims in *All Rivers Run to the Sea* (*NY*, 1995): "I read [Immanuel Kant's] *The Critique of Pure Reason* in Yiddish." Kant's *Critique* has not been translated into Yiddish. Here again, EW did not tell the truth. Does it matter?

EW claims that after Jews were executed at Babi Yar in the Ukraine, "geysers of blood" spurted from their grave for "months" afterward (*Sec Paroles d'etranger*, 1982, p. 86). Impossible? Yes, it is. Do the professors believe it matters?

When Holocaust Studies professors are too fearful to condemn such claims, and those who make them, what are their students to do?

## Elie Wiesel as an authority on "hate"

Elie Wiesel has won the hearts and minds of Holocaust Studies professors with his counsel on how to perpetuate a loathing for Germans:

Every Jew, somewhere in his being, should set apart a zone of hate—healthy virile hate—for what the German personalities and for what persists in the German.

*(Legends of Our Time, "Appointment with Hate," NY, Avon, 1968, pp. 177-178).*

Students understand the implications of this statement when brought to their attention, while their professors appear not to. Perhaps if we change one word in Elie Wiesel's sage advice, it will focus their attention: "Every Palestinian, somewhere-in his being, should set apart a zone of hate—healthy virile hate—for what the Jew personifies and for what persists in the Jew." Does this help?

How is EW perceived in Holocaust Studies? He is esteemed as a moral authority. Chairs are created in his honor. Students are taught to emulate him.

## Holocaust Studies and the exploitation of hate

In *Holocaust Studies*, hate is all the rage. To merely note that Stephen Spielberg based his "factual" movie *Schindler's List* on a cheap novel—is hate. To suggest that the "Diary" of Anne Frank is not an authentic personal diary (and should not be taught as such), but a "literary production" crafted by Anne, and after the war by others, from a cache of miscellaneous writings and inventions—that's hate. Exposing false eyewitness testimony is hate. Exposing forged Nuremberg documents is hate. Exposing faked photographs and the use of torture by the Allies to produce confessions by Germans is hate. Asking for proof that one (one!) Jew was gassed in any German camp as part of a program of "genocide" is hate. Asking what "crimes against humanity" National Socialists committed during WWII that Republicans and Democrats did not commit is hate. To note that the story is immensely profitable for those who administer it is hate. Arguing for intellectual freedom regarding any of this—that's hate too. That is, commenting on the record is hate. Telling the truth about the record is hate. Having an open mind is hate.

The unspoken ethical and intellectual scandal in Holocaust Studies is that key materials used in these programs are soaked through with fraud and falsehood—led by the use of false and ignoble eyewitness testimony. Here we have highlighted the hapless Elie Wiesel, but the literature is full of "eyewitnesses" who gave false testimony about gas chambers and a great many other matters.

For more information on Elie Wiesel and other problematic eyewitnesses—such as Simon Wiesenthal, Dr. Hadassah Bimko (Rosensaft), Filip Mueller, Rudolf Vrba, Kurt Gerstein, Mel Mermelstein, go to our site on the Web and follow "revisionism." For background on myself, follow my name.

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# Better late than never...

## D'Angelo releases long awaited sophomore album

He brought women to their knees and had them wanting more with his recent video "Untitled" which pictures him naked against a black back drop.

D'Angelo has taken note from Lauryn Hill by bringing a collaboration of soul and hip-hop to the music.

This is his sophomore album, and it is on point. He gave us a little "Brown Sugar" on his first album, and since then everyone has been waiting for the arrival of his new album, *Voodoo*. He brought us to a new level of thinking.

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D'Angelo brings you to that high level with your woman or man like Marvin Gaye and Al Green did in the past. It's the mood swinger that we thrive on.

He hits you with the horns, strings, drums, and his soul to let you know how he really feels about every situation going in his life.

"Chicken Grease" which features Method Man and Redman is another track that will have your body moving.

Overall this is a classic in the making because the old and the young alike are feeling his music.

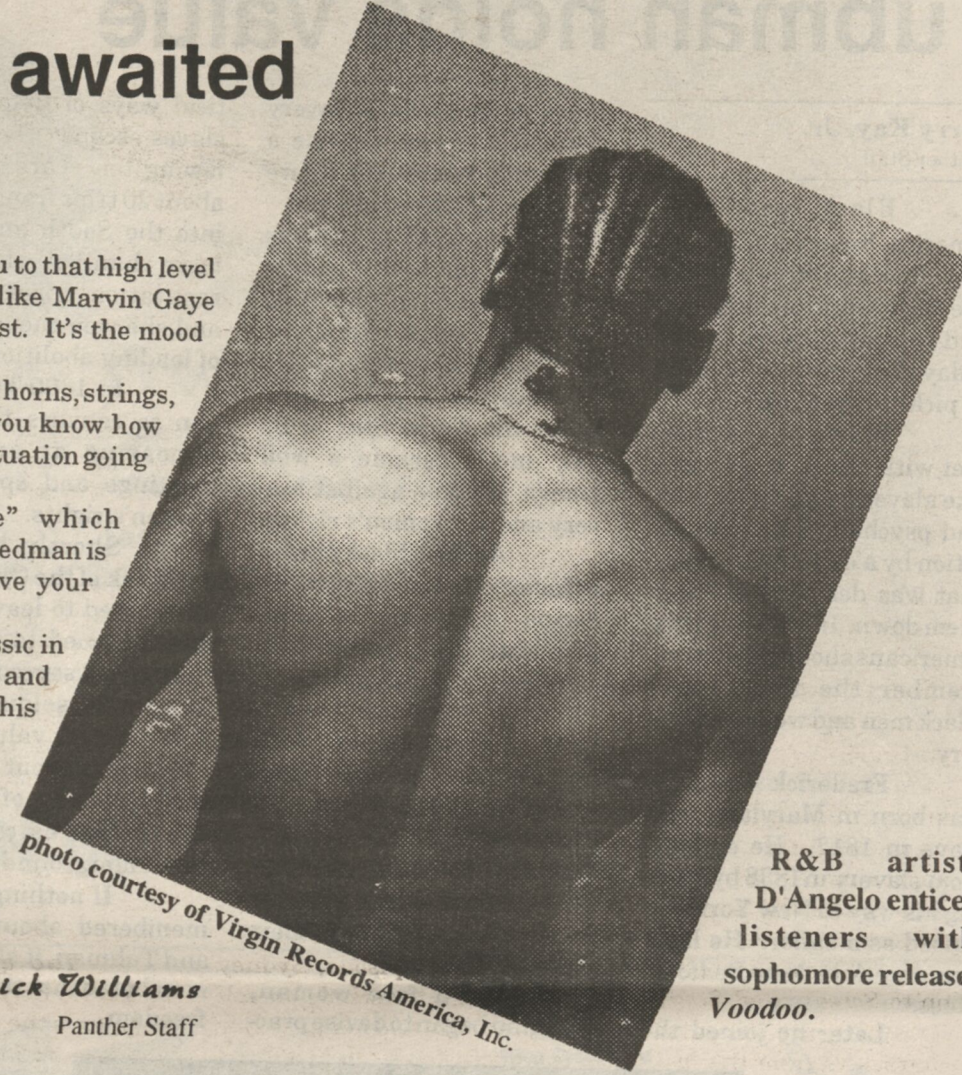


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R&B artist, D'Angelo entices listeners with sophomore release, *Voodoo*.

By Ketruck Williams  
Panther Staff

Will he bring music to a stand still with his new album?

Yes, I think so. He has a laid back voice and his style has a way of catching people off guard. He surprised us when he made a song with Lauryn Hill. He made the men change the channel when his video hit BET. What is surprising is that it has yet to receive airplay on MTV.

*Voodoo* reminds me of my parents and all of those parties they had back in the day. It took me back to when I was a kid and my dad woke me up by playing the Isley Brothers or

## Latino rap artist dies of apparent heart attack

Big Pun. Big Punisher. However you refer to him, his name is synonymous with fierce, heavyweight lyrics and a powerful, yet friendly, persona.

Big Punisher, born Christopher Rios, was known earlier in his career as Big Moon Dog and is credited for introducing Latino entertainers to the rap industry.

Although short-lived, Big Pun's career can be deemed an absolute success.

The overweight rapper was featured on the songs of several artists including Naughty By Nature, Joe and Jennifer Lopez. He was also featured on a mixed tape put together by Funkmaster Flex.

His first album, *Capital Punishment*, went double platinum. He holds

the honor of being the first Latin-American rapper to achieve such status.

Loved and adored by his fans, Big Pun often received words of concern with regard to his weight. His weight inched higher and higher over 400 pounds and pushing 500, until he couldn't tie his own shoes. He, however, looked at his weight as a selling point.

"When a big guy can

do something that skinny people can do, it's even more impressive," Rios said to MTV reporters in 1998.

Little did he know, his uncontrollable weight problem would soon become the cause of his ultimate demise.

On Monday afternoon the rapper suffered an apparent heart attack. He was rushed to White Plains Hospital in New York, but

was pronounced dead on arrival. He was 28-years-old.

Rios is survived by his wife, Liza, and three young children: Christopher Vanessa, and Amanda.

By Tina M. Ellis  
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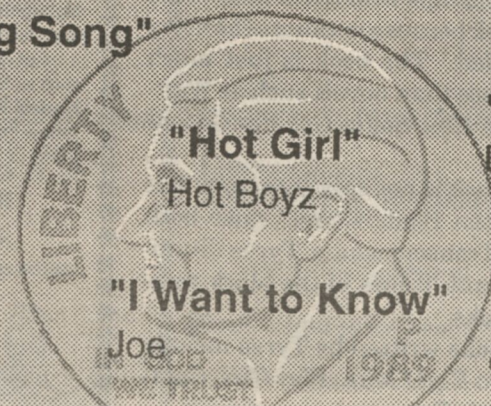
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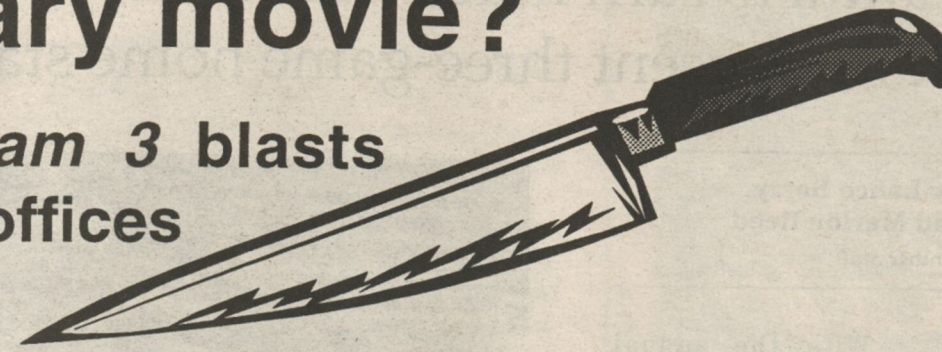
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# What's your favorite scary movie?

## Scream 3 blasts box offices



"Do you like scary movies?" From *Friday the 13th to Halloween*, audiences are consistently drawn to horror flicks for some odd reason. It is certainly no different with the *Scream* trilogy.

In this final *Scream*, the saga continues. There are more plot twists, mind twists, knife slashes, and screams than ever. This movie was top in the box office last weekend. Its opening gross income was approximately \$36 million. This makes the film the top opening movie ever.

*Scream 3* is the follow up to *Scream* and *Scream 2*. Returning are the surviving characters from the last two flicks, Sydney, Gail Weathers, Dewey, and Cotton Weary.

In the original movie, Sydney Prescott was dealing with her mother's death, being stalked by a murderer, and watching an innocent man, Cotton Weary, remain

in prison.

Dewey was Woodsboro's chief officer and a friend of Sydney. He bonded with Gail Weathers, a reporter who wrote a book exposing Sydney's life and the imprisonment of Cotton Weary.

In *Scream 2*, Sydney moves on to college life while Cotton tries to salvage his life.

Dewey is sliced and diced once again, but survives. Sydney is saved by Cotton Weary and Gail.

Now *Scream 3* has found its way to the box office. In the final episode, Sydney has decided to seclude herself from society and her past. She is working as a telephone crisis counselor from her home when the threatening phone calls begin.

Nowadays no movie is complete without a sequel, and the makers of *Stab* did not overlook this point. *Scream 3* comes complete with *Stab 2: Return to Woodsboro*. Dewey

is a technical advisor for the movie. Gail arrives on the set of the movie looking for a scoop.

Cotton Weary lives in Hollywood as well, and has his own television show "100% Cotton." He hears from the killer and is once again caught up in the storm of killings that has been haunting these characters for three movies.

Sydney is forced out of hiding by the frightening phone calls and memories from her past.

The qualities that make the *Scream* movies so popular is the mix of comedy, violence and death. This is the best one. It will keep you jumping out of your seat and biting your nails.

*Scream 3* is gut clenching, and will keep you guessing.

By Yauna Estes  
Panther Staff

# 20 Questions

1. What does the basketball team have written on their butts?
2. When are they going to repaint the floor of the Baby Dome?
3. If the same athletic director loses the same money every year, why not fire him?
4. Why do people with the best looking cars never have books for class?
5. Are crimes on campus ever solved?
6. Why do people from Dallas and Fort Worth talk funny (i.e. hair pronounced hurr)?
7. Why don't people from East Texas ever say what city they are from? (I'm from East Texas.)
8. Why do people waste their money on sound systems that cost more than their cars?
9. Will someone please tell the football announcer he can't announce basketball?
10. Who is not selling raffle tickets?
11. Who makes up all of those stupid e-mails about kids dying of some rare disease that will suddenly be cured if you forward it to all of your friends?
12. Why did the featured speaker at the AKA Founder's Day program make references to several Zetas?
13. And why didn't any of the 40-something Zetas show up?
14. After the Trail Riders storm through campus on their horses, who runs around picking up all of the horse crap?
15. Just how tall is number 54 on the basketball team?
16. How many of you go to basketball games to see the band?
17. Shouldn't they just have the Career Fair in the engineering department?
18. Don't you just want to shoot those smiley, happy people sometimes?
19. Why do some professors come to class late and then try to make you stay longer?
20. What do you think?

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SPORTS NEWS

# The day when dreams were made



By Ryan McGinty  
Sports Editor

Feb. 2 marked a pivotal day in the lives of high school seniors. That day is marked as the first day when colleges can sign talented high school players to a scholarship agreement.

This day brings a lot of media hype and fanfare because it makes these seniors feel like they are "the man." While it may sound great, the majority of these seniors do not live up to the hype, and a lot of them fall into the cracks of oblivion.

The majority of these players who sign are black and do not have past ties with these schools. They choose these schools based on God, television exposure, or the snowy weather. After reviewing the last signing classes, the historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) still have a lot to do in order to catch up with their white counterparts.

Some of these guys who signed with the major schools will never get the chance to showcase their talents due to intense competition and pressure. Looking at the University of Texas and Texas A&M's Y2K classes, I saw about 25 guys who could have signed with HBCUs and become productive players instantly.

Last year, the University of Texas signed a top rated quarterback whose father played in the NFL. When the player signed, UT let it be known that he was not going to waste a year riding the bench.

The quarterback will be a sophomore this upcoming fall and is the leading candidate for the starting job next season. Here is the reason why I am mentioning this scenario.

Last week, UT signed another local quarterback prospect. The quarterback, who is black, is an exceptional prospect who could have played anywhere he wanted. What surprised me is that he signed with UT and the coaches told him he will not play quarterback, they see him as a receiver.

The player I just mentioned is the kind of prospect that HBCUs need to recruit. If I was recruiting for an HBCU, I would try my best to make this guy see what kind of mistake he is making.

# PVU basketball sees peaks & valleys

## Panthers earn much needed respect during recent three-game home stand

By Lance Berry  
and Marlon Reed  
Panther Staff

With the annual SWAC tournament approaching next month, the Prairie View A&M men's basketball team looks to be on the right track. Prairie View (3-8, 5-15), concluded a three-game homestand in which they proved that they will make some serious noise come tournament time.

The first game of the homestand featured Prairie View against longtime rival Texas Southern. Played in front of a standing room only crowd, the Panthers played their best game of the year. Texas Southern (6-5, 10-10), jumped out to a 19 point lead in the first half and was on the verge of running away with the game. However, Prairie View ended the half on a momentum swinging run that proved to be the difference maker.

The Panthers clawed their way back into the game with a 13-0 run. They took their first lead with nine minutes remaining on a three-point basket by sophomore guard Greg Burks.

From that point on, both schools exchanged leads throughout the game with the Panthers taking the final lead with three minutes remaining. Burks played the entire game and led the Panthers with 29 points.

The second game of the homestand matched PVU against a struggling Grambling State team. GSU (1-22) hoped to sneak in and upset the Panther squad, but the Tigers lived up to their record. After being up 46-36 at the half, PVU turned on the oven in offense by hitting 20 of 37 shots in the second half.

The Panthers out dueled GSU by a score of 91-61, which extended GSU's losing streak to 18 consecutive games. The Panthers were paced by five players who hit for double figures, sophomores Xavier Lee and Burks led the way with 17 and 15 points respectively.

The final game of the weeklong homestand featured PVU playing against one of the most athletic teams in the SWAC. With three players 6-10 or taller, Jackson State proved to be too much for PVU. After a close first half, JSU outscored PVU by the score of 47-39 in the second half to earn a 77-67 victory. Sophomore guard Greg Burks led the Panthers with



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Patrick Willybiro drives past a defender.

23 points while junior guard Sadit Montgomery followed up with 12.

The Lady Panther basketball team also is on the verge of making some serious noise come tournament. After a heart-breaking loss to rival Texas Southern, the Lady Panthers took on a powerful Grambling State (13-0 SWAC) team.

After being down by the score of 38-29 at half time, GSU was too much for the Lady Panthers to handle. Turnovers and missed opportunities seemed to make things even worse and in the end, it was the Lady Tigers winning 85-62. Leading the way for PVU was Letisha Washington with 16 and Shonta Greenwood with 12.

Against Jackson State the Lady Panthers got back on a winning track by holding them to 22 percent shooting from the field and allowing only 41 points. Offensively, the Lady Panther offense was led by forward Pressy Elogado and guard Shonta Greenwood, each had 12 points. Lashawn Grays also contributed 11.

This weekend, both teams travel on the road to face Mississippi Valley and the University Arkansas Pine-Bluff. Both the mens and womens teams will return home on Saturday, Feb. 19 to face the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M and the Hornets of Alabama State on Monday, Feb 21.

# 'Tank' paves long road in sports history

By Will Joiner  
Panther Staff

"Coach" is a title indicating respect, affection, status, and responsibility that can stay with one forever. Being a good coach requires more than possessing a cap, a whistle, and a clipboard. It requires skill, knowledge, the ability to organize, and the talents of a great teacher. All of these describe John W. Tankersley. Known as Coach "Tank" to his players and students, he not only philosophies life, he also philosophies baseball.

"I believe that winning is a way of life and baseball is no different. One must believe in himself, in his coach and in his teammates. One must have a desire to work hard, learn the game well and play with all sincerity," said Tankersley in his "Philosophy of Baseball" guide.

Growing up in the Dallas area, Tankersley attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas on an athletic scholarship. Once he graduated from Wiley, Tankersley began his coaching career in the Houston Independent School District (HISD).

In his first year as head football coach at Booker T. Washington High School, he guided his team to a district championship with a 9-1-1 record.

As a result of his accomplishment, Tankersley was named as the top Negro Football Coach in Texas.

Coach Tankersley is widely known for being the founder of the colors and mascot of Worthing High School in Houston.

In addition, he was also the school's first head football coach. While at Worthing, he coached former Prairie View legend and future NFL Hall of Famer Otis Taylor.

Upon leaving Worthing, Tankersley accepted a position on the coaching staff at the legendary Jack Yates High School.

As defensive coordinator for the Lions, his teams won two state football championships and five district championships.

Coach Tank always had the desire to coach on the next level. He fulfilled that desire when he was hired in 1968 as a defensive coach here at Prairie View A&M University.

After a short stint at Prairie View, he accepted the position of Athletic Director and head baseball coach at his alma mater of Wiley College. He later returned to Prairie View to become Head Baseball Coach, a position he still holds to this day.

Tankersley is the dean of Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) baseball coaches.

He has won numerous National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NAIA) District titles, and has graduated and sent more players to the professional than any other black baseball coach in the history of Texas.

Some of the players who have played for Coach Tankersley include Steve Henderson, Odie Davis, Ron Stinnett, Charles Hudson and Al Gomez.

Not only does he enjoy watching athletic advancement but he enjoys the academic advancement of his student athletes.

"He has been very influential in my college life so far. He stresses academics before athletics, something that can help me in the long run," said current player Kent Kelley.

In 1994, Coach Tankersley was inducted into the Prairie View A&M Sports Hall of Fame. In addition, he was inducted into The Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame back in 1997.

In order to be successful, everyone should live by Coach Tank's motto "Winners Never Quit and Quitters Never Win."

Coach John W. Tankersley indeed is a Prairie View legend.

SPORTS NEWS

## Sports Spotlight

## Gregory Burks



photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Age: 19

Hometown: Flint, Mich.

Athletic Experience: Playing since age five

Position: Point Guard

Favorite Food: Licorice

Major: Communications

"Always strive to be the best and never settle for anything less."

- Gregory Burks -

# Tragedy befalls professional sports

By Lance Berry  
Panther Staff

After the sudden deaths of former NBA great Wilt Chamberlin and NFL Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, death has once again taken a toll in the sports world.

Former Southern University Jaguar and Charlotte Hornets shooting guard Bobby Phills was killed in a three-car collision on Jan. 13, while Kansas City star linebacker Derrick Thomas died Tuesday less than a month after being paralyzed in a car crash on an icy road.

The 30-year-old Phills and his teammate David Wesley were racing each other in their Porches after an early morning shoot around when Phills lost control of his car and ran into oncoming traffic, killing himself instantly.

Preliminary estimates show Phills and Wesley were driving faster than 75mph in a 45mph speed zone according to investigator and Sergeant Rickey Robbins.

Phills, a nine-year NBA veteran, came into the

league in 1991. He played for several minor league teams before landing with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In 1996 he was traded to the Charlotte Hornets, where he was key to their recent success.

Thomas, who was an 11-year veteran of the NFL Kansas City Chiefs, was en route to the Kansas City International Airport to fly to St. Louis for the Rams-Bucca-

neers NFC Championship Game when his car rolled over several times on a snowy highway.

According to television reports, the 33-year-old Thomas, one of the NFL's most dominant pass rushers, sustained a broken back as a result of his accident. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

One of Thomas' doctors, Dr. Barth Green, said a massive blood clot killed Thomas.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

<b>MON</b>	*Feb. 14 20th class day *Feb. 21 Last day to apply for graduation PV Basketball vs. Alabama State Univ. - Dome 5:30pm
<b>TUES</b>	*Feb. 15 SGA general meeting - Administrative. Aud. 7pm *Feb. 22 CAB Movie Night - Recital Hall 7pm
<b>WED</b>	*Feb. 16 AAI "Unifying Sisters" Seminar - All Faiths Chapel 7pm
<b>THUR</b>	*Feb. 24 NSBE Career Seminar - Collins 5pm
<b>FRI</b>	*Feb. 25 Reparations Awareness Day AΦΩ Party - W. Wing Alumni 9pm
<b>SAT</b>	*Feb. 12 2nd Annual Skee-Phi Party - Dome 9pm *Feb. 19 PV Basketball vs. Alabama A&M Univ. - Dome 5:30pm Permissivechange for 409 area code *Feb. 26 Pantherland Day

In Brief

Houston welcomes annual livestock show and rodeo

Prairie View, Texas

The 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will begin on Thursday, Feb. 10 with a Championship Bar-B-Que contest. Later in

the event's lineup, 24 stars will perform for Texans in the Astrodome.

Stars scheduled to perform include: Boys II Men, Alan Jackson, LeAnn Rimes, Smokey Robinson, Enrique Iglesias and many more.

PVAMU awarded Department of Defense contract

Prairie View, Texas

Atlanta University and a host of industry partners from Virginia.

Team Prairie View will provide the DOD with a variety of information technology support services.

This includes analytical, engineering, communications, integration, education and training services. The project is headed by Dr. Willie F. Trotty and J.D. Oliver.

Recently university officials were notified by the Defense Information Systems Agency of the Department of Defense (DOD) that PVAMU would be one of 11 HBCUs and MISs (Minority Institutions) to receive a contract.

This contract allows PVAMU to team up with Southern University, Clark

SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The Piggy Bank



**San Jacinto Girl Scouts Council:** This organization is seeking dynamic individuals to fill the positions of finance and administration, brand management, fund development, membership and membership services. An executive assistant position is also vacant. email Luz Flores for more information. [lflores@sjgs.org](mailto:lflores@sjgs.org) She also may be reached at (713) 292-0395.

**The James Madison Fellowship Foundation:** Those who are interested in teaching American History, American Government and or social studies are invited to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to a career in teaching. They must also be qualified to attend an accredited university for graduate studies. For more information contact: [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com) DEADLINE: Feb. 21

of Scholarships, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, P.O. Box 12788 Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711  
DEADLINE: n/a

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.:** Any African American female student interested in attending graduate school should apply. Funds are awarded up to \$2500. Those who interested are encouraged to apply. Contact information: Scholarship Chairperson, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, 1827 79th Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 7080, (202) 387-3103 or at [www.zpb1920.org](http://www.zpb1920.org)

**Urban Harvest, Community Garden Program:** Share fund-raising skills and help a thriving non-profit organization expand. Interested parties may contact Wendy Kelsey, P.O. Box 980460, Houston, Texas 77098 or by email [Wendy@urbanharvest.org](mailto:Wendy@urbanharvest.org).

**Texas State Scholarship Program for Ethnic Recruitment:** Minorities who are residents of Texas are encouraged to apply for a scholarship especially for undergraduate students. This scholarship along with others can be obtained from the Director

Money Matters

Listing of Several Top Firms in Financial Service

Banks

1. Citigroup: \$76,431
2. Bank of America: \$50,777
3. Chase Manhattan: \$32,379

Securities Firms

1. Merrill Lynch & Co.: \$35,853
2. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter: \$31,131

Insurance

1. State Farm Insurance: \$44,621
2. TIAA-CREF: \$35,889

\* Provided by The Black Collegian

Other internship opportunities can be found at: [www.rsinternships.com](http://www.rsinternships.com)

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with the university. The four main people who worked closely with the ladies were Kenneth Epting, Byron Lundy, Bryant Mitchell, and President Marcus Kelley, all members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Category awards were given at the end of the night. Best interview-Bridget Dew; best swimsuit was won by JonVile Small; best talent was Bridget Dew, and Tracie Bennett won best evening wear. Sonya Ewing won sec-

ond runner-up.

After all was said and done, the woman who walked away with titles were Ms. Epsilon Tau Lambda, Miss. JonVile Small, and Miss. Eta Gamma Bridget Dew; both freshman.

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stitution.

The data collected from these surveys are discussed among committees and compiled into a package that will be presented to a SACS

COMIC RELIEF

committee member upon arrival.

The executive leadership team which is headed by E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs is responsible for several ratings on a variety of university issues ranging from student advising to campus parking.

These ratings, which are given as recommendation, suggestion or excellence help determine where the university actually stands on its issues. Excellence, the highest rating, explains that uni-

versity officials feel Prairie View more than adequately meets the minimum requirements.

Suggestion, defines that the university acknowledges a problem, and has suggested changes that can and should be made.

Recommendations explain to the board that this is an area where the university needs more work.

Once the board arrives, members will review the packet that Prairie View will submit. It will be complete with data collected and prob-

lem-solving procedures.

Members will also receive copies, publications and any other information that can be a justification to all reasoning.

This accreditation process will grant students the most of their university. Officials must review the things that aren't exactly positive to the university and devise a plan to change it.

Also the university is capable of receiving Title IV funds (financial aid), which nearly 88 percent of students receive.

Panther Comics



**MAGIC MAZE FROM A TO Z OR Z TO A**

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

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Adz	Austerlitz	Zebra	Zirconia
Ahvaz	Zambia	Zekda	Zoysia
Alvarez	Zaragoza	Zeta	

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51 Lawyer (Abbr.)  
28 Coopers-town's Mel  
29 Perry, et al.  
30 Method  
32 Convertible alternative  
34 Double agent  
35 Priestly garb  
36 Executor's paperwork  
37 Skulls  
40 Stir-fry need  
41 Posterior  
42 Russian empresses  
47 Nevada city  
48 Biscuit variety  
49 Squad

10 Sportswear name  
11 Wilson of "La Femme Nikita"  
13 Big barrel  
19 Bankrolls  
20 Sibling, for short  
21 "Portnoy's Complaint" author  
22 Title  
23 gin fizz  
25 Soothing sessions  
26 MP's shape  
27 Exaggerated  
29 XLI x XI

31 Absolutely Haphazard  
34 Hockey great Stan  
36 Information  
37 Guitarist  
38 Atkins  
39 "Puppy Love" singer  
40 Hospital section  
43 Paulo  
44 Natalie's dad  
45 Put on a show  
46 Firmament

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bunkers are removed. 2. Cliché is longer. 3. Panels are different. 4. Shoes are different. 5. Whiskers are removed. 6. Puddle is moved.

BY: Quincy Higgins

"Just Chillin'"

THEY I HEAR THEY'RE FINISHED BUILDING THOSE NEW DORMS.

MAN, BOUT TIME. I'M TIRED OF STAYING IN THOSE TINY ROOMS. THERE'S NO PRIVACY.

I KNOW. THOSE ROOMS ARE SO OLD, THEY LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF "GOOD TIMES"

THESE ROOMS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE REAL BIG AND SPACY.

Y'KNOW, I'M NOT REALLY FEELIN' THAT BIG + SPACY PART.

NEW! UNIVERSITY VILLAGE PHASE XXIV

NEW!

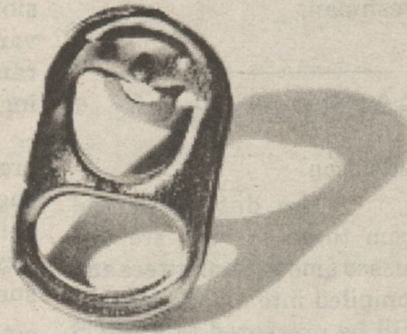
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